



# Raft River Elementary School

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## Administrators' Message: Remembrance Day Assembly

Raft River will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the school gym. This assembly will have a more formal tone than our other assemblies, as it is meant to be a time of reflection and gratitude for the peace that we have in Canada. There will be a few performances by classes as well as guest speakers and special guests from the Royal Canadian Legion, the RCMP, and the School Board. Each class is making a wreath for the ceremony and we will have student volunteers from each class lay a wreath at the podium. We will also include a playing of "The Last Post" and a moment of silence in our program. Parents, guardians and community members are invited to join us at our assembly. Also, a reminder that Monday, November 12 is a statutory holiday, and there will be no school on this date.

## School Supplies

Please check to see that you have remembered to pay for your child's school supplies for 2018/19. These supplies have come out of our regular school budget and if our costs are not covered by home payments, then the school has used money that might otherwise be used to cover things such as art supplies, references, field trips and/or photocopying. If you are finding it difficult to pay for school supplies, please contact the school or your child's teacher and we will try to work with you to find a way to manage; perhaps a payment plan can be set up or a way to raise the funds can be discussed. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

## Parent Contact Information

It happens more than you'd imagine. We need to contact a child's parent for any number of reasons, but when we go into the computer system with all of the information like phone numbers, we soon find out that these numbers are no longer valid. In the best of circumstances it's a minor inconvenience, and one we can figure out given time. But what about in other circumstances? From time to time we do encounter emergency situations, where it is important to be able to reach parents/guardians immediately. If phone numbers are not current, what then?

**PLEASE** make sure that the phone numbers we have to contact parents, guardians and alternatives are current as of right now. If your number has changed in the last few weeks or months, or you have recently moved, call Ms. Noble and give her your new contact information. We'd rather have it twice than find out we don't have it at all just at the moment we need it the most! Thank you for your cooperation!

## Cooler Weather Reminders

Please work with your child to help them be prepared for spending their break times outdoors. Students are outside in the mornings until 8:30am, during recess, during lunch and also sometimes during PE classes, such as when cross-country skiing begins. Hats, gloves or mittens, and ski pants are definitely musts! We would ask that all children also have boots to wear outside, and appropriate shoes to change into for wear inside, including in gym classes. It would also be helpful for them to have layers that they can add or remove according to inside and outside temperatures. When/if the weather becomes really extreme, we will judge on a day by day basis as to a day is an inside or an outside day. Thanks for helping!

## Student Conflict and Bullying

When a child is having a problem with his/her peers, it can be difficult for parents to know what is really happening- peer conflict, mean behaviour or bullying? Each type of behaviour must be handled differently, to keep students safe and help them learn to get along with others. Please be assured that all staff at our school work with our students to help them learn the differences between these behaviours, and to deal with all of them appropriately. The differences between these behaviours is explained in detail in the handbook that was included in all student agendas that were handed out in September. If you haven't yet had the time, please read over this handbook as it has a great deal of pertinent and interesting information.

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## Scholastic Book Fair

This year's fall Scholastic Book Fair will run from November 26-30th in the Raft River library. The theme is the Enchanted Forest - Let Your Imagination Grow. Parents, children, teachers, and the community are all invited to attend this exciting event. The fair will feature a wide range of books for children and teens including picture books, graphic novels, popular book series, chapter books, novels, and non-fiction. There will be contests, book talks, and a special family night event on Wednesday November 28th from 6-7pm. Come in the evening to check out the great selection, enjoy refreshments, and enter the draw to win some great door prizes. Proceeds from our book fair are used to buy books and materials for our school library. Watch for book fair fliers coming home soon with students. There will an entry form on the back that students can enter to win \$25 worth of books for them and \$25 worth of books for their classroom teacher. And remember... books make excellent Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!

## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bins (located outside Ms. Carter's room, and outside the Gr.6/7 rooms at the other end of the school) are ALWAYS full!! Every few weeks, we empty them out, and place all items on tables outside Ms. Carter's room. Teachers have students check for items that belong to them, students are reminded in announcements to check for any items they may have lost, and reminders are placed in newsletters. After a couple of weeks on display, what is left (and there is ALWAYS something!), is bagged up and taken to one of our thrift shops as a donation. PLEASE if you notice that your child has something missing, come to the school as soon as you can to check for whatever it is. We would love all items to be returned to their owners, but must rely on the students and their parents to make this happen! Thanks for helping us out with this!

## Upcoming Events

October 30	Picture Retakes (please remember that ordering online is the easiest way to get your pics!)
October 31	Steve Harmer "Bucket Filler" Magic Show
November 7-9	Ms. Harvey's and Mr. Wilkes' classes to McQueen Lake
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly 9:00am
November 12	Remembrance Day Stat- No School
November 26-30	Scholastic Book Fair
November 28	Family Night at the Book Fair 6pm -7pm
November 30	Term 1 Report Cards Home
December 3	Non-Instructional Day- No School

A reminder that Winter Break happens between December 22 and January 6.



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