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## january



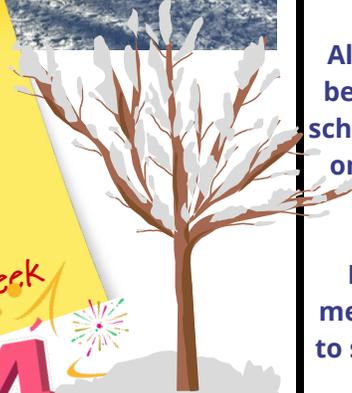
Celebrations  
this month:

- PBIS Monthly Focus:  
We are INDEPENDENT

- Skating

- French Culture Week

2024



## MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

Welcome back after the Winter Break! We hope your time off was filled with joy and relaxation. As we dive back into our academic journey, we'd like to share some exciting highlights from January.

Throughout the month, our students actively participated in French Culture Week, enjoyed ice skating, and had a memorable virtual visit from the renowned author, Christy Jordan. Her inspiring words in books like "Fatty Legs" and "When I was Eight" left a lasting impact on our young learners. Merci Mme Fong for organizing this for us!

In line with our monthly theme, "We are Independent," it has been heartening to witness the various ways our students have been demonstrating independence. From confidently gliding on the ice to taking leadership roles in clubs, and actively steering their learning goals, their autonomy shines brightly.

### Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces Engagement Reminder

Rocky View Schools (RVS) is continuing to hold in-person, drop-in open houses Jan. 31 and Feb. 6 to share information and collect your feedback on Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces.

The potential solutions RVS' Board of Trustees is considering could have a range of impacts including changing which communities attend each school and possible grade level changes for schools.

All families are encouraged to check how the changes being considered could impact their children's current school and future school path using this interactive map on RVSEngage and share their thoughts to inform the eventual Board decision.

Parents/guardians, students, staff and community members have an important voice and are encouraged to share feedback at an open house and online through RVSEngage. Detailed information is available on [RVSEngage.com](https://RVSEngage.com).

As we mark the halfway point of the school year, we encourage you to stay connected with your child's progress. Regularly check Power School for essential information regarding their academic journey. Your active involvement is crucial in ensuring their continued success.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a fantastic second half of the school year!

### February Reminders:

Feb 5-9 :Literacy Week  
Feb 14-Love Day & Fun Lunch  
Feb 16- PL Day NO SCHOOL  
Feb 19-23-NO SCHOOL  
Feb 28-Pink Shirt Day  
February is BLACK History Month  
(Further details to come..)



**WE ARE  
INDEPENDENT**



**NOUS SOMMES  
INDÉPENDANTS**

**Hello  
January!**

**Bienvenue janvier!**

**How can you  
BE INDEPENDENT  
this month?**

**Bienvenue janvier!  
Comment peut on  
montrer  
d'indépendance?**

**JE PEUX...**

- faire les choses par moi-même
- faire de bons choix et se fixer des objectifs pour s'améliorer
- être responsable et assumer la responsabilité de mes actions et de mes paroles

**I CAN...**

- ✓ do things on my own
- ✓ make good choices and set goals to improve
- ✓ be responsible and take ownership for my actions and words



# School Council

Volunteers  
needed

School Council is gathering names and contact information of individuals who are willing to help volunteer in the school. We would call on you time to time for any help that may be required.

If you are interested, please complete this [Contact Information Form](#)

- You are not committing to anything at this time, only committing to be added to email lists.
- You will only receive these emails from School Council not from the school.
- Your contact information is for School Council Executives only and will not be shared with anyone else.
- ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK COMPLETED AND HANDED IN TO THE SCHOOL.

## Jan Parent Input Survey:

1. In what ways did your child show leadership this past month?
2. What learning goals do you look forward to for the rest of the school year?

Complete the survey now!

Join at [menti.com](https://www.menti.com) | use code **6626 7697**

# School Council Principal Report

Rachelle Prud'Homme, Principal  
Veronica Hooper, Assistant Principal

## JANUARY 2024

### PBIS Monthly Focus: WE ARE INDEPENDENT/ NOUS SOMMES INDÉPENDANTS

How does your child show independence?

