



## Robert Ogilvie Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is our June newsletter a bit early so I can update you on the exciting activities planned for the first week of June! Classes will be busy with various special activities, but they will also be completing learning for the year and final assessments. Please continue to ensure that your child follows a regular routine of bed times on school days. Routine can be especially important when things are busy and exciting.

Intermediate Sports/Fun Day: Our Intermediate Sports/Fun Day will be held on **Monday, June 2** for students in grades 3 - 7. Thank you to the many parents and staff who have volunteered to help out in the morning at the track and field events. The afternoon will be a fun time of class and house team challenges. Come and join us for the day! The canteen will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students may stay outside to eat lunch if a parent is with them, otherwise students will come inside to eat.

Track Team: Students are now training for our track team under the coaching of Mrs. Dressler and Mrs. Lee. Members of this track team are forming the district track meet team. This is a change from previous years when students were chosen at the Sports Day.

Primary Fun Day: Primary teachers will be organizing a day of fun for primary students on **Friday, June 20**. The activities will begin at 9:30 in the morning and run all day. The canteen will be available for lunch by pre-orders. More information will be sent home regarding ordering.

Volunteer tea: We really appreciate all of our volunteers who help out during the year. Students have taken home invitations to invite you to the Volunteer Tea on **Thursday, June 5 from 2:35 – 3:35** in the library. If you received your invitation (or even if you have not), please come so we can thank you for the help you have given to our school.

Grade 7 Farewell: Grade 7 students and their guests are invited to the Farewell dinner on **Thursday, June 19 at 6 p.m.** Each student can invite 2 guests. Tickets cost **\$18 each** and will be available soon. Grade 7 students will receive a free ticket each.

Staff changes: For September 2008, we are pleased to welcome back to our school Mrs. Heather Brooks. Mrs. Brooks will be teaching kindergarten on Mondays, Wednesdays and alternate Fridays. Mrs. Shuster will continue to teach Kindergarten on Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays. Other changes include Mrs. Forster teaching Grade 1 and Mrs. Lee teaching Grade 2.

Requests for next year's placement: If you have a request for your child for next year, please put it in writing with an educational reason and hand it in to Mrs. Gibson. I know that you are aware

that the teachers work very hard at creating classes that are the best for each child. We do appreciate your input as well.

Playground work-bee: “Many hands make light work!” We need your help to finish the RO school playground where the new equipment was put in place last spring. The new area needs to be properly framed, leveled and fine-graveled with proper water run-off. We would like to complete this task on **Saturday, June 7 at 9 a.m.** If you can help in any way or with any materials needed – please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you!  
Call Hal Holden at 261-3411 in the evenings or Crystal Holden at 785-4086 at anytime.

Carnival: Our Carnival was a great success! Thank you to Mr. Lang for organizing the carnival and for the staff and their families for their work and support. A special thank you to Mrs. Soderquist for her time and work in the week leading up to the Carnival and on the night of the carnival. We would also like to thank Cliff Finter for contacting businesses and collecting many donations for us. The businesses that were so generous were **Toromont, Marcy Marsh, Pimm’s Productions, Elite Technologies, Tim Horton’s, Roger’s Trucking, Canada Safeway, Wal-Mart, Paragon Refrigeration, GPAC, Autographics, The Source, Northern Metallic, Rona, North Peace Freightliner, Northern Bearing and Drive, and Windsor Plywood.** Thank you for helping to make our carnival such a success! Winners of the raffle prizes were Emily Dunn – RO hoodie, Denise Bremmer – Wal-Mart gift card and Brody Bremmer – Wii system.

Speech Contest Congratulations to Tyren Arzaga, Emily Fraser, Robbie McMullin and Laura Martin who received first, second, third and Honorable Mention respectively at our school speech contest. Tyren, Robbie and Emily went on to the district speech contest. Tyren placed third in the district. This is his third year in a row of placing at the district level! Congratulations, Tyren! As a result of the excellent speeches of all three students, Robert Ogilvie came third as a school. Well done! Check out our website [www.ogilvie.prn.bc.ca](http://www.ogilvie.prn.bc.ca) for more about the speech contest and photos.

Slowpitch With thanks to Mrs. Boot coach of the boys’ 6/7 team, Mrs. Martin coach of the girls’ 6/7 team and Mr. Lang coach of a grade 4/5 team, students have the opportunity to enjoy slowpitch. The tournament for grade 6/7 teams will be on **June 7** at Kin Park.

Yearbooks There are still a number of RO Yearbooks for sale at **\$10.00 each**. Get yours to remember the memories of this year.

Year-end assemblies At our final two assemblies we will be honouring our students for citizenship and academic achievement. On **June 23 at 8:45 a.m.** we will recognize students for third term citizenship and academic achievement. On **June 26 at 10:30 a.m.** we will recognize those students who received citizenship and academic achievement for the whole year as well as other award recipients. Come and join us for these special assemblies!

#### District Calendar for 2008/09

Attached to this letter is the calendar for the 2008/09 school year and our bell schedule.

#### School supplies

Next year school supply charges will be \$35 for Kindergarten, \$45 for primary grades (1-3) and \$55 for intermediate grades (4-7). This reflects an increase for intermediate grades because of an increase in the cost of the agendas. A reminder that this amount provides school supplies for the year, a personal dictionary in primary grades or an agenda in intermediate grades, two visiting cultural events during the year and funds for travel.

Up-coming dates:

June 26	Last day for students. Dismissal at 11:35 a.m.
Aug. 25	School office open for registrations
Sept. 2	First day of classes – Dismissal at 10:45 a.m.

As we come to the close of this school year, we celebrate all of the wonderful things we were able to offer our students this year with your support. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Gibson  
Principal

Mrs. D. Boyd  
Vice Principal

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Return this portion of the newsletter by **Thursday, June 5** to be entered in a draw for a swimming pass and other prizes!

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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