



# River Valley School

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

One way that River Valley staff helps students to understand their place in the world is through helping others. Aside from our magazine and orange and grapefruit fundraisers that students benefit directly from, RVS takes part in activities that benefit others. Each October, students are encouraged to bring a Loonie for the national Terry Fox Run, and in November we participate in the Remembrance Day poppy drive.

Each year before Christmas, students are encouraged to support our local Santas Anonymous group. By providing non-perishable food items, they are

able to help local families who struggle with things that most students take for granted. RVS students work alongside adult volunteers and provide a lot of the labour to sort and pack the Christmas hampers too.

This year, RVS families donated 112 Shoe Boxes for distribution through the Operation Christmas Child campaign. This helps our students that they can have an impact on others and help make the world a better place.

Helping others at the local, national and international levels assists River Valley students to become the citizens that will help make the world a better place.

Rod MacLean—Principal

## River Valley School Science Fair

### Office Hours

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Phone 403-638-3939

Fax: 403-638-4552

Our Website is

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

River Valley School will be hosting a Science Fair for all interested students in the new year! We'll have an "information package ready in the new year for stu-

dents to pick up. Start thinking about your project and if you have any questions, please see Ms. S. Lowes or Ms. M. Hansen. If you are inter-

ested in judging our entries for the science fair, please contact Ms. Lowes at 638-3939.

## Hopes and Dreams Can Come True

Students, staff and the community have been generously donating to the Santa's Anonymous Program. The students have been receiving a paper star for every non-perishable item they have brought into the school. The program runs until Thursday, December 8th. At that time the non perishable items will be taken to a location where

the hampers will be made up. This program has been going on for many years. The students learn that they can help make other children's Hopes and Dreams Come True by donating to this great program.

### The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is up in the Library. Donation of mittens/gloves scarf, toques/hats can be brought in and hung from the tree. Deadline is December 8th at noon.

**School Fees are due. Please contact the school to make arrangement for payment. Contact Mr. MacLean or Mrs. Hudec 403-638-3939.**



## Report Cards Go Home

Report Card #1 went home on Wednesday, November 30th. Please sit down with your child and go over the contents of the report. This gives you a chance to praise them for a job well done. It also

gives you, the parent, the opportunity to understand where your child needs to improve and for you as a parent, to help guide him/her to have a successful school experience.



## Remembrance Day Ceremony

We held our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th. Student of River Valley School were very attentive as the Legion, RCMP and Cadets, placed the flags and wreaths at the cross.

Ms. N. Smith and Mr. J. Templeton placed a wreath on behalf of the River Valley School staff and students.



## River Valley School & Sundre High School Band

Both River Valley and Sundre High School Band students have been practicing hard to be ready for the Band concert.

**Band Concert Date:**  
**Wednesday,**  
**December 7th**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
 Sundre High School  
 Gym



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Wow! 112 shoe boxes were collected from students and staff over the past three weeks for Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Mrs. Tubb who organized the collection was overwhelmed by the generosity of the students.

### GROWLY NEWS

Mrs. Matchett is still looking for two parents to work in the Growly. It requires 1 1/2 hour per week. Please call the school 638-3939 if you can help.



A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

*When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.*

## River Valley School Library News

The library has earned \$642.56 in free books from the Scholastic Bookfair which will be ready for Christmas break

reading.? We also were able to invite Kevin MacKenzie to storytell to the entire school this month because of the parents sup-

port of the book-fair. They truly make a difference with their support of literacy. Thank you!

Mrs. Lenz, Library

## Physical Education Department

It is amazing to see so many student coming to gym with their runners untied or the Velcro on the runners that are worn out. In order for the student to participate in gym, they must have the laces tied and the

Velcro fasten on their shoes. Students are not allowed to be on the climbing wall/gym without proper runners. Fancy boots or slip-on shoes are fine in-door shoes but runners are required for the gym. Parents

could you please check your child's runners to see that they are functioning as well as that your child know how to tie their shoes. It is very hard for one teacher do up those shoe laces for the

students and teach them as well. Parents if you could please spend some time with your child and show them how.



**A Message from the Superintendent:**

**Creating great citizens in our safe and caring schools**

Our focus in Chinook's Edge is to provide high quality learning opportunities that will help our students achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens. Good citizenship is a distinctive element of an effective classroom and a thriving community. Everyone benefits when individuals commit to making positive contributions to their school, their community and their world.

During this season of giving, we can clearly see the influence of Chinook's Edge students as they reach out to others. Our students are making plans to collect items for the local food bank at their seasonal concerts, sharing their musical talents at seniors' homes and filling hundreds and hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact entire communities, our students are modeling what citizenship truly means.








We thank our students and everyone who supports them as they reach out to others. Thank you, also, to our staff and parents who facilitate and encourage this great generosity of spirit all year long.

**Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools**

GROWLY CLOSSES AFTER FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Classes Resume on  
January 5, 2012

**Calendar for December**

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  | 1 Day 2  | 2 Day 3  |
| 5 Day 4  | 6 Day 5  | 7 Day 6<br>RVS & Sundre High<br>Band Concert<br>7:00 p.m. @ High School                                      | 8 Day 7  | 9 Friday Off<br>No Staff or Students in<br>Attendance  |
| 12 Day 8   | 13 Day 1   | 14 Day 2   | 15 Day 3   | 16 Day 4   |
| 19 Day 5   | 20 Day 6<br>K-2 Christmas Concert<br>6:30-??<br>Doors open 6:00 p.m.   | 21 Day 7   | 22  Christmas<br>Holidays | 23  Christmas<br>Holidays |
| 26  Christmas<br>Holidays | 27  Christmas<br>Holidays | 28  Christmas<br>Holidays | 29  Christmas<br>Holidays | 30  Christmas<br>Holidays |