

# Rimbey Christian School

The Connector Newsletter - Linking School to Home



"Be Transformed"

## Mission Statement

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

## October 2021

### Our Staff for 2020-2021

Principal: Mr. Paul Payson

Vice-Principal: Ms. Angela Ward

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 Ms. Angela Ward

Gr 7-9 Mr. Paul Payson

Playschool instructor: Mrs. Jenny Stout

Playschool E.A.: Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Portiek

E.A's: Mrs. Wendy Dolman, Mrs. Shawna Payson,

Mrs. Kathy Turner-Geigle

Bus Driver: Mr. John Holtkamp, Mr. Ken

Vanderploeg

Custodian: Mrs. Grutterink

### 2021 Theme Verse

**For you have been my hope,  
Sovereign Lord, my confidence since  
my youth. Psalm 71:5 N.I.V.**

### Message from the Chairman of the Board:

Hello to all. September has flown by kicking off the new school year, making changes and adapting to the environment we all are currently living in. We are one month into the school year and looking forward to October for things to settle to a more normal pace. We are glad to let everyone know a second bus route has started that travels up to the

Hoadley area. The gymnasium is almost complete with flooring being installed in the change rooms and entrance. I can't wait to hear and see the joy of the students once they are able to play in the gym. At our board meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, there was a definite appreciation for how God's hands are at work in this school. It is very exciting to be able to see and be part of his work in Rimbey Christian School. I would like to thank the staff and support staff for all their hard work getting the school year started. If anyone is interested in getting further involved with the school as volunteers, I encourage you to talk with one of the board members. I pray that everyone has a healthy October and hope you all are able to enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

Riley Hickey

### Playschool News

Hello, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all families who have returned or joined the preschool this fall. The classroom is full of smiles.

### Defining Play

Origin of the word: Scott (2008) suggests that the origin of the word *play* is unknown. It is thought that the English adopted the word *pleien* meaning to dance, leap for joy, and rejoice from the Dutch in the later Middle Ages. Throughout history, movement and

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motion have been synonymous with the word *play*. (Dietze & Kashin, 2012, p. 3)

In the world of early childhood today, we talk curriculum that inspires "meaning making" with a focus on "co-constructed" nature to the play in childcare settings.

Staff are looking forward to a year of defining play (in these times and in the Fingerprints room) and working together with children, parents, and more. *Rejoice always and delight in your faith. 1 Thessalonians 5:16*

September has been a month of using our senses and joyfully exploring ocean life. Children's hands have been hard at work with sorting many seashells, drama on top and under the ocean waves, and a variety of crafting creatures with different attributes; compared to our friends on land. We dove in and had a swimmingly good time!!



*sand for texture  
and shape*



*little  
sea star*



*making salt dough*



*science -  
water, suds,  
and tools for  
volume*

## Alberta-Based mental Health Support for Students

Please see the attached information from EaseCare, offering free for Alberta Resident students.

## Welcome to our new and returning Families!

We would like to welcome the following families to our school; the Kueflers, the Whites, the Wilson/Lapierre family, the Byzitters, the Coopers, the Brown family, the Evernden family and the MacFarlanes. May you be blessed while with us, just as you are a blessing to us!

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## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### Mom's Pantry

Thank you to everyone who placed Mom's Pantry orders.

Orders will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am.

Please contact Laura Grinde if you have any questions concerning pick up (403-704-5662).

### Fall Drive

Fall Drive fundraising letters will be out shortly. This is one of our main fall fundraisers and is a great way to connect with people and tell them what the school has done for your child(ren). The Fall Drive package will arrive via your child's backpack. In it will be 3 Fall Drive letters. The Fall Drive helps cover operational costs for this school term, in other words it helps keep the school doors open! Each donation is invaluable! We would like to encourage you to reach out to as many people as you can and ask if they would like to donate to the Rimbey Christian School. If you need more letters, please contact the school office. Fall Drive will run until December 31, 2021.

**The school's total fundraising objective for the 2021/2022 school year is \$250,000.00. Let's see how much we can raise during the Fall Drive!**

### Fundraising Committee

If anyone is interested in joining the fundraising committee, please let the school office know or contact [Laura Grinde \(403-704-5662\)](mailto:lgrinde@rimbeychristianschool.ca).