- Featured this month:
  - **Parent Input Survey**
  - **Parent Info and Tips**



### School Population – Quick Facts

694 total students

32 classrooms K-5

- **11% of our students** have significant learning needs
- **7% of our students** are learning English as an additional language
- **7% of our students** self-identify as First Nations, Indigenous, Metis, or Inuit

### Building Resilient Students: Series for Parents - with Mme Hooper

#### January's Focus: *Building Independence*

Scan the QR Code to see the presentation →



### Highlights from December & January:

- **PBIS December Focus:** We Do Our Best, thank you grade 3 students for their work in making an assembly video for the school to watch.
- **Charcuterie table and parent volunteers** at lunch supervising students – incredible turn out for a special Christmas lunch for all staff – THANK YOU!
- **Due to multiple donations for the breakfast program** - it is now Mon-Thurs with lots of food for kids, including snacks throughout the day and run by amazing parent volunteers!
- **K-2 and 2/3 Concerts were a success!** THANK YOU for the many volunteers, staff, parents, students, and music teachers. What incredible performances!
- **Fun December spirit days!** It was an absolute blast!
- **Adopt a Family donations** – thank you for those who helped to make Christmas better for families this year.
- **PBIS January Focus:** We Are Independent, thank you grade 4 students for their work in making an assembly video for the school to watch.
- **January** Skating days, Special Indigenous guest author Christy Jordan-Fenton, Blackfoot elder visit Saa'Kotkoto, and French Culture Week special classroom activities!
- **Funding Updates:** Curriculum Funds \$22,000 to be used for classroom supplies and resources (about \$250/ classroom and additional funds for school-wide programs and resources), Learning Disruption Funds \$30,000 (2 part time teachers for literacy and numeracy support, and Casino

### Upcoming School Events:

- French Culture Week Jan. 22-26
- Literacy Week Feb. 5-9
- Have a Heart Day Feb. 12, 13
- Surprise Staff Appreciation from School Council Team in February...

#### \*January -February:

Grade 4 students, parents and all teachers will be completing the annual Alberta Education Survey for the school – watch for it in your mail, for a online code. *Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey.* Those who complete it can be entered to win a draw. Grade 4 families will be emailed details.

#### Parent Reminders:

**Parents, watch for classroom updates and news weekly or bi-weekly from teachers.**  
*When you have a question, reach out to the teacher.*

*Be sure to check out our school's monthly newsletter the Family Express send home at the end of each month*

**Parents, please see PowerSchool to review your child's learning assessments and**

Funds \$62,000 to be used for special equipment and activities over the next 4 years.

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**progress.** Teachers are reporting online in PowerSchool throughout the month in subject areas. This is our online report card, accessible to all parents and guardians, all the time.

**Read every night with your child, practice math facts, and set up learning routines to help build their independence and mastery!**

**School Goals & Continuous Improvement**

2023-2024 School Education Plan focuses on 3 goals:

- 1) **How might we engage students in their literacy and numeracy success?**

**School Goal:** Students are performing math and reading at or above grade level.

- 2) **How might we build student leadership across the school community?**

**School Goal:** Students have a sense of purpose in life, understand their own and other cultures, and are goal oriented, building leadership skills.

- 3) **How might we create inclusive, engaging, and healthy learning opportunities for all students?**

**School Goal:** Students are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe, and experience success in learning environments that are inclusive of every learner.

**The Next School Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 7,**

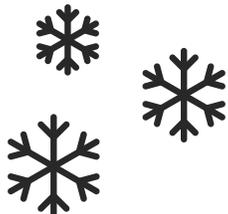
**\*Note there is NO meeting in February\***

**All parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome to attend either virtually on Zoom or in person. The meetings are recorded and videos are posted on the Council's Facebook page.**

# JANUARY

## Snow Castles

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Skating