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Principal's Message

Enjoy your holidays together! To all of our families at Roland Michener School, we wish peace, health, prosperity, and a Happy New Year in 2013!

First Day of school after winter break is Monday January 14th!

Important Dates

- ❏ Winter break starts on December 21 (no school for students on this day) Students return to school on January 14th
- ❏ Jan 18 - PM Kindergarten
- ❏ Jan 25 - AM Kindergarten
- ❏ Jan 29 - School council meeting 5:30
- ❏ Feb 1 - PD Day No school for students
- ❏ Feb 8 - PM Kindergarten
- ❏ Feb 14 & 15 - Teacher's Convention No school for students
- ❏ Feb 18 - Family Day - School closed
- ❏ Feb 19 - School council meeting 5:30
- ❏ Feb 22 - AM Kindergarten



One World Drum Company Rocks Roland Michener!

'I believe everyone has a drummer in them, just follow your heartbeat, watch and listen...'

'The students of Roland Michener School have had the wonderful opportunity to spend two weeks working diligently with Mr. Kovatch of the One World Drumming Company. This Artist in Residence musical experience has given our students a chance to learn new rhythms and drumming skills as well as a time to come together and create and perform music in their classroom communities. Over the last two weeks, students have been listening, watching and working towards a common goal within minutes of entering the music classroom. Drumming presents an opportunity to create a sense of unity in our world as we come together through musical expression. We are very proud to share their work with you this evening.' Mrs. Whitehead - Music Teacher at RMS

Funds for this Artist in Residence are made possible by the Roland Michener School Council and Parent Society. Through their dedication toward making learning more meaningful at RMS - **we thank you!**

The Roland Michener School Council had a tremendous Cookie Dough Fundraiser! Students and their families sold over \$16,000.00 of cookies and muffins. That is a lot of Dough! Council will receive \$6200.00 to support teaching and learning at RMS. Thank you everyone who made this fundraiser a terrific success.





RMS Annual School Results Report – Our brochure report summarizing last year’s school learning community has been distributed. It is available on our school website at <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b250/>.

At this time we would like to welcome back Ms. Alison Kaiser who is returning from her maternity leave on January 14th. We would like to thank Ms. Kennedy, who has been working with the grade 2 class while Ms. Kaiser has been off on leave. Ms. Kennedy created an excellent learning environment for students in room 8. She will be missed! We wish Ms. Kennedy great success in her future endeavors.

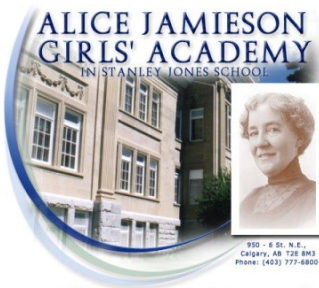
Please be sure that the emergency contact information you have given us is always up-to-date!

Please call Mrs. Francis or Mrs. Haniak with any changes at 403-777-8240 ext 0. Thank you!

Have a wonderful holiday with your families!

See you on January 14th!

Mike Heberton, Principal
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ALICE JAMIESON GIRLS' ACADEMY
LOCATED AT STANLEY JONES SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013

The **All Girls' Program** for grades 4 to 9 is designed to ensure that girls will develop academic leadership and organization skills for success in their personal life, their educational endeavours and their career pathways. This program will celebrate academic mastery and personal best. Unique education initiatives of the program include an emphasis on student independence, empowerment and leadership, the construction of mentorship networks with successful women, provision of counsel for post-program pathways ***with increased access*** to sciences, technology and math. Girls will have the opportunity to examine gender roles through Women's Studies and a girl focused curriculum in addition to the Alberta Program of Studies. The overall goal is to build on girls' strengths to create an optimistic and empowered culture.

Parents interested in learning more about this program are invited to our Open House on Thursday, January 24th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Grade 2 Room 9



The students in Grade 2, Room 9 have been learning about the elements of a story. They learned about the elements of a story through reading "The Mitten", "The Hat" and "Gingerbread Baby" by Jan Brett.

"Gingerbread Baby" was a favourite for many of the students. The students completed a hands-on activity that involved creating the main character of the story, the Gingerbread Baby. Here are a few pictures of the process of their making of Gingerbread Babies.



The students then discussed the story elements of "Gingerbread Baby" in small groups and represented their learning through pictures and writing. Lastly, the groups presented their work to the whole class. Below is some of the students' learning.



