

February/March Newsletter

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February

- 1 Food Drive begins
- 4 Read-a-thon begins
Book Fair Opens
"Just Like You" Workshops Part 2 all week
- 5 2Co Skating with Gr. 6 buddies
- 6 4:00-5:30-Teacher Requested Interviews
4:00-6:00-Book Fair Open
- 7 Immunizations
4:00-5:30-Teacher Requested Interviews
4:00-6:00-Book Fair Open
- 8 NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES
8:15-11:15-Kindergarten Teacher Requested Interviews
- 11 Mission Impossible in Gym all week
- 12 6:30pm - School Council Meeting
- 15 PL-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 18-22 - Winter Break - No School
- 25 Classes Resume
- 26 Gr. 3 Ukrainian Dance Presentation
- 27 Pink Shirt Day

March

- 1 Deadline for Read-a-Thon pledges
- 6 Gr. 2 Art Felting
- 7 Gr. 2 Art Felting
- 11 "Pinochio" Performance
- 12 6:30 - School Council Meeting
- 14 4E & 4L to Fort Calgary
- 15 4H & 4S to Fort Calgary
- 21 8:45-Grade 1 Dress Rehearsal
6:30-Grade 1 Concert
- 29 Desert Creek Home



March 10th

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 contact 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

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 30th). 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 for outstanding fees will be sent home in February.



Ralph McCall School Council and Friends of Ralph McCall Society are thrilled to announce that our spring fundraiser is once again a **READ-A-THON!** 100% of the money collected goes directly towards the children of the school. This READ-A-THON runs from **February 4-25**. Information was sent home earlier this week (look for the bright yellow sheets) and students can start signing up sponsors now. All pledges should be returned to the school by **Friday, March 1st**. Thank you for your support!



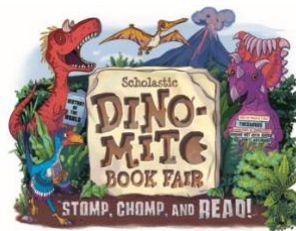
ANNUAL FOOD BANK DRIVE

This year we are calling our annual food drive **MISSION POSSIBLE!** We have tents set up in the Student Gathering Area and we believe it is POSSIBLE to fill them up with non-perishable, non-expired food items! Donated items will be awarded points and classes will keep a tally to see who comes out on top! This food drive begins today, February 1st and runs until Thursday, February 14th. **Please do not send expired food.**



Mission: Impossible is an obstacle course that is nearly...impossible! Students will be participating in this impossible mission in gym classes the week of February 11-14. They will have to complete the course making no mistakes!

Make one mistake and they start back at the beginning! If they keep a great attitude, never give up, and apply the fundamental movement skills they've learned in Gym, they will complete Mission: Impossible!



February 4-8

Scholastic "Dino-Mite - Stomp, Chomp and Read!" Book Fair will be here. Notices have gone home this week! Thank you for supporting this celebration of Literacy.

"JUST LIKE YOU" WORKSHOPS

Just Like You is a disability awareness program designed to build understanding, acceptance and inclusion. Through celebrating differences, developing empathy and creating inclusion, students learn that people with a disability are the same as everyone else - they are 'Just Like You'.

We are pleased to welcome back Sasha MacDonald as the presenter of the workshops for our Gr. 1-4 students. She presented the week of January 21st and will be back for



February 27th- Wear PINK!

Pink Shirt Day is an initiative that provides students, staff and our community the opportunity to discuss the impact of bullying behaviour and how we can all use our power to help create a safe and respectful school environment. "Pink Shirt Day is no longer just about the colour on your back...it's about the colour in your heart, mind and actions."



March 15 (since St. Patrick's Day is on Sunday!)

Wear Green, Eat Green, Go Green

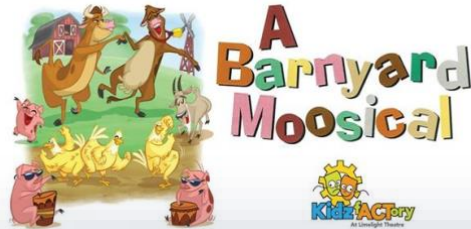
Wear something green, include at least one green item in your snack/lunch, recycle!



Alberta Opera Touring Association presents.....

PINOCCHIO on Monday, March 11th

K-4 students will enjoy the classic musical tale of Geppetto, the lonely puppet maker whose dream comes true when his favourite creation, Pinocchio, magically comes to life. Thank you to our Ralph McCall School Council for sponsoring this event!



Grade 1 "Moosical" on March 21st

Come on down to the farm to meet the Gourmet Goats, Dancing Chorus Line Cows, Funky Chickes, Neat Nick Pigs and more!" We can't wait to watch our Grade 1s wow us with the hilarious and creative songs and actions!

8:45 – Dress Rehearsal

6:30 – Evening Performance (Doors open @ 6:00)

The Building Mental Wellness (BMW) Program has begun for our Grade 4 students. This program offers students an introduction to the brain and how it relates to stress; the ability to build resiliency through social and emotional skills development; empowerment for themselves; encouragement to create and identify support networks and positive role models. Students will have the chance to experience concepts and have fun through exploring ways to identify stress, worries and fears, to relax, how to problem solve, ask for help when needed, and to resolve conflict they have in their day to day lives, all building upon principles to promote positive behaviours and resiliency skills. For more info please contact Tammy Nisbet (CDA) at tnisbet@rockyview.ab.ca or Allison Blake (Success Coach) at ablake@rockyview.ab.ca

February Break BOREDOM BUSTERS

 <p>Wednesday Feb. 20; 2-4 p.m. Extended Makerspace</p>	 <p>Thursday Feb. 21 2-4 p.m. Movie!</p>	 <p>Friday Feb. 22 10 a.m.-noon Movements and Laughs</p>
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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.**

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