



Rimbey Christian School

The Connector Newsletter - Linking School to Home

Mission Statement

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

Sept 2020

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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

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New Families

Welcome to our new families!

The Picco family, Koecher family, Dietz family, Hehli family, Coffin family, Eh family, Rietema family, and the Balding relations.

We pray God blesses you all in the 2021 school year.

Message from the Principal: Mr. Paul Payson

Hello and welcome to a new year at Rimbey Christian School. It is great to have you back at school.

Our theme verse is Isaiah 33:5-6
The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high;
he will fill Zion with his justice and
righteousness.

He will be the sure foundation for your times,
a rich store of salvation and wisdom and
knowledge;

the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.
The "Enduring Word" bible commentary has this to
say about these verses...

"The **LORD is exalted**: The tough times were hard,
but they brought God's people to a different, better
view of who He is. Because they have been
brought low, they see that **the LORD is exalted**."

He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness: God's people pray this in *anticipation* of the answer. You don't have to wait until God does it all to give Him thanks. You can, by faith, give Him thanks ahead of time!

The fear of the LORD is His treasure: Honor, respect, and reverence towards the LORD is **His treasure**. It is a gift God gives us, not so we will cower in fear, but so we will rightly honor Him."

<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/isaiah-33/>

This is my hope for all of us as we begin this year. Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Payson

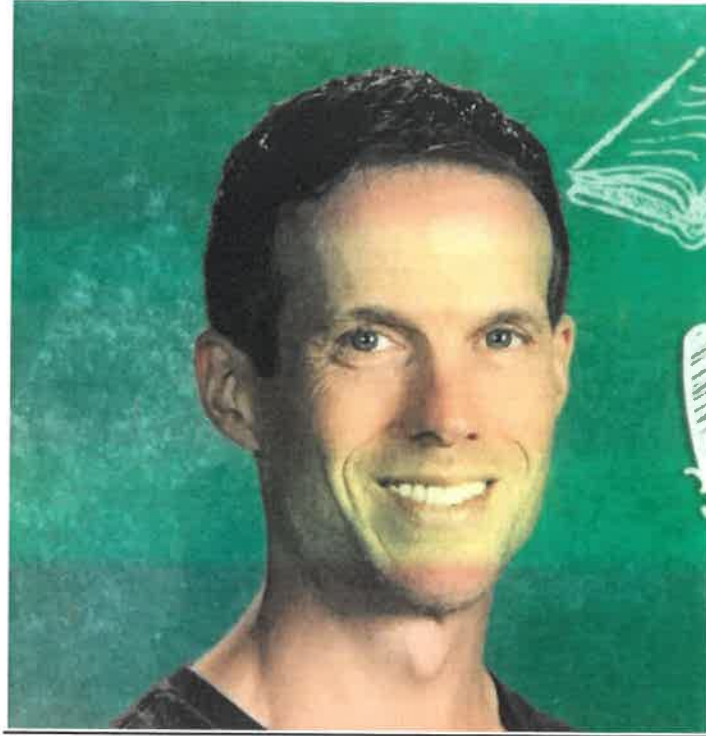
Meet Mr. Matthew Picco Gr. 3-4

My name is Matthew Picco. I was born in St. John's, NL but have called Alberta home for the past 25 years. I currently live in Ponoka County with my wife, Chantelle, and three children, Brooklyn (10), Rylan (8), and Bree (3). The furriest members of our family are called Ginger (14) and Pepper (3 mo.).

My interests include apologetics, fitness, hockey, RCs, BMX, fishing, birds, and basically anything related to nature. I enjoy these things even more when in the company of my family.

One of my favourite Bible Verses is a passage that, despite its simplicity, has remained poignant to me through the years: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. - Proverbs 3:5-6

I feel tremendously blessed to be part of the Rimbe Christian School family. I look forward to working with you and your children in the 2020/2021 school year



Meet Mrs. Portiek

Hi my name is Jessica Portiek. I am so excited to be joining the Playschool here at Rimbe Christian School. I really enjoy working with children and their families. Some of you may recognize me from around the community. I formerly worked with families at the Rimbe Parent Link Centre, was a part of the Rimbe Early Childhood Development Coalition, and I volunteer on the Rimbe Christian School Fundraising Committee. I am married to my wonderful husband Hank. We

have two boys who attend grade 1 and grade 4 here at the school. I grew up here in Rimbe and attended Rimbe Christian School myself. I have a passion for our school and I am so excited that God has led me to work with his students here in Rimbe.





Who is this masked woman?

As a child I grew up in Michigan, but have lived in many places since. For many years while we were in Mexico, I homeschooled our six children. I have also tutored some children when in El Paso, Texas. Most recently, I was working as a Coordinator for Taber Adult Learning. I really enjoyed teaching “English as a Second Language” with both middle school students in Iowa, as well as, adults in Taber a few years later.

