



Rimbey Christian School

The Connector Newsletter - Linking School to Home

Mission Statement

**CHRIST CENTERED EDUCATION; EQUIPPING STUDENTS
TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S KINGDOM.**

Oct 2020

Our Staff for 2020-2021

Principal: Mr. Paul Payson
 Business Administrator: Mrs. Carolyn Vanderhoek
 Office Secretary: Mrs. Judy Fairfield
 Kindergarten: Ms. Marj Dolman
 Gr 1-2 Mrs. Maurica Merriman
 Gr 3-4 Mr. Matthew Picco
 Gr 5-6 (Vice –Principal) Ms. Angela Ward
 Gr 7-9 Mr. Paul Payson
 Playschool instructor: Mrs. Jenny Stout
 Playschool E.A.: Mrs. Grutterink, Mrs. Portiek
 E.A's: Mrs. Wendy Dolman, Mrs. Shawna Payson,
 Mrs. Kathy Turner-Geigle, Mrs. Patricia
 Vanderploeg
 Bus Driver: Mr. John Holtkamp

2021 Theme Verse

Isaiah 33:5-6

Message from the Chair of the Board: Harold Grinde

Hello Everyone,
 Isn't it wonderful to have the children back in school? I am so thankful that we are able to have face to face classes (even if there are some rules to follow). Our children are really enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. Although I have not spent much time in the school this fall, from what I see things are going very well. Our amazing Lord has once again blessed us with a wonderful staff. It seems that His Love and Grace abound in the halls and classes—the whole atmosphere at school is so positive and uplifting. He has also blessed us with several new families—as always, He is our provider.

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I am sure most of you are well aware the board has decided to go ahead with our gym project. I was able to pitch in and help with some of the site work and seeding grass on the newly landscaped yard. Although the grass is slow to come due to the dry weather the yard looks amazing. The new outdoor skating rink is coming along nicely—the concrete pad is finished and is serving as a play area for the children. We hope to have the lights and board installed in place in time for cold weather and ice! I am sure it will see lots of use this winter.

We are finally through the paperwork and permitting process and ready to begin construction on the new gymnasium. It is an exciting time for the School Community—the gymnasium has been a dream for many years and we are so Blessed to finally see those dreams being fulfilled. We thank God for his provision for RCS, and pray that He will provide the needed funds to complete this exciting project!

God Bless!

Message from the Principal

An Interview with Alberta Health Services

On Friday, September 18, I had the opportunity to review our School Re-entry plan with Alberta Health Services and get feedback from a Central Zone Public Health Inspector. Every school in Alberta had to submit their plan and wait for an interview. It went very well. Quoted from the actual review, "Your [Rimbey Christian School's re-entry] plan has been designed with great

thought and detail.” She really felt that we had an advantage with being a smaller school population. I have to agree.

With all the support of parents, students and friends, the month of September was not difficult to maneuver. Thank you to all of you for reading our re-entry document and putting it to actual practice. Thank you for doing the preliminary work of checking your child’s health stats before sending them to school. Thank you for making adjustments to your schedule of dropping off students and picking them up. This month has been an enjoyable time for both teachers and yes, even students.

We did have some changes that had to be implemented, that were missed in the August 17 edition, and you will be receiving an updated plan soon through email. The change is simply in guest and parent check-in procedures, we missed having the sign in for them to include a confirmation of them feeling well and checking their own health before entering the school, with a signature.

We miss seeing the parents and interacting with you on the school grounds and in the halls. We miss gathering as a community to have chapel together but we know that we have to journey on together through these times. Nothing lasts forever on this earth, so perhaps soon we will get to interact again as we use to. Thanks for your prayers for our precious children and this school. We want our light to shine in the community of Rimbey, and our working together is one great way to keep it brightly doing so.

Angie Ward

Peanut Aware

Rimbey Christian School has a student with a serious peanut allergy in the kindergarten room. If your child is in kindergarten or has buddies with a kindergarten child please do not send peanut products in the lunch bag, or for snack. Encourage your child(ren) to wash their hands after eating or touching peanut products.

Thank you.

Playschool

It’s great to be back to play and social times at preschool. So far we have been doing a little camping and lots of cooking at the classroom drama centers. Interests for creative expression are apparent; looking forward to many adventures with paint! We are thankful for warm weather this season and the outdoor fun we can have together!





School picture Day
Wednesday, Oct 7

R.C.S. Students grade 1-9 will be starting at 9:00a.m. Unfortunately no class pictures will be done this year.

