
SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council's INFORMATION SERIES continues with...

WHAT IS MASTERY?

On Tuesday May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the RDL Learning Commons, Mrs. Rebecca Forchuk, Director of Staff Development from the Foothills School Division will be presenting a short but informative session on the topic of Mastery. In Rebecca's recent article that can be found on the FSD website, ([you can read the article here](#)) she describes how the purpose of education has shifted and therefore, how the school division has had to re-envision how they design and assess learning. Her talk will elaborate on why categorical grading makes sense and she will provide more detail on what Mastery IS and what Mastery is NOT! The presentation will last about 30 min with time for some questions afterwards. Our regularly scheduled School Council meeting will directly follow the talk. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided. Please rsvp to Pam in the office at walshp@fsd38.ab.ca by Monday May 8th.

Special thanks to our very own Shannon Culbert, Principal, RDL who introduced the topic of categorical grading at our last information session. In this session, participants were guided through a math activity. They were given the grading criteria ahead of time with a rubric on how to achieve a "beginner", "acceptable", "proficient" or "mastery" level grade. After the activity was completed, Mrs. Culbert went over the assignments and explained what grade each participant received and why.

We hope that between these two information sessions we are able to help provide a deeper understanding of categorical grading and how our children are being graded and assessed in today's education system.

Hope to see you on May 9th! Don't forget to RSVP!



Tweet! Tweet! Did you hear the news?

School Council is now on Twitter!

Follow us at [@CouncilRdl](https://twitter.com/CouncilRdl) for updates on School Council related activities and information relevant to the RDL School Community!

Message from our Council President

It's hard to believe that it is May already! For me, this year seems to have flown by. I guess that means it has been full of great things. Last week was National Volunteer Appreciation Week (check out some of School Council's Tweets!) and we are so thankful for all the RDL Parents do around the school and in the community. The volunteer spirit is alive and well here.

This Spring we are planning a lot around landscaping and beautification at RDL, so if this is an area you have a passion for or maybe you just happen to have some spare time, our wonderful landscaping leader would love to put you to work!

While it has been wet and cold lately, we are hoping that the sun will start to dry things up soon so that outdoor activities can get going in full force.

Did you know that being outside in the sun for 10 minutes a day can help you get your daily dose of Vitamin "D"? Plus it can also put you in a good mood. Sounds like a win-win to me!



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WALK-A-THON 2017



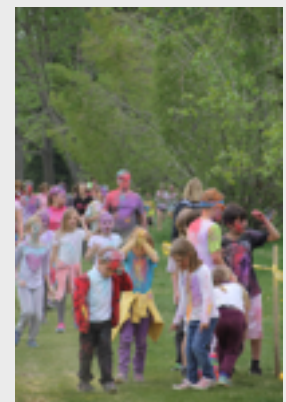
Back by Popular Demand...RDL's Walk-A-Thon and Colour Run is set for Thursday June 1st and aligns perfectly with the timing of National Health and Fitness Day which takes place this year on June 3rd.

Unlike our last several Walk-A-Thons, this year's event is not being organized as a fundraiser. This year we are simply holding a fun filled day where RDL students can get outside, enjoy each other's company and get active!

If you are interested in helping out with this event, there are still volunteer spots that need to be filled such as course set up, powder throwers, help at the cleaning station, snack station help and communication.

Please contact Theresa Letendre at taletendre@gmail.com if you can be of assistance!

Pics from 2015...



Council President message continued...

We hope you can join us for our next Information Session on Tuesday May 9th (followed by our monthly meeting.) It should be an interesting and informative presentation by Rebecca and hopefully it will help to answer any questions you may have on the current categorical grading system and the meaning of "Mastery."

Watch for more details on our upcoming Walk-A-thon! And let us know if you would like to volunteer!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or speak with any School Council Member. Enjoy the Sunshine!

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You can also check for updates on our website @
<http://reddeerlake.fsd38.ab.ca>,

Follow us on Twitter @CouncilRdl,

Or check out our School Council Bulletin Board across from the Office when you are in the School.

Call for Volunteers!



Our Landscaping Committee is putting out a call out for help!

On Saturday May 27th, we would love to have a hand with shovelling some new gravel into Grandma's Rose Garden. If you have a shovel and some free time, let us know!

As well, we are looking for someone who might own a paint sprayer who might be willing to donate their time. We would like to paint the two shipping containers located on our school property.

Thank you so much to Theresa Letendre for heading up our Landscaping committee and to all those who have helped out along the way. We are looking forward to some warmer weather so that we can see our school gardens start to bloom!

In other landscaping news, we will also be putting up some fencing around some of the garden beds and Grandma's Rose Garden so that new growth does not get trampled.

Contact Theresa Letendre at taletendre@gmail.com if you can help!

Thank You

On behalf of the RDL School Community, School Council would like to thank all of the teachers and staff at RDL for everything they do throughout the school year! We are pleased to show our appreciation by providing a catered lunch from Costa Vida to all teachers and support staff this Friday May 5th.

Spirit Wear



Check out these stylish RDL Students (to the left) showing their school pride and wearing their RDL Dragon hoodies! Did you know that RDL Spirit wear is available in dozens of different styles, colours and products? With warm weather coming up you may want to consider a t-shirt?

You can customize your order to show that you are a member of Band, Student Council or a specific Sports Team. You can even personalize your product to show that you are a parent or an alumni! Pictured below are RDL Band members wearing their personalized RDL Band Hoodies!



To shop online, please go to the RDL website: <http://reddeerlake.fsd38.ab.ca/> and click on our Quicklinks, or go to <http://urstore.ca/schools/ca/alberta/calgary/red-deer-lake-school-dragons>

Bonus: RDL School Council receives 10% of the sales for Spirit clothing.

In Other Council News....

Since March School Council has been pleased to fund both a week of Tennis instruction for RDL students from grades k to 9 and our annual School Ski trip to WinSport for grades 1 to 6. Thank you to all the staff and parents who volunteered their time on the ski hill! We are looking forward to funding a few more exciting initiatives before the school year is over! Stay tuned!

