

Joseph Welsh Parent Newsletter

January 13-17, 2025



Principal's Message

Hello JW families!

We are very appreciative of the work our **Student Grand Council** does in planning and organizing events for our school throughout the year. Coming up in January, the Grand Council has the following events planned for students:

- Crazy Hair Day - January 16th
- Anything but a Backpack Day - January 28th
- Popcorn Sales - January 31st

Volunteers - Any parents or guardians who would like to be a volunteer in our school, please contact the office 403-346-6377. You will need to get a criminal record check, and can only do so with a letter from our school. Thank you to our parents who have continued to help in our school community!

Kevin Robertson
Principal, Joseph Welsh Elementary



Around the Community

Skating is starting soon!

It's that time of year again where our students will be going skating on the outdoor ice! We have skates and helmets for students to use. If your student has their own skates and CSA approved helmet they are welcome to bring them as we may be short in some sizes. Bus students must put skates and helmets in a canvas bag. Please no plastic bags on the bus. Classroom teachers will be communicating when their classes are going to be skating.

If you have a volunteer package completed already, we would really appreciate parent volunteers to help with tying and untying skates! Please touch base with your classroom teacher if you can help out!

Donations: If you have extra equipment, especially helmets with face masks, that are not being used, we would certainly accept any donations at the office.

On the JW Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jan. 13-17	Kindergarten + Pre-K Registration Opens On-Line	City Wide School Council Hosted by Central Services		Crazy Hair Day	NO SCHOOL Staff Learning Day
Jan. 20-24					
Jan. 27-31		Anything but a Backpack Day Grade 5 Basketball starts!	School Council @ 3:20 pm	Student Recognition Assembly @ 9:00 AM Grade IR + IT Hosting	

READ MORE AT:

SCHOOL WEBSITE LINK: www.rdpsd.ab.ca/josephwelsh

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK: www.rdpsd.ab.ca/josephwelsh

School Council News

Joseph Welsh Families

I hope you had a wonderful break! Thank you for all your support this year! We will be planning some fun events for our students and school community - coming soon!

Our next School Council Meeting will be January 29th @ 3:20 pm. We hope to see you there!

Kyla Rollinson
School Council Chair

RDPSD Pink Shirt Day - February 26

To all RDPSD Families

Pink Shirt Day is on February 26 and again RDPSD is going to offer our families and staff the option to purchase shirts through a web store. The store will be open from Jan 6 - 19, and be completed/delivered about February 19.

[HERE](#) is the link to the webstore.



Joseph Welsh School - Family Resources

Red Deer Family Recreation Passes

The City of Red Deer has graciously shared the opportunity for our Joseph Welsh families to access the School based Recreational Family Pass through an initiative to allow families to utilize the Recreation Centers in Red Deer. Families can access these passes through Miss Lindsay Stanton, our Family School Liaison Counsellor.

These can be signed out and used by a family, generally for the duration of a week. If you would like to inquire about using the Joseph Welsh Family Pass, please contact:

Miss Lindsay at lindsay.stanton@rdpsd.ab.ca



RED DEER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Little Learners Pre-Kindergarten at Red Deer Public Schools provides welcoming, play-based programs for children of all abilities to grow, play and thrive. Through fun, hands-on activities, our supportive classrooms focus on developing curiosity, creativity, independence, and a sense of belonging.



SCAN ME!

Scan the QR code to learn more about this program and find your school.

Applications open January 13, 2025!

Funding is offered for children with diagnosed delays, and paid spots are open for those who don't qualify.



Kindergarten at Red Deer Public Schools



It's an exciting time and a big step for children and their families. It's a time for learning and discovery, making new friends, preparing for success.

We offer a variety of programs including:

- Half and full day options in English programming
- French Immersion programming
- Spanish bilingual programming
- Kindergarten Academy of Discovery

Registration opens January 13



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RED DEER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

City Wide Agency Fair

January 14 from 7-8:30 PM

Red Deer Public Schools
Central Services Office (4747 53 Street)

Attendees include:

- Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre
- Red Deer Food Bank Society
- Alberta School Council Association
- Family Services of Central Alberta
- CASA Mental Health
- United Way Central Alberta
- Red Deer RCMP Youth and Community Action Team, and more!



RED DEER COMMUNITY AGENCIES & RESOURCES

YOUTH HQ



EASTVIEW bgc

October 8-May 13
Join AnyTime of the Year

All Youth Aged 10-12
Tuesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
Eastview Club House, 4030 Embury Cr

WHY JOIN TORCH?

1. DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
2. LEARN AND TRY NEW THINGS
3. CLUBS ARE FREE TO JOIN
4. DROP IN WHEN YOU CAN



LEARN MORE AT YOUTH HQ.CA



Register Today
Spots are limited

YOUTH HQ.CA
BGC@YOUTH HQ.CA
403-342-6500



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Youth Aged 7-9
Tuesdays 3:00pm-5:00pm
Eastview Club House, 4030 Embury Cres

WHY JOIN ZAP?

1. FUN AND GAMES
2. ARTS AND CRAFTS
3. DROP IN WHENEVER
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Winter Warm Up



Paint the Town Positive is inviting children & youth, together with their families, to share the gift of warmth.

Simply bring **NEW** mittens, toques or socks between January 13th -25th to any Red Deer Public Library.

Paint the Town Positive groups will then donate the items to those in need in the City of Red Deer.

SPARC Red Deer is a non-profit coalition that promotes and educates our community about the '40 Developmental Assets'. In 2019, SPARC launched an initiative to Paint the Town Positive (PTTP) with local youth. Through involvement with PTTP, youth have opportunities to build resilience, experience a sense of belonging and get involved. These are important elements to build healthy, resilient, caring individuals and helps kids grow up great!



SPARC red deer

For more information:
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MOVE YOUR MOOD FEBRUARY 2025 FAMILY CHALLENGE



This FREE Family Challenge is open to all families of all ages across Alberta to join.

During the challenge you will learn ways to connect as a family by: practicing mindfulness, moving your bodies, fueling your bodies, expanding your mind and building healthy relationships.

Register between January 6 - January 31, 2025.
Your family will receive 4 weeks of challenge ideas. The first week will begin February 3rd, 2025.

Complete family challenges and submit a final evaluation for a chance to win fun family prizes!

To register click [here](#) or scan the QR code



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Celebrating Families!

WINTER CAMP

**FEBRUARY 18 TO 22, 2025
9:30 AM. TO 4:30 PM.**

@Red Deer Public Library - Downtown



Celebrating Families! is an educational program that helps all members of the family heal and build vital healthy living skills. It is designed for families who are having trouble because of substance use. Come and join us in learning about healthy lifestyles while having fun.

**ARTS & CRAFTS | TRADITIONAL GAMES |
SNACKS & LUNCH PROVIDED | HEALTHY
LIVING SESSIONS | CELEBRATION GIFT**

**Free
registration**



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