Playschool, Kindergarten and Home Education Students you are welcome to come to the school for 10:30 a.m. for your pictures or book in at Michael's Studio any Friday for your school pictures.

Covid protocol will be in place and only standing pictures will be taken. No Masks will be worn by the students for the pictures, but staff and photographers will be practicing covid safety.

Terry Fox Walk



On September 25, the grade 3-4 class celebrated Terry Fox Day by participating in both academic and physical activities. We started the morning with a video about Terry and the Marathon of Hope. Afterward, students read an article about Terry Fox and did pencil and paper activities related to the article, the highlight of which was sharing their dreams and formulating a plan to see them come to fruition. At the end of the day, the grade 3-4 class ran laps around our new concrete court. Everyone ran nine laps, which was roughly a kilometre. Students were-and still are- encouraged to bring a Loonie to help support Terry Fox's Marathon or Hope.

For Terry Fox Walk the Grade 7-9 enjoyed walking up the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill to experience the vast beauty of God's creation. They continued on to discover an old abandon church in the area. The total kilometers they walked that day combined was 20.

Kindergarten, grade one and two did two laps of the perimeter of our school grounds, a gallant effort. The

grade 5-6 class did their own Terry Fox Walk on the school grounds around the new rink cement pad. A total 35.5 kilometers in total for this class.

Online donations to the Terry Fox walk on behalf of Rimbey Christian School is still open at:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/RimbeyChristianSchool>

October Fundraising

As we forgot to input an update in the September connector please let me give you a little update on fundraising! School has begun for another year. It is great to hear children and adults talking, laughing, learning, and teaching at RCS once again. Along with new school year comes another year of fundraising. Fundraising can be hard, but you know our God is good! He has provided for the Rimbey Christian School since it began in 1986! Many children and adults have gone through the doors of RCS since the school doors first opened 34 years ago. God has used RCS to help prepare many lives for His service. This year is no different. The school year may look a bit different this year, but He is still working!

Operational costs need to be met in order to keep the school doors open at the Rimbey Christian School. ***This year our fundraising goal is \$269,000.00.*** As a fundraising committee we will be putting together a variety of fundraisers this year to help reach that goal. We normally start the year with the Fall Drive – it will be coming out shortly. We are trying to figure out what to do instead of the Winter Banquet this year. If you have any ideas we would love to hear from you!

Mom's Pantry & Mixing Spoons Fundraiser

Anyone need any baking supplies, spices, frozen pie shells, etc? How about mixes in a jar that you just need to follow directions to complete? Mom's Pantry and Mixing Spoons may be able to help you out and help the school at the same time. The school will receive 20% to 40% back from each order placed. Catalogues were sent home on September 24; hopefully you all have seen them. We encourage you to ask people you know who may appreciate playing an order. **All orders need to be back at the school by October 8.** Items that were ordered should be ready for pick up around October

22nd. We will contact you and let you know when they will be ready.

Fall Drive

The Fall Drive fundraising letter will be coming out soon. We will be sending each school family a couple extra letters to hand out to people you know. The letters will be coming home in your child's backpack. Thank you for helping promote the Fall Drive. The Fall Drive will run until December 31, 2020.

Lovable Labels

Every year we run the Lovable Labels fundraiser. It is available for those who might like to order labels for school supplies, canning, office supplies and even kids clothes. As we didn't need to label school supplies this year I figured this fundraiser may not be needed this year. However one of the teachers did suggest the other day the labels for clothes might be a great idea for the masks the kids are wearing at school. Many of the masks are the same and if misplaced it is hard to figure out who the mask belongs to. All one needs to do is go onto www.rimbey.lovablelabels.ca to place an order. 20% of each order will support the Rimbey Christian School.

Other Fundraisers To Look For This 2020/2021 School Year

VIP Meat Fundraiser
West Coast Seeds Fundraiser
Holly's Greenhouse Vouchers
Spring Auction
Battery Drive (start collecting batteries now!)

Food Hampers

Central Alberta Youth Unlimited (CAYU) has received a grant from the Alberta Government to provide food security to families in Central Alberta in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving a food hamper please use this link to fill out the request form.

<https://forms.gle/3xAykkhuLVuwy5Sx5>

Please help us spread the word so that we can help provide families and individuals with healthy food. Our food hampers will be available until mid-December 2020, or until supplies run out.

For further information or questions contact Maria at events@cayu.ca or Megan at (403) 963-2483.