### Grade 7-8-9 Canoe Trip

Making friends and creating memories!

The class traveled from Fort Normandeau to Burbank campsite in Blackfalds, then on to Joffee. Two beautiful days on the water and three nights of laughter and camaraderie.



Thanks to Mr. Payson and parents for organizing and feeding us!

### Apple Cider (Fresh squeezed Apples)

The grade 7-8-9 had a wonderful time squeezing apples in order to make some delicious apple cider.

The jars were sold in order to raise funds for gym equipment and Samaritan's Purse.

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The Press

Chess anyone?



Grade 3-5 playing Chess



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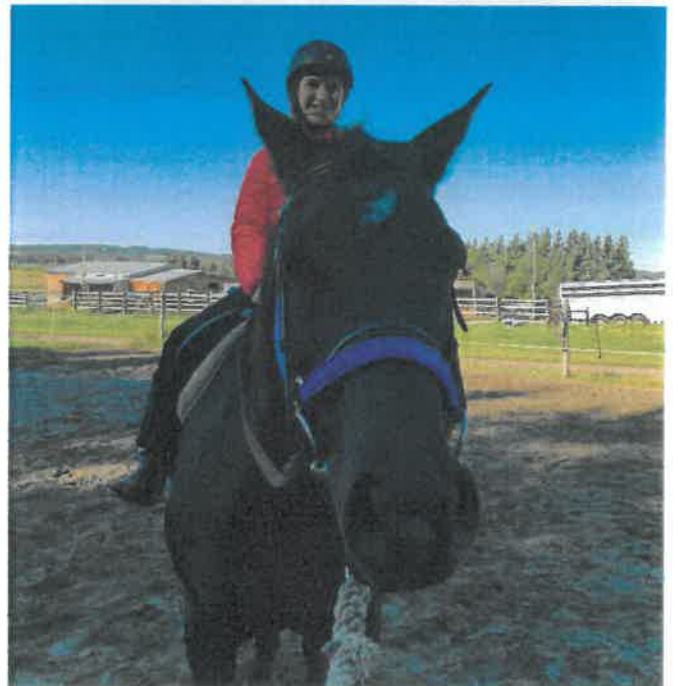
Sylvie made a special cake for her friend's birthday. Lots of layers and neon colors! It sure looks good!



Listening to books.



Equine Learning.



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Our famous runner- Mr. Picco was participating with the students in the Terry Fox Run. He made a course on the school grounds that was half a kilometre in distance and challenged the classrooms to go around the course as many times as possible during P.E. Class.



Orange shirts in support of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation while participating in the Terry Fox Run.



Instructions and encouragement for the Terry Fox Run! Thank you to the parents who joined us and supported the students with Pledges.

Wacky hair Day happened in September

Even our students isolating at home participated!



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## **Alberta-Based Mental Health Support For Students**

**Mental health support available for students in need. (NO COST)**

EaseCare Medical is pleased to announce that it will be offering mental health support to students in need.

We know that it can be difficult for teachers to help students who may have mental health concerns while also fulfilling their teaching responsibilities. EaseCare is an Alberta-based online mental health program that is free for Albertan students to use.

**\*\*We currently offer support in the following areas at no cost to Alberta residents in need:**

- Anxiety
- Grief
- Stress
- Depression
- Loneliness

We also have a team of psychiatrists available to offer **Adult, Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Services**.

**To access our services, visit [Easecare.ca](http://Easecare.ca) OR email us at [support@easecare.ca](mailto:support@easecare.ca) and our team will assist you with booking an appointment.**

We look forward to you seeing the difference in your student's mental health. Please email us if you have any questions!

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*Need a communique to post on your school website? Kindly email us at [support@easecare.ca](mailto:support@easecare.ca) and we will provide you with an electronic post.*



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Sept 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6 Mom's Pantry in Pick up by 11:30	7 Photo orders due in	8	9/10	
11	12	13	14 Time Travel Day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Teachers Convention	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Picture re- takes at Michael's Phone to book 403- 843-2343	30	31
Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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				