

— December 2, 2024 —

# Rochester School

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**Remembrance Day Ceremony - Athabasca Legion**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- o December 3-18 - Food Bank Collection
- o December 3 - Science Fair
- o December 4 - Rochester School Council
- o December 13 - When I grow up, I want to be... Day
- o December 18 - Family Christmas Meal
- o December 19 - Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm
- o December 23-January 3 - Christmas Break
- o January 16 - Dress up Backwards Day
- o January 24 - Professor Wow!
- o February 6 - Crazy Hair Day
- o February 7 - Whole School Ski Day
- o February 12 - Wear your favourite Valentine's Day Colour

## Christmas Concert

**Elizabeth Siemens, Principal**

Students and staff enjoyed the experience of working and performing a whole school play last year, so we are doing it again!

This year's play is called *A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol* by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus (Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado). We have all the big names: Big Bad Wolf (Ebenezer Scrooge), Prince Philip (Bob Crachit), the Little Match Girl Tabitha (Tiny Tim), and many more!

We are dedicated to providing time daily to work on lines, but there is always more practice needed, so please encourage your child to practice their lines at home. We have also included a list of props on the following pages that we could use help locating. Please let the school office know if you have anything we could use!

Play practice and preparation is not wasted time as it falls under many categories within curriculums, such as reading (comprehension, fluency and accuracy), speaking (language arts and social studies), art (set design), drama, health and wellness (collaboration and listening to others), career and technology foundations (possible careers), and others. It is also fun!

# Special Events

## Science Fair

Students have been working hard on their Science Fair projects and are putting them on display on December 3, 2024. Please feel free to come to the school between 1:30 - 2:30 pm to take a peak at the variety of questions and investigations that have been performed.

## 12 Days of Christmas, Food Bank Edition

Once again we will be collecting food for the food bank prior to the Christmas break. Attached to this newsletter are suggestions of food ideas to send with your child, but please do not feel limited to these ideas. We will take any non-perishable items. Items will be delivered to the Athabasca Food Bank early in 2025.

## Family Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner is planned for December 18, 2024 at 12:30. Similar to last year, we would like to invite immediate families of our students to join us for the Christmas meal. More information will be coming as well as an RSVP form so that we know how many people to prepare for.

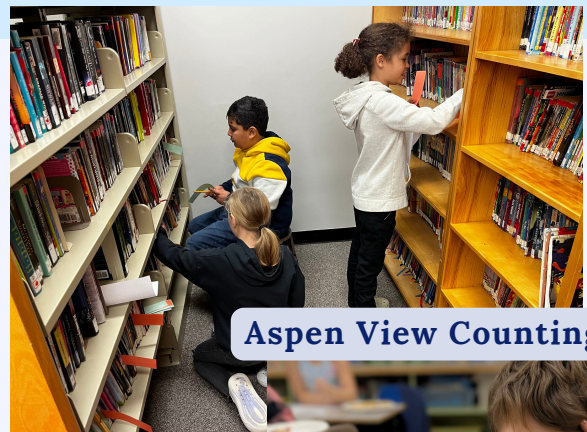
*Thank you for your continued support!*

Breakfast is so good!  
Thank you Mr. Hoetmer!



## Hot Lunch Servers

We are starting up hot lunch again! If you are able to help serve lunch on Friday, please give the office a call. Depending on your availability, this could require 30 minutes to up to and hour and a half.



Aspen View Counting Day





# Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert is on December 19, 2024, starting at 6:30 pm. Please have your child here by 6:15 pm at the latest so that they are ready to perform. Doors will open at 6:00 pm for general audience seating.

## Props Needed

If you have any of the following that we could use in our Christmas concert, please contact the school office!

- quills
- fairy godmother wand
- hand fan
- shoeboxes
- fiddle
- horn
- park bench
- scythe
- bag of marbles
- gravestone
- baskets

## Help with sets/costumes

We could use some help making backdrops and signs as well as putting together costumes. If you are interested in helping, please come to Rochester School on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 3:30 to help out! If you cannot make it that day, please contact the office and we will find another time!

## Bus Notes

Please contact the office by phone or email by 2:00 pm if your child is not taking the bus home after school.



## School Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

School Days

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# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK EDITION 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Rochester Families, Let's gather items for the Food Bank! Ideas are given for specific days, but you are welcome to bring any non-perishable items over the month of December.

<b>1</b>	2	3	4	5	6	<b>7</b>
		Box of Cereal or Oatmeal	Jar of Peanut Butter or Jam	Macaroni and Cheese	Canned Fruit	
<b>8</b>	9	10	11	12	13	<b>14</b>
	Canned Soup	Canned Vegetables	Canned Meat, Fish or Beans	Rice or Pasta	Box of Crackers	
<b>15</b>	16	17	18	19	20	<b>21</b>
	Pasta Sauce	Granola Bars	Package of Cookies			
<b>22</b>	23	24	25	26	27	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	30	31				