Feel free to contact Megan for more information on the food baskets or Avery Kerklann averyk@cayu.ca as the main Rimbey area staff for more information of other programs being run in the area!

Youth Unlimited™
YFC CENTRAL ALBERTA

FOOD HAMPER PROGRAM

EACH BASKET WILL CONTAIN
2 BREAKFASTS
2 LUNCHES
2 DINNERS
FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE

STARTING SEPTEMBER 22, THE
FOOD HAMPER PROGRAM WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN THE
CENTRAL ALBERTA AREA.

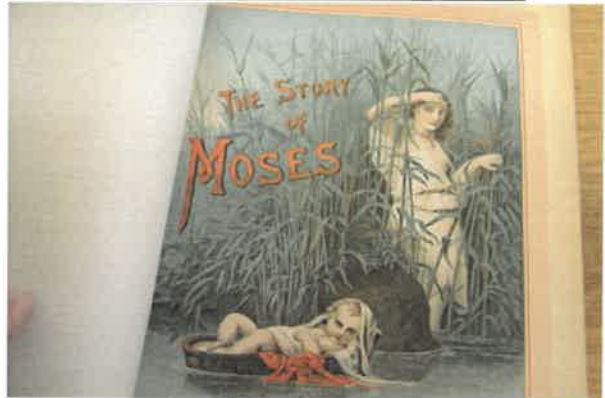
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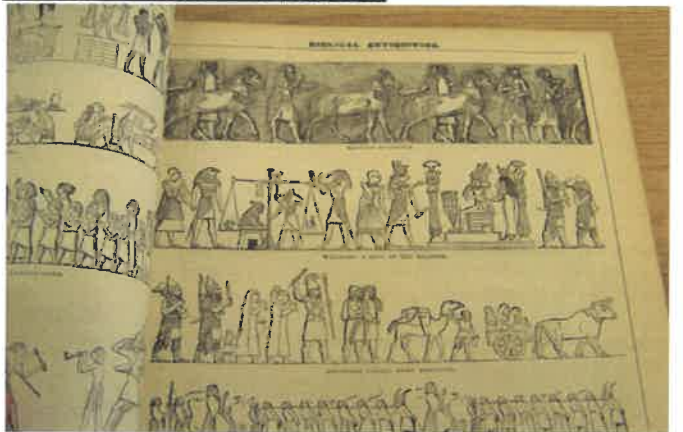
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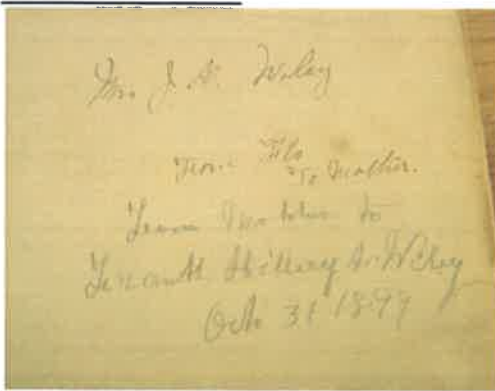
The outside showing the Leather Work



Example of the color pictures



Some of the detail



TABS Recycling

The Blindman Valley Lions Club is collecting can tabs for childhood diabetes and wheelchairs. Lions Clubs around the World have been collecting tabs for many years. We are asking you to save all your metal tabs from pop, beer, and food cans as an ongoing daily project. Think of it as part of your recycling. When you have a bag or container full of tabs bring them to the school, who will then notify the Lions Group and they will pick them up for recycling. Our school contact is: Don Bresnahan 403-843-2453.

Antique Book

One of our families has a hobby of collecting Antique books, luckily they are willing to share with us on a short term basis, there finds. Thank you to Darla Shipton for bringing in a leather bound Bible from the 1800's.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
5	6 Gr 1-2 walk to Geilge Garden	7 Picture Day Kindergarten , Home school and Playschool after 10:30 a.m. here at RCS 	8 Mom's Pantry Mixing Spoon orders due Privilege day	9 School Closed	10/11	
12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16 Kindergarten Friday	17	18
19	20	21	22 Teachers convention	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 November	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 PD	10 PD	11 Stat	12 Closed	13 Closed	14	15

A schedule for you to know when your child will be eating:

10:30-11:00	First Nutrition and Recess Break
10:30-10:45	Nutrition Break: Everyone has snack,
12:40-1:30	Second Nutrition and Recess Break
12:40- 1:00	Nutrition Break: Everyone has lunch