One of the gifts that the Lord has blessed me with is the ability to paint. I really enjoyed the classes I took in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; where I was taught to paint a realistic/classical style in acrylics. While in Iowa I was introduced to water colors. There is still so much to learn yet!

Can you guess who I am?

Meet Mrs. Vanderploeg

First Day



Masks on and hand washing prior to entry,
We are more than ready for the 2021 school year.

Playschool News:



Welcome to playtime 2020-21. The season is warm, and we are looking forward to new adventures. It is a time for the blessing of friendship and teamwork. I am thankful to be on this path along with Mrs. Jaine Grutterink and Mrs. Jessica Portiek.

Amazing little people are coming to play and learn. Welcome to returning families and to new families. Your interest in the program and your support are valuable; very much appreciated. As we relaunch this childcare space, I also appreciate the extended team of RCS staff, RCS board members and maintenance people, Central Alberta Children Services (particularly our licensing officer), and contacts at Alberta Health Services.

Let you friends and family know that Fingerprints Discovery Preschool is open! (new name – new discoveries) While we are nearly early full, we will

continue to take names and try to develop programming.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jenny Stout

Office Stuff

Parents:

If you have not filled in and submitted your Tuition Schedule fee form to the office please do so ASAP along with tuition payment plan for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have questions please contact Carolyn via email business@rimbeychristianschool.com or at the school office on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Kindly return your re-enrollment forms to the office if you have not already done so.

Bussing

We currently run one bus route. If your student is on the bus please have them ready and waiting 5 minutes prior to the pickup time. If for any reason your child will not be on the bus kindly contact our bus driver directly.

Mr. John Holtkamp: h)403-843-6790
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Under Construction:
What fun was had this summer!



We are so excited about the changes and work underway.

Our gym ground has been excavated, and our skating rink pad is now cemented in. Thank you so much for the Gym committee that has been working hard on this construction and fund raising project.

Aerial views of the property under construction



Work being done in the summer pouring cement for our skating rink.



Teachers training with the new Hydroponic Tower Garden.



Fund Raising:

Reminder – loveable Labels fund raiser is ongoing.



Parent help for symptoms and questions

A group of pediatric emergency doctors have launched a virtual care offering called "Virtual Kids" to allow parents to access quality urgent pediatric medical advice after hours—from 5 pm to 11 pm seven days a week—in anticipation of parental need for solid counsel around their children's wellbeing, school attendance fitness, and so on.

Essentially we will be providing the same advice virtually — as much as possible — as we deliver in person at the emergency department — and it is free for parents, covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

This is an effort on our part to provide care and reassurance to parents without them having to leave home — **not just for their convenience, but to help limit the spread of COVID-19.**

Importantly, if medical clearance or fitness to return to school notes are required, they can be supplied in many cases after a virtual assessment, obviating the need for in-person visits, and those notes can be faxed directly to schools.

We will be reaching out to all schools in Alberta, both private and public, in the coming days and weeks to ensure they are aware of this top-notch virtual care platform as an important tool in the battle against COVID.

We can be found at virtualkids.ca. Families can book same-day appointments to speak with a pediatric urgent care specialist **every evening from 5 pm to 11 pm.**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at dredles@virtualkids.ca.

A promotional banner for VIRTUALKIDS.CA. The banner has a blue background with white and red text. At the top, it says 'VIRTUALKIDS.CA' in large red letters. Below that, it says 'VIRTUAL PEDIATRIC URGENT CARE' in white, followed by 'Staffed by Experienced Pediatric Emergency Medicine Doctors'. There are three icons: a white cross in a blue circle, a white virus-like icon, and a white computer monitor icon. Below each icon is a category name and a short description: 'Medical Advice: Have urgent medical questions? Unsure if your child needs to go to the emergency room? Check with us first.', 'Pandemic Concerns: Unsure if your child can return to daycare or school? Do you need your child's covid-19 results? We can help.', and 'Convenience: Expert Medical Advice delivered virtually, after hours, in the comfort of your home at no cost.* Book at virtualkids.ca'. At the bottom, it says 'Open Every Day from 5pm-11pm' and '*Covered by Alberta Health Insurance. No Referral Necessary.'



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
	1 First Day of School	2	3	4	5	6
7 School Closed	8	9	10	11	12/13	
14	15	16	17	18 PD Teachers in - Closed for students	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 School closed	10	11

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

10:30-11:00	F irst N utrition and Recess B reak
10:30-10:45	Nutrition Break: Everyone has snack,
12:40-1:30	S econd N utrition and Recess B reak
12:40- 1:00	Nutrition Break: Everyone has lunch