Problem: "The Gingerbread Baby ran away."

Solution: "Matti made a Gingerbread house so that he could catch the Gingerbread Baby and he did catch him."



No school on Friday, December 21st. See you on January 14th!!

Q. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?
A. Santa Pause!



Room 8, Grade 2



Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?
A. In a snow bank.



The Grade Two's have begun their study on Small Crawling and Flying Animals. We enjoyed kicking off the unit by reading Jan Brett's *The Mitten* and creating some layering, tissue paper art. The grade twos have been practicing drawing many small animals, looking through books and collectively creating questions they would like to answer. We are looking forward to learning more about animals as we each begin taking care of our own pets.

Grade Three

Student illustration of India's flag



The students in Room 7 have spent the last several weeks learning that *quality of life is the sense of safety, comfort, security, health and happiness that people have in their lives*. We are gaining an understanding and appreciation of how communities in India, Tunisia, Ukraine and Peru work, by comparing their similarities and differences with our own lives and experiences. We also learned about traditions and celebrations in these countries. Students engaged in completing research projects by gathering information from books, the Internet, maps and through watching various videos on the subject.

A student points to Peru on the world map



Watching a video about going to school in India

Doing research on the computer

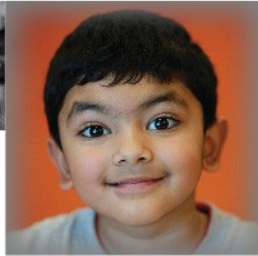


Connecting with our world through puzzle building



Students work on a poster about Ukraine

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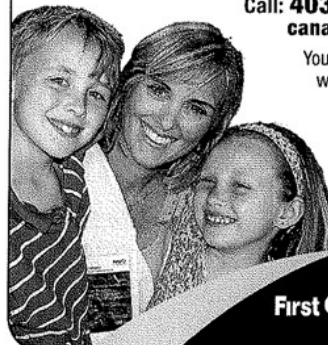
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caring for your child over the noon break

Our Service

Children need a safe and secure place to eat lunch over the noon hour. The CBE is committed to providing a caring environment that fosters and maintains respectful, responsible behaviours.

Our noon supervision service includes:

- Quality supervision by caring individuals
- Safe, clean surroundings for indoor and outdoor activities
- Access for all students
- No waiting lists
- Daily or drop-in service

Working Together

Each unique school has the flexibility to design a program that works best for students. We all have a role to play to make our noon supervision service a success:

Students

- Stay within school boundaries
- Respect staff, peers and property
- Resolve differences respectfully

Parents

- Provide lunch and weather-appropriate clothing
- Fill out registration form with all requested information; e.g. medical and child care issues
- Provide advanced notice of absence

Supervisors

- Lead programs that support the safety and well-being of all our students over the noon hour.
- Provide a safe, clean & secure place for lunch and noon activities
- Advocate for students, addressing what's best for them

CBE

- Provides guidance through policy
- Provides support for supervisors and principals

Contact

If you have any questions, please call your child's school.

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noonsupervision@cbe.ab.ca

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403-817-7888

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Smarts alone are not enough. That is what community and corporate leaders have told us.

In meetings the Board of Trustees has been having with business and community leaders, this was a message that came through loud and clear. This thinking fits very well with the direction we're taking.

The Board's vision is for each student to develop skills in the areas of citizenship, personal development and character, in addition to achieving academic success. This approach provides each student with a foundation of learning necessary to thrive in life, work and continued learning.

In addition to connecting with community and corporate leaders, the Board of Trustees held its first CBE Council of School Councils meeting on Oct. 25. Improving communications between school councils and trustees was a big focus of discussion. The diverse perspectives of school council members across our system resulted in some excellent discussion and suggestions we look forward to implementing in the future.

Another opportunity for school councils to share their ideas was provided through a recent online school council survey. Results show that 86 per cent of respondents are pleased to see the Board of Trustees increasing its communication with school councils. In addition, 86 per cent felt confident that their work was making a difference to student learning at their school. This reinforces what the Board has long believed – school councils play an important role in helping our students achieve their full potential.

From the results of the survey we are also able to identify areas where we can do better. To ensure our school system remains one of the best in the world, we are always looking for ways to continuously improve.

