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As I finish my third year here at Ralston School, the level of community support for the school never ceases to amaze me. As a school we can count on a helping hand from both CFB Suffield and BATUS at almost a moment's notice. Whether it be clearing snow from our sidewalks or pitching tents at a school track and field day, we can count on things most schools in our division would never imagine.

In fact, as I write my addition to the school newsletter, I observed Major Sweeting on the soccer field giving our Grade 4-5 class a demonstration regarding catapults to enhance the simple machines unit in Science. The best part is that Major Sweeting actually brought a real catapult with him to show the students! This does not happen in most other schools in Alberta, or in Canada for that matter.

We have supportive parents, supportive commanders from both CFB Suffield and BATUS and a wealth of resources at our finger tips. We thank everyone for their contributions to our school!

Spring may finally come...in more than just name... in a few days we hope, and the pace of activity at the CFB Suffield will be picking up as preparations are now well under way for the new

season of exercises. We know that many of our parents are very busy during this time of year, but we encourage you to please keep in touch with your child's teacher, and the school, so that we can be "on top" of things.

We also have many families leaving and new families arriving. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding any issues that may come up concerning your child's education. The school office can help with most inquiries regarding Canadian personnel, and Mrs. Stanton (SCE Teacher) can assist U.K. personnel with a variety of issues and questions as well. Please call, we are here to help!

April is a busy month with a K-5 student dance to be held this Friday at the school, Jump Rope for Heart activities, School Book Fair, Grades 4-6 Mini Basketball tournament. A N.E.D. Character Education Assembly, School/CFB Suffield Earth Day activities and numerous other student activities planned. We invite you to join us in the above activities and to drop into the school to visit us as we learn and grow at Ralston School.

To receive this newsletter electronically please log on to our website @ www.ralstonschool.ca and subscribe to newsletters.

Special points of interest:

- May achievement test schedule included
- Scholastic Book Fair

"I may have said the same thing before...but my explanation, I am sure, will always be different." - Oscar Wilde

Coming Events

- K-5 dance on Friday, April 3rd.
- Parkside Badminton Tournament on April 3rd and 4th at Eagle Butte School.
- Jump Rope for Heart on April 6th.
- Scholastic Book Fair on April 7th.
- Kindergarten to Police Point Park on Wednesday, April 8th.
- Mini Basketball Tournament on Wednesday, April 8th.
- Subway Day on Thursday, April 9th.
- The Ned Show is coming to our school on Thursday, April 9th at 1:15 p.m. (**NED** stands for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, **D**o your best). More information will be sent home a few days before the show.
- Easter break begins on Friday, April 10th. Back to school on Monday, April 20th.
- Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22nd.
- Grade 5 Hepatitis B injections on Tuesday, April 28th.



K-5 Spring Dance
Friday, April 3rd
At Ralston School Gym

K-2 3:00-4:00
3-5 4:30-6:30

Music by Night Magic

Sparkles the clown will be entertaining the children with face painting, balloons and more!!

There is no charge for the dance but please remember to bring a food donation for the local food bank or SPCA.

There will be hamburgers and juice available for purchase for \$2.00.



A real friend is someone who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”

May Achievement Test Schedule

Tuesday, May 12	Grade 3 English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, May 13	Grade 6 & 9 English Language Arts Part A
Thursday, May 14	Grade 6 Mathematics Part A
Friday, May 15	Grade 3 Timed Number Facts



**TO OUR
SCHOOL!**

**Thursday
April 9, 2009
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm**

We are happy to announce that America's most popular school assembly will soon be hosted at our school. **THE NED SHOW**® is a program experienced by nearly 2 million kids a year worldwide. The assembly combines a great message with yo-tops, humor, and audience participation to teach students how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life...

