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Principal's Message From the Desk of Ms. Carlson

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I can't believe the end of this school year is nearly upon us! For many of our students and staff, the countdown of days left has already started. We are all excited about the upcoming summer, but we also must remember that the final month of school is probably one of the most important academically. June is an extremely busy month with Provincial Achievement tests for grades 3, 6 & 9, and various educational field trips.

The Elementary and Junior high dances were well attended and everyone appeared to enjoy the entertainment. The Aboriginal Hoop Dancer and History in the Hills trips were excellent and provided some history and knowledge about Aboriginal heritage. We are looking forward to our year end Awards Ceremony Assemblies.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped throughout this school year. Your time, enthusiasm and expertise has greatly helped and added to the overall program of our school. A special thanks to the School Council for their commitment and support of the school over the past year.

Congratulations to the Grade Nines on a successful and productive time with us at Ralston School. Mr. Craven commented on how proud he was of the Grade 9's when they attended the PARTY program at the Hospital. They demonstrated excellent and mature judgment. Good luck to all of you in your future endeavors!

I would also like to thank the staff for putting in many hours of their time for extra-curricular activities such as coaching, fine arts, event coordination, etc.

In closing, please take note of the calendar with important upcoming events as well as the Achievement Test dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mr. Craven at any time. Have a wonderful June and a most deserving summer break.

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Special Points of Interest

- Achievement Test Schedule
- Grade 6 to Grade 9 Exam Schedule

Coming Events

- Ralston Village Triathlon rescheduled to Friday, June 18th.
- Ice cream sale on Friday June 18th from 12:15-12:45 at the fridge.
- Grade 3 and 9 Trip to Calgary on Monday, June 21st.
- Taco in a Bag on Friday, June 25th.
- Grade 1,4, and 7 agriculture tour of the McLean Ranch on Friday, June 25th from 9:00-12:00.
- Grade 4-6 Trip to leisure centre on Monday, June 28th.
- Grade 7-9 Trip to Medicine Hat on Monday, June 28th.
- K-3 Awards assembly on Monday, June 28th at 9:00 in the school gym.
- Grades 4-9 awards assembly on Tuesday, June 29th at 9:00 in the school gym.
- Last day of school on Tuesday, June 29th.
- Please note that registration for **new students only** will be taking place on Monday, August 23rd and Tuesday, August 24th from 9:00-12:00.
- School Picture day is Friday, September 3rd.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE LAST HARD COPY THAT WILL BE SENT HOME.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUBSCRIBE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT

www.ralstonschool.ca

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER I WILL HAVE HARD COPIES AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THANK YOU

June Achievement Test Schedule

June 14	Grade 6 Math Achievement Part A
June 15	Grade 3 Language Arts Achievement Part B Grade 6 Social Studies Achievement
June 16	Grade 6 Language Arts Achievement Part B Grade 9 Social Studies Achievement
June 17	Grade 3 Math Achievement Grade 6 Math Achievement Part B Grade 9 Math Achievement Part A
June 18	Grade 6 Science Achievement
June 23	Grade 9 Language Arts Achievement Part B
June 24	Grade 9 Science
June 25	Grade 9 Math Achievement Part B

June 2010 Grade 6-9 Exam Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Grade 6 Math A	15 Grade 6 Social	16 Grade 6 English B	17 Grade 6 Math B	18 Grade 6 Science	19
20	21 Regular Classes	22 Regular Classes	23 Grade 7 Science	24 Grade 7 English	25 Grade 9 Math B	26
27	28	29	30			

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS



**FIRST DAY BACK TO
SCHOOL WILL BE
MONDAY, AUGUST 30th.**

Registration for NEW students will take place on Monday, August 23rd and Tuesday, August 24th from 9:00-12:00 at the school office.

Please remember to bring the following:

- Birth Certificate
- Copy of Visitor Visa (if applicable)
- School records from previous school



**A HUGE THANK YOU TO
MR. IAN SPIERS FOR DONATING
THE 2 NIGHT VISIT TO THE
MOUNTAINS FOR OUR STUDENT SURVEY
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER
MISS HALLEY MUNSCHE!!!!**

AUDIENCE: Parents of children taking Mathematics in all Grades K – 12.

WHAT "IS" MY CHILD LEARNING IN MATHEMATICS?

These two sessions will provide parents an overview of the revised Alberta Education Mathematics curriculum for Grades K – 12. Our Southern Alberta Professional Development Consortium (SAPDC) Mathematics Implementation Support Teachers will review:

- why the curriculum has changed,
- what has remained the same and what has changed,
- philosophy and goals of the revised curriculum including process skills, content and instructional strategies,
- role of technology,
- what you might see in your child's classroom, and
- how you can help at home.

At the High School session, in addition to the above information, the presenter will also review:

- course structure and
- post secondary acceptance.

Be prepared to put on your thinking cap and roll up your sleeves as our teachers provide examples, engage, and carefully guide you through some of the learning objectives and activities your child might be engaged in at school.

SAPDC Mathematics Support Implementation Teachers

- Bonnie Layton – Grades K – 9
- Mary Jo Rawleigh – High School with a focus on Grade 10

PARTICIPANT

note that this information will be recorded for administrative purposes. By signing this form, participants should understand that their names and online registrations will be included in the archived session. This information will also be included in a participants' list available to the teacher(s) and the organizers of this program.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm – Grades K-9

7:30pm – 8:30pm – High School with a focus on Grade 10

Please indicate which time you would like to attend

Location: Medicine Hat School District No. 76 - 601 – 1 Avenue SW

Video Conference Delivery available on request. Please have your Principal and/or Central Office Curriculum Coordinator contact Marg Jenkin to make arrangements

No Cost: This learning opportunity is subsidized as a result of grant money from Alberta Education to support implementation.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Online registration available: <http://people.uleth.ca/~sapdc>)

Name: _____ School: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Grade Level(s) _____

Your personal and school information is for the exclusive use of SAPDC as a means to contact you about registered and upcoming programs, feedback and needs assessments.

SAPDC
Ph: 403-381-5580 Fax: 403-381-57
Email: sapdc-register@sapdc

#215, 909 - 3 Ave North Lethbridge, AB T1H 0J1

Participants must pre-register and pre-pay applicable program fees using cheque or credit card. These fees **MUST** be paid prior to the advertised start date for SAPDC programs. Notification of withdrawal from a program must be received in writing by SAPDC offices seven (7) working days prior to the start of the program to receive a refund. For complete details regarding our new registration and cancellation policy, please visit our website at <http://people.uleth.ca/~sapdc>

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Please remember that areas around the school should not be used for walking your dogs. These are areas used by students at the school for their outdoor activities. This also refers to the baseball field. If you are using these areas **please remember to pick up after your dog.**

Ralston School Parent Council



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 Thursday'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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27	28	29	30			

21 Grade 3&9
Trip to Calgary

28 K-3 Awards
Assembly
Grade 4-9 trips to
Medicine Hat

29 Grade 4-9
Awards Assembly
ALL DONE

18 Ice Cream Sale
Ralston Village
Triathlon

25 Taco in a Bag
Grade 1,4 and 7
trip to McLean
Ranch

11 Ice Cream Sale