

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

## WRITE A CHEQUE Fundraising Campaign

This year, RDL School Council is trying something new to meet our fundraising goals. We are very pleased to announce our **Write A Cheque Campaign** that will launch this fall and we hope you are as excited as we are!

The Write A Cheque Campaign is a great way for BUSY parents to save TIME & ENERGY by writing a single cheque and making one financial contribution to RDL for the 2015/2016 school year instead of participating in multiple fundraising efforts! It couldn't get any easier to help raise funds for your child's school!

The 2-week Campaign will be running towards the end of October/ beginning of November and our goal is to raise **\$10,000!** We appreciate that every family is in a different position to donate each year but just to give you an idea of what this would look like, we would be able to reach our goal if every family at RDL were to donate approx. \$30 per student.

Essentially, the Write A Cheque Campaign replaces our two big annual fundraisers (some years it is Lamontagne chocolates & Walk-A-Thon. This year it would have been Lamontagne and something else.) The funds that we try to raise each year (outside of our Casino money) goes directly back into the school and the students by supporting programs such as, Athletics, Fine Arts, HRDL, the Library, the Science Fair, D.A.R.E., Band (Gr. 6+) & Music (K-Gr. 5+) as well as teacher allocations in the classrooms.

Another wonderful benefit of writing a cheque, is that we receive **100%** of the funds. What many people don't know is that other fundraisers (like Lamontagne for example) can sometimes take a 30-50% cut of our total money raised!

A notice will be sent home before the campaign begins with more details. Watch in our school and on our website as our thermometer rises the closer we get to reaching our goal!

In the meantime, please note that RDL Council is still offering a few products & services that parents have come to know and love, where we do end up receiving a very small portion of the funds raised. The recent Farm to School initiative that was launched last year is a convenient way to receive fresh veggies in time for Thanksgiving, support our local farms AND give back to the community through our local food bank. We did not want to pass up on this wonderful service and opportunity. As well, magazine orders will still be offered so that those who are in the routine of renewing and purchasing them as gifts for loved ones do not miss out.



## WELCOME

On behalf of Red Deer Lake School Council I would like to welcome everyone to the 2015/2016 school year! Once again, Council is publishing a regular newsletter to keep you informed of all the fun and interesting things that we do.

We are excited to be working with our new Principal, Shannon Culbert and all the great staff at RDL. This year we are pleased to be trying some new things, from different fundraising ideas to keeping the gardens around the school beautiful!

Thank you to all of the parents who come in to help with things like hot lunches, sporting events, the book fair, fine arts night and the Science Fair just to name a few! There are lots of ways to become involved at RDL. Please refer to the info under **Volunteer Sign Up** on this page.

Also, please note, we are currently looking for someone to fill the role of Treasurer on the Council Executive. If this is something that interests you please let me know! These positions are voted on at our next Council Meeting. Details for next meeting under **RDL School Council Meeting**.

School Council is a GREAT place to be involved with your child's school, to learn what types of things happen here and why, to meet new people (including staff) and make new friendships.

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We all share a common goal: to help make RDL the best school around and provide our kids with an amazing experience! I look forward to seeing you at a future Council Meeting!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved please contact me at [adenhoed13@gmail.com](mailto:adenhoed13@gmail.com)

**Amber DenHoed,**  
Council Chair

### Other ways to stay in touch:

Check for updates on our website @ [www.reddeerlake.fsd38.ab.ca](http://www.reddeerlake.fsd38.ab.ca)

You can also follow RDL on Twitter @RedDeerLakeScho

### This just in!

Our Farm to School veggie orders raised \$1,300 for RDL & we are donating over 500lbs of produce to the Okotoks Food Bank! Way to give back to the community RDL families! Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

## RDL School Council Meeting

### Please join us! Everyone is welcome

**Date:** Tuesday October 13th

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** RDL School Library

**Agenda:** 2015/2016 elections & the AGM

## VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

[www.reddeerlakefsd38.ab.ca](http://www.reddeerlakefsd38.ab.ca)

Are you interested in getting more involved in the RDL School community? Do you want to help make a difference in your child's education? We have plenty of initiatives where volunteers are needed and signing up just got a whole lot easier! Check out our new and improved online system [here](#) and indicate the area(s) you are interested in! We couldn't do what we do at RDL without you! We LOVE our volunteers!



## Working hard to keep RDL beautiful

Thanks to RDL parent Theresa Letendre, the School Council's Landscaping committee is back up and running this fall. Over the last two weeks you may have noticed Theresa or some of the committee members digging and planting in the gardens around the school. A number of new perennials were added to Grandma's Rose Garden (located behind the school) and the garden beds at the back and the side of the school were weeded and dug out in order to prepare for a group of grade seven students to plant hundreds of tulip bulbs in honour of Sehaj.

It is amazing how much this committee accomplished so far in such a short amount of time. However, there is still a lot of work to be done! If you are interested in joining our landscaping committee please use the sign up form on our website by clicking [here](#) or email Theresa directly at [taletendre@gmail.com](mailto:taletendre@gmail.com).

Theresa and her crew are now working in the gardens at the front entrance to the school and they are also looking into replacing some dead trees.

If you are preparing your garden at home for fall/winter and thinning out your plants/shrubs or if you happen to be doing renos and need to get rid of any trees, please consider donating them to our Landscaping committee!



## Walk-A-Thon Follow Up

The money raised from our 2015 Walk-A-Thon went towards the purchase of new large wire ball carriers (pictured here) to hold fitness equipment in the wings of the school AND we are in the final stages of planning to bring in fitness instructors to do lunch time classes like yoga, hip hop, martial arts, zumba, etc. Thanks again to the RDL community for supporting health & fitness at RDL.



## Casino Update

A huge shout out to all those who volunteered for our "earlier than anticipated" Casino fundraiser in June! The funds are still being tallied and will be reported on in our next School Council News update. Stay tuned!

### DID YOU KNOW???

...RDL is registered for a program at Cobbs Bakery called Doughraiser?! When you make a purchase at either the Shawnessy or Okotoks location, 5% of your total goes back to "Healthy RDL"! How awesome is that?!

So next time you are at Cobbs, remember to mention that you are part of the RDL School Community!