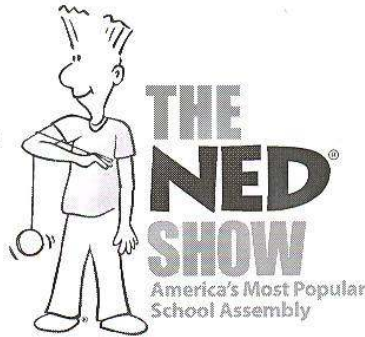
- Never give up (*focus, persistence*)
- Encourage others (*kindness, shared learning*)
- Do your best® (*diligence, excellence*)

For five school days following the show, our school will have **NED**® items available for sale. Each student will receive a free yo-top trick sheet and our school will receive two different and exciting how to yo-top DVDs. **THE NED SHOW** comes to us free of charge.

Parents are invited to join the fun with their kids and attend this dynamic assembly. To see a brief clip of the show, go to www.thenedshow.com. **NED**'s message is an inspiration for all ages. We are looking forward to **NED**'s visit and the lasting, positive impact he will have on our school.

ORDER YOUR NED ITEMS TODAY.

Fill out the order form, and enclose with payment in an envelope to send to school with your child.



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Student: _____ Room #: _____

**NEDGEAR
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FORM**

Checks should be made payable to our school (where applicable, prices include tax).

ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
NED® Yo	_____	x \$ 6.50	_____
Boomerang™	_____	x \$10.00	_____
Cosmic Spin™	_____	x \$15.00	_____
10 strings	_____	x \$ 3.50	_____
Yo-Top Holster	_____	x \$ 3.50	_____
How To Yo DVD	_____	x \$ 3.50	_____
Kickin' Tricks DVD	_____	x \$ 3.50	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____



NED® Yo \$6.50
Great for beginners and pros. Comes in several great colors.



Boomerang™ \$10
Excellent for ALL skill levels. Amazing auto return.

