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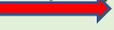
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## December

- 3 PL Day (No School for students)  
Silent Auction items to office by noon
- 4 Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
Wear your best "Christmas/Party" outfit  
See info on the right 
- 5 "Light Up a Family Christmas" starts
- 6 Gr. 3 Dental presentation
- 7 Report cards home
- 11 6:30 – School Council Meeting
- 13 Last day to buy light bulbs
- 17 10:30 – Gr. 2 Musical Dress Rehearsal  
6:30 – Gr. 2 Musical Performance
- 21 Last day for Lost & Found  
Last day of classes

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## January

- 7 Classes resume
- 8 6:30 – School Council Meeting
- 9-16 Gr. 4 Drama Workshops
- 15 2Co and 2/3B Winter Walkabout Field Trip
- 16 2JC and 2M Winter Walkabout Field Trip
- 17 2Ch Winter Walkabout Field Trip
- 30 2019 Talent Show

Please keep us informed of any change in contact information (phone #s, email etc.) so that we can continue to communicate with you.

Please also continue to inform us if your child is going to be late or absent from school for any reason. Call the school @ 403-948-7030 and press "2" to leave a message by 8:15 the morning of the absence, or email us at [mccall@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:mccall@rockyview.ab.ca)

Please check your **School Cash Online** account for balances in your child's account. All Gr. 1-4 non-bused students are charged a lunch supervision fee of \$80 (due October 30<sup>th</sup>). Other fees charged (field trips etc.) will not exceed \$105 for the year, and will be added as the events occur. If you have any questions, please contact us. Invoices will be sent home with Report Cards on December 7<sup>th</sup>.



## HAPPY 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

*Ralph McCall School is celebrating 20 years!*

*Staff and students are excited to celebrate this special occasion on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Please join us for the Open House from 4:30 - 7:30 PM*

*There will be a Festival of Arts throughout the school and crafts made by our students will be for sale by donation. A bake sale and a silent auction is also planned for the evening. Proceeds will be used for school initiatives.*

*Our Jr. & Sr. Choir will be performing at 6:15 (Jr.) and 6:45 (Sr.)*

*Walk down "Memory Lane" in the Learning Commons to see what Ralph McCall history is shared there.*

*If you are donating silent auction items, please bring them to the school office no later than noon on December 3<sup>rd</sup>! If you are bringing baking for the bake sale, please plate individual items in groups of 6 or 12. Pricing and organizing will be done by our School Council members. Thank you in advance for your support!*



## LIGHT UP A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Once again this year we will be supporting the Airdrie Lioness Club by selling light bulbs for \$2.00 so our trees can be lit up and gifts and groceries can be purchased for families in need in Airdrie. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Last day to buy light bulbs is Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will not be collecting food items but watch for our annual food drive in late February.



## SPIRIT DAYS – Show your "festive" school spirit

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Red and Green day

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas hat day-Santa, Elf, Reindeer.... which will it be?

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas tree skirt day! Wear it as a skirt or a cape!

Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>—Christmas sweater, slipper, sock, scarf day-pick 1 or wear all!

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Combine all 4 days - see how festive we can all look!



Join us for the Grade 2 Musical  
"Our House is a Holiday House"  
December 17<sup>th</sup>  
10:30-Dress Rehearsal  
6:30-Performance for parents  
(Doors open @ 6:00)



**Talent Show 2019**  
**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 PM**

**Auditions will be held**  
**prior to this event.**  
**Watch for details in the**  
**New Year!**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL** - Thank you for your support of the Mom's Pantry fundraiser where we raised \$7600.80. Mr. Hanlan's class had the highest participation rate and Mrs. Enes' class had the highest sales! The next opportunity to support our students will be held a Readathon in February. Details will be sent home in the new year.

School Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 pm with the next meetings on December 11th and January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

**FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS** - Thank you to the entire Ralph McCall community for your support in making this fall's Book Fair another overwhelming success. With your help, we raised over \$1,000.00 in new books for our Learning Commons. Congratulations to 3Ha, Mr. Hartley and Jack each won \$25.00 in books. The following students won a free book: Brylee 2/3B, Mackenzie 2Ch, Martim 4Z, Brooklyn 4Z, Hanna 1M, Lamar KJAM, Valeria 4E, Claire 4L. Our contest winners were Gracie 2MC, Ema 2Ch, Easton 3Ha. As well, Mrs. McNish won a free book. Congratulations to all of our winners!

**MAKING AT McCALL** - With Christmas break coming up, there are plenty of indoor and outdoor STEAM activities that students can take part in. One activity that lots of children enjoy is building snowmen. This is a great STEAM activity because children need to have some understanding of how to build structures in order to do this. A snowman without a solid base likely won't stay standing for long. Why not create further challenges for your children by asking them to design and build a snow tower, or snow bridge, or snow fort to help them further develop their understanding. If it doesn't work out, encouraging them to persist, and find out why they weren't successful.

On those very cold days, why not give your child the opportunity to create something with different materials you have around your house. Rolls left over from wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, small bits of wrapping paper, scraps of fabric etc. are all wonderful building materials for children. Some children have no trouble thinking of things to build and others may need some suggestions or challenges to get started. A challenge like 'create something that would help you get ready faster in the morning' or 'create a trap for a Christmas elf' could provide your child with a starting point.

**LITERACY AT McCALL** - Teachers at Ralph McCall work collaboratively to help all students develop their literacy skills. Teachers from Grades One to Four meet approximately every two months, with their respective grade teams to talk about the literacy needs of all their students. The English Language Learner assistant, Early Literacy teacher, Learning Support teacher, and an administrator also take part in these meetings. The purpose of this collaboration is to identify the literacy needs of all learners and plan accordingly. This includes students who need additional support in their literacy development who are having significant difficulties, students who are slightly below grade level and need a small "boost", students who are at grade level but are struggling with specific concepts such as reading comprehension or fluency, or students who are reading above grade level and need a challenge. These meetings guide the support that students are offered until the next meeting takes place and can have various outcomes. Some of these outcomes include students working in a targeted small group, students working within a larger group on a specific concept and teachers monitoring the progress. These groups last until the next team meeting where the needs of the students are discussed again and the cycle repeats. Our goal is to meet all learners' literacy needs during a coordinated time during the day.

**SAFETY AT McCALL** - The front loop is **NOT** to be used for student drop off or pick up unless you have been given special permission from Administration. The staff parking lot at the back of the school is for **staff parking only**. This lot is **not** to be used for dropping off or picking up students. When walking your child at the back of the school, **please use the sidewalk** and not the parking lot to walk through. U-turns in the middle of the street, jaywalking, and blocking residents' laneways is also problematic and dangerous. **Thank you for your attention to these requests and procedures.**

**FOLLOW US!** - Stay in the loop about what's happening by following us on **Twitter@Ralph\_McCall**, our **Facebook page** or online at <http://mccall.rockyview.ab.ca>

**RVS REPLAY** - Rocky View has a weekly newsletter which shares information about Rocky View Schools and education. Replay is designed to appeal to staff, parents, school councils, and members of the community.

**LIKE BREAD?** - Our school is registered with COBS on Main Street and will donate 5% from applicable yearly purchase back to us!

