



## Robert Ogilvie Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our school life is getting busier and more exciting as we move in to the last two months of the school year! Our weather is also getting nicer and we need to remember that our children still need a regular bedtime in order to function at school the next day. This newsletter includes information about the many exciting things coming up and some tips for parents.

### Carnival

We are really looking forward to our 'Western' Carnival on **Thursday, May 8 from 6 – 8 p.m.** Come and have a hamburger and water for \$3.00 (or \$4.00 with cheese), enjoy the sucker tree, cotton candy, dart throw, hockey shoot, basketball shoot, bake sale, bulls eye, cake walk, fish pond, ring toss, or have your picture taken for \$3 each. Also get a tattoo, helium balloon, place an order for an RO hoodie or t-shirt, buy an RO water bottle or watch, or participate in a silent auction!

Tickets for the games will be on sale at noon Monday through Thursday next week (May 5 – 8). Tickets that are purchased during the week will be handed out to the students at the end of the school day on Thursday. Unfortunately, there will be no refunds for pre-purchased tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Carnival but we recommend you purchase them during the week to save time. Tickets are 50 cents each. Most booths will require one ticket for one turn. Lots of prizes will be available at the booths. Money raised at the Carnival will be used to support student activities in the classes and the school.

Thank you to PAC who has supported us by buying the prizes. Thank you also to Cliff Finter who has collected many items donated by businesses for the silent auction. A special thanks goes to the following businesses for their generous donations: Fountain Tire, Rona, Toromont, Autographics, Windsor Plywood, Peace Country Freightliner and Roger's Trucking. Thank you also to Safeway who has donated food for the hamburger sales and cakes for the Cake Walk.

The PAC is looking for parents to help at their table at the Carnival. If you can help for 15 min., please fill in the form at the bottom of the letter. If you would be interested in donating a decorated cake(s) for the Carnival Cake Walk, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return to the office by Tuesday, **May 6**. The cake(s) would need to be at the office on Thursday morning, May 8. If you could donate some items for the bake sale for Mrs. Morrison's class, please indicate on the bottom of this letter. Items need to be dropped off in Mrs. Morrison's room (room 4) on Thursday, May 8. Thank you for all of your help! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Carnival!

### Annual

Our RO annual is here! Order your copy by filling in the bottom of this letter and returning it to the school with \$10. Thank you to PAC for your generous donation that is reducing the cost of our annuals!

### Jeans Day

Thank you, RO! You were once again very generous in your support. We raised \$990 for Children's Hospital through the sale of Jeans Day buttons. Thank you to Mrs. Tacey, Mrs. Solomany and Mrs. Tacey's class who organized and sold the Jeans Day buttons.

### Cross Canada Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Mrs. Hartman's, Mrs. Martin's and Mrs. Fraser's classes who covered the most kilometers in the Cross Canada Reading Challenge. All three classes were able to cross Canada and go beyond in the kilometers they collected. Well done!

### Accountability and honesty

As parents, we want our children to be honest and accountable for their actions. We also know, though, that all children will test us at some time to see if they can get away with not telling the truth or not accepting responsibility for what they did. As parents, it is very important that we recognize this is a natural stage of development and we work together to ensure that our children realize we only accept the truth and we expect them to own up to their behaviour. At times it means checking out our child's version of the story to ensure that when we support them, we are supporting positive behaviour choices. Let's communicate with each other to make sure we are developing honest and accountable behaviours in our children.

### School Planning Day

Please join us on **Friday, May 9** from 8:45 – 2:35 as we plan the direction for our school for next year. We need your input! Lunch and babysitting will be provided for the day. Please call the office by **Wed., May 6** at 785-3704 if you can join us or fill in the bottom of this letter.

### Badminton

Thank you to Mrs. DeGroot, Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Henrickson, Mrs. Bloye and Mrs. Boyd who are coaching the badminton teams. The district tournament will be on the afternoon of **May 13** and all day on **May 14**.

### Parent requests

As we look ahead to the next school year, we are considering class organization. If you have requests for your child's placement for next year, please put them in writing with an educational reason. You may also wish to talk to this year's classroom teacher, as teachers are very aware of the needs of their students and work hard in June and again in September to ensure that each student is in the best educational environment.

### Up-coming dates:

June 2	Intermediate Sports Day
June 6	Talent Show sponsored by the Leadership Club
June 9	Assembly at 8:45 a.m.
June 11	District Track Meet
June 19	Grade 7 Farewell Dinner – for grade 7 students and two guests
June 20	Primary Fun Day
June 23	Third Term Award Assembly
June 26	Final Assembly – Final day for students – dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school at 785-3704.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Gibson  
Principal

Mrs. D. Boyd  
Vice Principal

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a copy of the R.O. Annual. Enclosed please find **\$10**.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I can send \_\_\_\_\_ cake(s) for the Cake Walk on May 8.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I will send baked items for the bake sale at the Carnival on May 8.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I can help at the PAC table at the Carnival from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the School Planning Day on Friday, May 9.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will need babysitting for my \_\_\_\_\_ children.

Return this portion of the newsletter by **Tuesday, May 6** to be entered in a draw for prizes!

Thank you for your responses!

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_