



Poplar Ridge School December Newsletter

We had a beautiful November! What an amazing outdoor space we have!

Thank you, students, for your heartfelt singing at the Remembrance Day Service!

Top 14 things you need to know about Poplar Ridge for December:

1. **Academic Excellence** - Student engagement is high as our teaching teams have prepared great learning opportunities!
2. **Social Emotional Wellbeing** - Our staff engaged in great professional learning around supporting students in communication, attention, memory and self-regulation skills.
3. **Sincere thanks** - Thank you to all who supported the Scholastic Book Fair, Cotton Candy Sales as well as the Fundraising from the School Council. The money will go towards Cornerstone Youth Theater, great Learning Commons resources and future school events.
4. **Red Deer Christmas Bureau Toy Depot** - We are supporting the Christmas Bureau. Please donate if you can.
5. **Fundraising Pick ups** - The Poinsettias can be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 7 in the multipurpose room at 11:30-1:00 and 2:45-3:15. The Purdy's Fundraiser can be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 11:30-1:00 and 2:45-3:15. Thank you school council and families for supporting Poplar Ridge.
6. **Drop Offs and Pick ups** - Thank you families for helping us with drop off and pick ups!!! We sure appreciate your support in increasing our traffic flow and getting cars off of the front road by driving right to the end of the main loop. We appreciate you making safety a #1 priority at Poplar Ridge.
7. **Twelve Days of Giving Food Drive** - The gr. % class is collecting for the food bank from Dec. 4-22. Items needed include: peanut butter, canned fruit, pasta, rice, baking products, canned soup, canned meat, cereal, canned vegetables, canned beans, juice boxes and grocery gift cards.
8. **Cornerstone Theater** - On Dec. 6, our grades 1-6 will be going to Cornerstone Theater. We will be leaving Poplar Ridge at 9 am and returning around noon. Thank you School Council for paying for all of the bussing for this event.
9. **Christmas Spirit Day and Turkey Bun Lunch** - On Dec. 12, we are encouraging staff and students to wear their favorite Christmas gear! Our fantastic School Council is also providing us with a Turkey Bun Lunch on this same day! It's pretty great to be us at Poplar Ridge School!!!!
10. **Christmas Concert** - We will be hosting our Christmas Concert on Dec. 21, 2 daytime performances - 10 am and 1:30 pm. We will be opening up the playground parking as in years past. The theme for the concert is "Party in Plaid." We are encouraging our performers and families to wear plaid if you have it. We are requesting that families attending the concert, bring their slippers as we will ask everyone to take off outside shoes.
11. **Reindeer Games and PJ Day!** - On Dec. 22, grades 1-3 will participate in Reindeer Games and PJ day! Stay tuned!
12. **The Store** - Our school store is open on Monday/Wednesday/Friday for grades 4-6 and on Tuesday/Thursday for Grades 1-3. Kindergarten goes on the Fridays that they attend school. Each item is \$1.00. Items include: chips and ice cream. Thank you to the grade 6 students who manage the store.
13. **Facebook** - All of the cool kids follow us on Facebook!!!
Make sure not to miss out on any announcements or photos and follow us!
14. **Papa Johns** - Papa Johns is offering the school, families, and staff our Winter Holiday Season Special from Dec.3, to Jan. 7, 2024. Enter promo code: **WARMWISHES** before each pizza in your online order at papajohns.ca, to receive this special pricing. Then mark your order for "pick-up" or "delivery". You are welcome to pay either online when you pick-up or when the pizzas are delivered. This is valid at all Papa Johns location in Alberta.

Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 4-22 Twelve Days of Giving!!!!
- Dec. 6- Cornerstone Youth Theater
- Dec. 7- Pick up your Poinsettias
- Dec. 12 - Christmas Spirit Day and Turkey Bun Lunch
- Dec. 14 - Pick up your Purdy's Fundraiser
- Dec. 15- Skiing for grades 4,5,6
- Dec. 18- Red Deer Christmas Bureau Toy Depot pick up
- Dec. 21- Christmas Concert Day - daytime at 10 am and 1:30 pm
- Dec. 22- Reindeer Games and PJ Day gr. 1-3, Skiing for the gr. 4-6
- Dec. 23- Jan. 7- Merry Christmas Break and Happy New Year!
- Jan. 8 - Welcome back!!!!