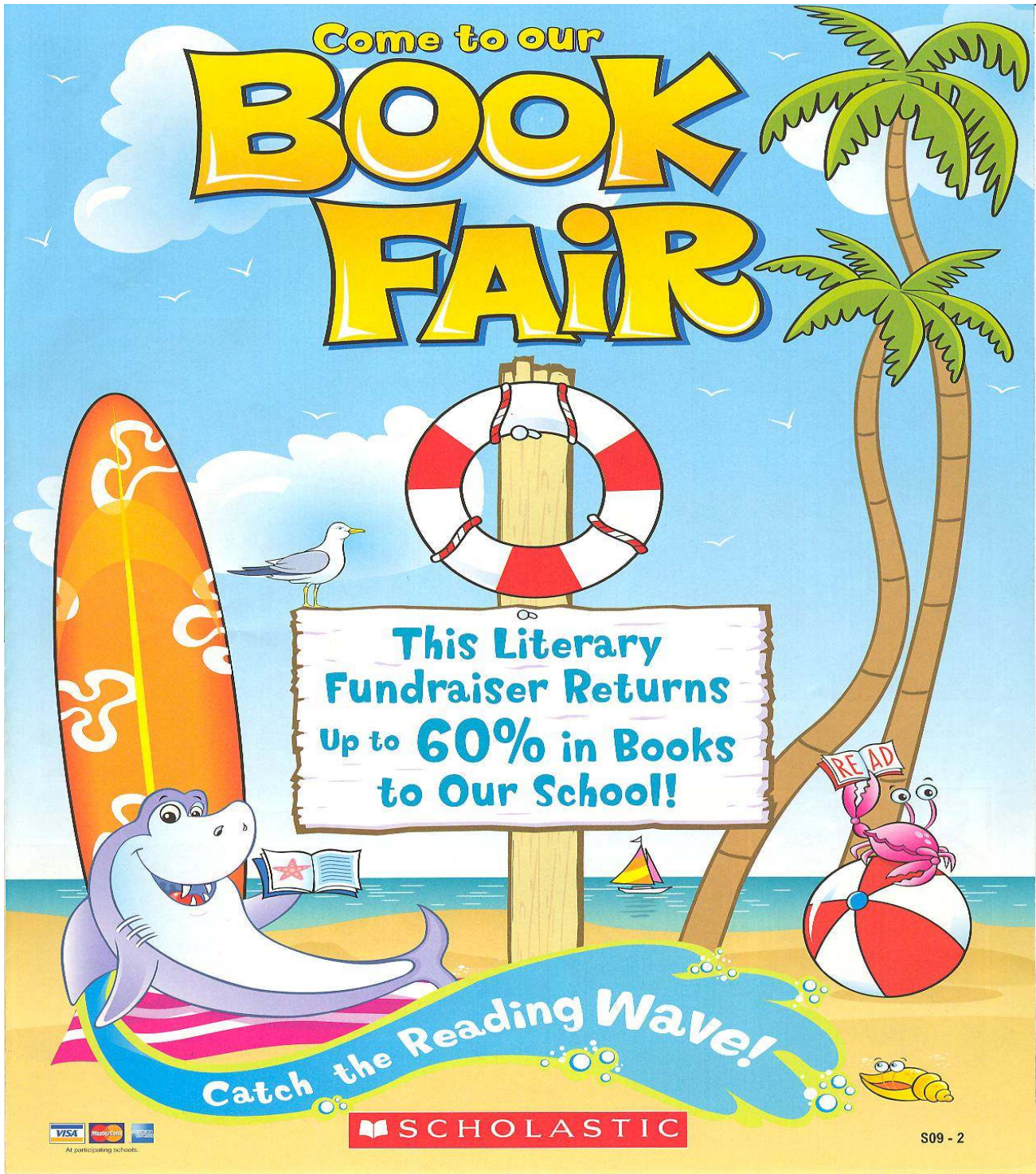


COSMIC SPIN™ \$15
Ball bearing yo-top. Spins up to 4 times longer than normal yo-tops.

ACCESSORIES \$3.50 each

- *10 Replacement Strings
- * Super Cool Yo Holster
- * How To Yo DVD
-30 tricks from beginner to advanced
- * Kickin' Tricks DVD
-spectacular tricks, very entertaining

View these items and more online at www.shopNED.com



Scholastic Book Fair!!

Where: Ralston School Library

When: Tuesday, April 7th from 9:00-3:00

We accept cash, cheques (payable to Ralston School), visa and MasterCard.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

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**Family School Liaison Worker**

Tanya Ridgedale, our Family School Liaison Worker is available for counseling services. Tanya is a social worker whose role is to provide counseling, referral, liaison and advocacy for students and/or their families who are experiencing difficulties. Students or families may choose to see Tanya about family, school or personal issues. Tanya is available at the school on Monday's. Appointments can be made by contacting your child's teacher or by calling Tanya directly at 502-2126.

**Study Tips for Students and Parents**

Children need to learn how to study since it is not a process that comes naturally to most. Students often assume that simply reading the material or talking about it once is "studying" and that is not the case. Here are some tips to make studying a little easier:

Listen carefully to the teacher – make an effort to pay attention and ask questions if you don't understand.

Remember what you hear – take your books home at night and review what you have learned quickly. The faster you do it, the more you will remember and the less you will have to CRAM later.

For younger children – going over the alphabet, numbers with parents or reading or being read to on a regular basis is studying. These building blocks lay the foundation for future learning.

Study effectively for tests – Oxford Learning Propriety – SQRCRC.

S – Survey the headings, get the main idea first.

Q – Question yourself what you want to learn.

R – Read carefully for the detail.

C – Cover the work.

R – Recite what you read.

C – Check to see how well you have done.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 K-5 Spring Dance K-2 3:00-4:00 3-5 4:30-6:30	4
5	6 Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off	7 Scholastic Book Fair	8 Basketball Mini Tournament for Grades 4-6	9 Subway Day NED SHOW!! Watch for posters.	10 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 NO SCHOOL	14 NO SCHOOL	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
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