

Red Smith School Newsletter

November/December, 2023



Together WE... Appreciate Diversity, Dream Big, Value Learning, Inspire Thinking, Celebrate Talent, and Embrace Challenges



Greeting Raptors Families!

Let's welcome in November and remind ourselves that as fall comes to a close and winter is upon us, to have students prepared and dressed for the weather. Please take a moment to review these expectations with your student, and plan accordingly based on the forecast to be prepared for outdoor recess. In **Grades 4K-2**, jackets are required when the temperature is 59 degrees or less. In **Grades 3-5**, students must wear a jacket or a hoodie/fleece/flannel when the temperature is 33 degrees or above. When the temperature is 32 degrees or less, students must wear a jacket. All students who wish to play off of the blacktop (woodchip/grassy areas) will need to be wearing snow pants and boots. In **Grades 6-8**, students are offered an outdoor 'lunch recess' for 10 minutes to get fresh air. Middle schoolers will also be expected to wear a jacket or a hoodie/fleece/flannel when the temperature is 32 degrees or below.

Morning arrival time for students choosing breakfast is 7:25a at Door 5B. Middle School students enter at Doors 1, 14 & 15 at 7:27a. Elementary students (on playground 7:30a-7:45a) enter at Door 4 at 7:45a. Until the identified time, staff supervision is limited.

Fall also leads us into our first of two Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences. Conferences. [Here are the details](#). Conferences are 11/9, 11/14 and 11/22 (4K & Middle School only). We are strongly encouraging in-person conferences, but do offer a virtual option again this year.

Remind students to live the Raptor Way; Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe & Be Kind not only here at school but out in the community as well!

Stay #RaptorsStrong,

First Nations Newsletter

November

Nurse Newsletter

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Red Smith Book Fair

Questions?

Email Amy Kline,
Library Media Specialist

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Device Care and
Expectations

Important Dates



November

- **November 3**-Evening Oliver Jr. Musical Performance
- **November 4**-Matinee Oliver Jr. Musical Performance
- **November 9** - PK-8 Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **November 14** - PK-8 Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **November 22**-No School
 - Morning Parent-Teacher Conferences 4K & Grade 6-8
 - End of 4K and Elementary 1st Trimester
 - End of MS 2nd Grading Period
- **November 23&24**-Fall Recess (No School)

December

- **December 5**-7:00 p.m. Winter Band Concert, Red Smith Gym
- **December 8**-Early Release
- **December 12** - 7:00 p.m. Winter Orchestra and Choir Concert, Red Smith Gym
- **December 14** - 1:00 p.m. K-2 Winter Concert, 1:45 p.m. 3-5 Winter Concert
- **December 22**- Last Day before Winter Recess
- **December 25**- January 1 - Winter Recess (No School)

Attendance Update

View the message from Dr. Tiller and the Communication Dept. pertaining to supporting the attendance goal directed towards both parents and students.

Red Smith School
presents

25th
ANNIVERSARY
Show

LIONEL BART'S

Oliver!

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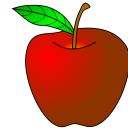
Book, Music, and Lyrics by
LIONEL BART

Friday, November 3 • 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 4 • 4:00 p.m. Matinee
Red Smith School Gymnasium

Tickets \$5 for adults and \$3 for students
General Seating • Tickets available at the door

Attendees may bring canned goods to donate to local pantries so all can have "Food, Glorious Food"

GBAPS Food Service



Student Services
Newsletter

**Administrative
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Math Tip

A positive math identity can have large impacts on a student's ability to persevere through challenge. One way parents can help build a positive math identity is to help children change negative inner voices by harnessing the power of the word *yet*. When a child says, "I can't do this," re-voice the language to say, "You are ready to learn something new!" or "You can't do this yet. I'm here when you are willing to try again."

Literacy Tip

Want to help your child be a better reader? One easy thing you can do at home is to include more complex vocabulary in your conversations. Don't shy away from longer words or specific vocabulary when talking to your child. Instead, use the more complex vocabulary and take the opportunity to explain to your child what these words mean. Hearing you use the vocabulary will help them to grow their own vocabularies and their understanding of the world around them, which will make them stronger readers. So don't shy away or simplify your vocabulary - use it as an opportunity to teach your child!

Red Smith PTO

Click above to access the Red Smith PTO page. You can find newsletters, upcoming fundraisers, community involvement activities, along with meeting dates, and volunteer opportunities.

Activities & Athletics

- Dave Monfils, Activities Director @ dlmonfils@gbaps.org
- Mark DeMuth, Assistant Activities Director @ mpdemuth@gbaps.org
- The first day of 7th and 8th grade boys basketball is Monday, November 6. All interested students should sign up in student services.

Learn more about Culturally Responsive Minds!

This curriculum is being delivered in 4K-5 Morning Meeting and 6-8 Advisory

Unit 3 - Social Awareness

[PK-5 Information](#)

[6-8 Information](#)

Unit 4 - Relationship Skills

[PK-5 Information](#)

[6-8 Information](#)

Do you Have A Question?



We Want to Help!

Call the Main Office: 920-391-2425

Weekdays: 7:00am-3:30pm or

[**CLICK HERE**](#)

To view our staff directory.