Peace . Love . Snowman

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well and that you're gearing up for a joyful holiday season! As we approach the end of the year, it's heartwarming to see the spirit of giving come alive in our school community.

We are excited to announce the Grade 5/6 class's initiative, "The 12 Days of Giving." In the true spirit of the season, we are organizing a food drive to support our local community and make a positive impact on those in need.

Event Details:

Name: The 12 Days of Giving Food Drive

Dates: December 4 to December 22

Days: Mondays to Thursdays

How it Works:

Each day, from December 4 to December 22, we encourage students to bring in one non-perishable food item or product from the list below. These items will be collected and donated to the local food bank, helping to ensure that everyone in our community can enjoy a warm and nourishing meal during the holiday season.

Why Participate:

Participating in this food drive not only teaches our students the importance of generosity and community service but also provides a tangible way for them to contribute to the well-being of others. It's a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn the joy of giving and to make a positive impact on the lives of those less fortunate.

How You Can Help:

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to participate in "The 12 Days of Giving." Please assist them in selecting a different item each day, and remind them of the significance of their contribution. Together, as a school community, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to seeing the incredible generosity of our Grade 5/6 students during this special initiative. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out.

The TWELVE DAYS OF GIVING FOOD DRIVE

At anytime: Gift cards for grocery stores are appreciated - Please bring down to the office

Monday, December 4:	Peanut butter
Tuesday, December 5:	Canned fruit
Wednesday, December 6:	Dry Pasta
Thursday, December 7:	Rice
Monday, December 11:	Baking product (sugar, baking powder, soda)
Tuesday, December 12:	Canned soup
Wednesday, December 13:	Canned meat
Thursday, December 14:	Cereal
Monday, December 18:	Canned vegetables
Tuesday, December 19:	Canned tomatoes
Wednesday, December 20:	Canned bean
Thursday, December 21:	Juice boxes

Thank you for helping us make this holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Hewlett & Grade 5/6

School Council Corner Dec 2023

Once again we are thankful for all who attended the Nov 30th meeting. Please see the minutes posted on the school website and save the date for the next one to be held **Jan 18** .

We eagerly await the arrival of our Purdys and Poinsettias. Please remember to mark your calendars for pick up at the school:

Poinsettias Thursday, Dec 7: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
and 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

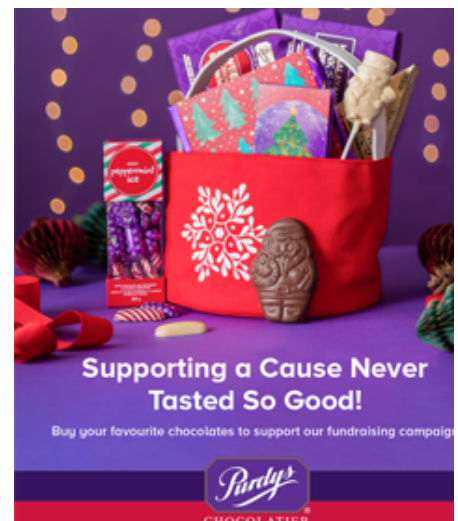


Purdys Thursday Dec 14 : 11:30 am - 1:00 pm and
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Contact Colleen @ 250-218-7675 if you need to make alternate arrangements.

THANK YOU

for your support during the holiday season



Coming soon: a NEW TWIST on an old tradition: Dec 12 School Council is excited to serve Turkey Bun Lunch to students and faculty. If you would like to volunteer or donate food items pls contact Stephanie @ 403-302-7444 or Colet 403-318-4047

Please save your recyclables over the holidays for our Jan bottle drive : January 17 to 19, 2024

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from your School Council



With snow on the ground we are looking forward to winter activities: stay tuned.....