We're pleased you like the direction we're moving in and we look forward to continuing the dialogue.

happy holidays

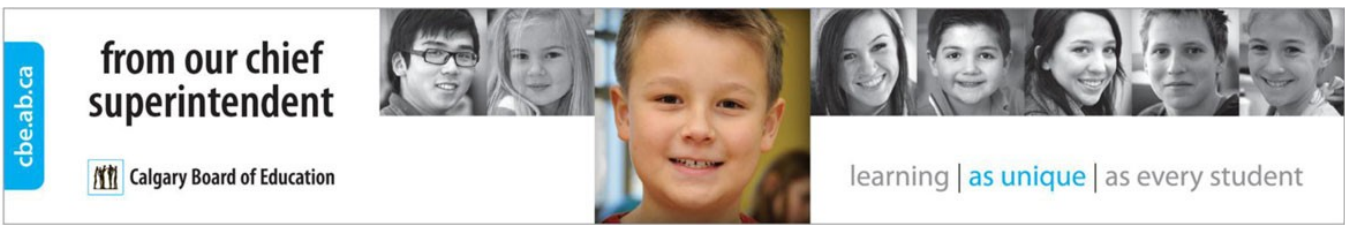
Best wishes to all of our students, staff and their families this holiday season and in 2013. Please enjoy a holiday filled with the joy and laughter of family and friends.

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CBE values diversity and strives to nurture each student

The beginning of a new year tends to cause us to pause and think about what has gone before. It also provides us the opportunity to look to the future with hope and renewed energy.

The first student with Down Syndrome was integrated into a regular classroom in 1986. Since then, we have become more knowledgeable and skilled when responding to diverse learning needs. The Calgary Board of Education values diversity, defined as the full range of uniqueness within humanity.

Understanding what it means to live responsively, justly and inclusively as a learning community is how we have

Calgary Board of Education Mega Result

Each student, in keeping with his or her individual abilities and gifts, will complete high school with a foundation for learning necessary to thrive in life, work and continued learning.

come to think about diversity. While we support students with exceptional learning needs, who are acquiring English as an additional language, who appear to achieve success with ease, and reaching out to students who feel

marginalized, we strive to nurture each student to be successful as an individual and to contribute to the democratic ideal that defines our country.

We take this work very seriously. CBE Trustees have deliberately defined success for each one of our more than 107 000 students as our collective call to action. The focus on each student is significant. Living and

working responsively, justly, and inclusively in a diverse learning community means that we are interested in knowing your child and every child; caring about and for your child and every child, and responding to the learning needs of your child and every child.

Our goal is clear and our commitment unwavering. Academically, the majority of CBE students excel as measured against provincial, national, and global standards. Our students also demonstrate strength, compassion, and formidable resilience in living in and improving our changing world. Difficult to measure in a standardized way, evidence of character and citizenship demonstrated by our diverse learners requires evidence through stories of action.

At a Board of Trustees' meeting in December, two remarkable students from Centennial High shared examples of ongoing projects they are taking on as a school community to make the world a better place. While the examples were rich and imaginative, what was most compelling was the voice with which these students spoke. Totally unscripted, each one spoke from their heart about initiatives that mattered to them, their school, and society as a whole. They clearly demonstrated that they have the foundation of learning to thrive in life, work, and continued learning. They already are.

These two students represent our hope for each and every student in the Calgary Board of Education.

Naomi Johnson
Chief Superintendent of Schools

January 2013

JANUARY 2013

PARENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
		1	2	3	4	5
Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Winter Break	Happy 2013! Student return to School Kindergarten registration begins				PM Kindergarten 8:30 – 12:10	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					AM Kindergarten 8:30 – 12:10	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		School Council Meeting @ 5:30 Please join us!				
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY 2013

PARENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Non-Instructional Day No School For Students	
					1	2
		All students in Grades 1 - 6 on a Field Trip to <u>Epcor</u> Centre: National Geographic Deep Sea Explorer presentation			PM Kindergarten 8:30 – 12:10	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chinese New Year				Valentine's Day Teachers Convention No School For Students	Teachers Convention No School For Students	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Family Day No School For Students	School Council Meeting @ 5:30 Please join us!			AM Kindergarten 8:30 – 12:10	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Grade 6 Field Trip to Police Interpretive Centre				Upcoming March events at RMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 5, 6, 7 and 8: Grade 5 and 6 Outdoor School March 15: Report Cards go home March 18: Grade 4,5 and 6 Ski Day to COP March 21: Last Day of Classes for students before Spring Break March 21 and 22 Parent teacher Conferences 	
24	25	26	27	28		