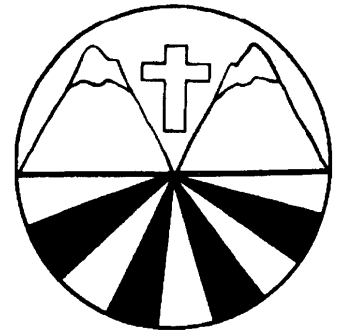


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"Bringing family and school together"

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Call the office if you have a question about any of the activities that are taking place.

Greetings to everyone in the Rocky Christian School community. It is a privilege to become part of the body of Christ that comes together in Rocky Mountain House. I am looking forward to meeting everyone who reads this Lifeline. I'm Rob Duiker, the new principal here. This summer I moved here from Ontario with my wife Fran and my three children Bethany (18) who attends Dordt College in Iowa, Thomas (17), and Preston (15). We are all thankful for the warm welcome we have received here in Rocky.

I hope to write something about our school or about Christian Education in this newsletter every time it is published. By the time you receive the next edition I plan to have a catchy name for my regular column. I am looking for a name that fits with the name Lifeline. I have begun my search by looking up the various meanings of the term "Lifeline." Here they are:

Lifeline (noun)

1. A crease on the palm; its length is said by palmists to indicate how long you will live.
2. Support that enables people to survive or to continue doing something (often by providing an essential connection); "the airlift provided a lifeline for Berlin"; "she offered me a lifeline in my time of grief".
3. A means or route by which necessary supplies are transported.
4. A line that raises or lowers a deep-sea diver.
5. An anchored line thrown as a support to someone falling or drowning.
6. A line shot to a ship in distress.
7. One that is or is regarded as a source of salvation in a crisis.

Do you think that maybe the name was initially thought up by a palm reader? I doubt it. But I kind of like the ring of calling my column "In The Palm of God's Hand." When I check out the various definitions I come up with, "The Oxygen Tank," "The Anchor," "Airlift," "Help!" and, "Wish I'd Taken Swimming Lessons." What do you think? Let me know if you like any of these ideas or suggest one I haven't thought of. I can't wait to hear what you've got to say!

It will be a pleasure to get to know your children and a privilege to be a part of leading them to a life of serving our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself soon.

Submitted by Rob Duiker



Learning, loving, living for our Lord.

WELCOME BACK!

The summer has been busy for some, wet for others, and likely too short for all.

A lot of maintenance work happened over the summer. The fence is up and the field has been reworked and reseeded again. We have some new flooring in a couple of classrooms, fresh paint on the walls, and clean, shiny floors throughout the school. Many thanks to all who came out to help with the work and the extra cleaning.

The Promotions Committee was busy in the spring, and that meant the Admissions Committee had interviewing to do. This year we welcome a number of new families and their children to RCS. They are as follows:

- Stirling and Heather Bott, with Naomi in grade 9, Peter in grade 7 and Lisa in grade 3.
- Gerald & Deborah Doerksen, with Elizabeth in grade 6
- Louise Dubrule, with Travis in grade 4.
- Kevin Elliott and Judy Munt, with David in grade 3, and John in ECS.
- Kevin and Leanne Harrold – Kristopher in grade 2 and Kolby in ECS join their brother Kaleb here at RCS.
- Blake and Leanne Headon, with Josh in grade 6, and Brodey in grade 4.
- Rene and Joan Klugkist, with Austin in grade 4 and Carson in grade 2.

- Martha Lee, with Michael in grade 6.
- Elroy and Arlene Leenstra, with Cory coming back to the grade 9 class from home schooling.
- John and Michelle Lublinkhof students are also coming back to class from home schooling. They have Melissa in grade 8, Christopher in grade 6, Trevor in grade 4, Jessica in grade 2 and Paul in ECS.
- John and Anita Middel, home schooling Raylene in grade 5.
- Lowell and Chris Smith, with Raylyn in ECS.
- Peter VandenBrink and Lena Emingak, with Clarissa in grade 9, Brandon in grade 8, Shantelle in grade 7 and Tyler in grade 4.
- Don and Gail Witten, home schooling Leanne in grade 7.
- Jason and Tammy Young, with Joshua in ECS.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER forms are below. In order for you to drive students for field trips, etc., this form needs to be resubmitted to the office each school year. Please sign and return the form to the office **with** a copy of your insurance policy.

Rocky Christian School

VOLUNTEER DRIVER INSURANCE AGREEMENT

As a volunteer driver for Rocky Christian School, I, _____
the undersigned, agree with the following:

1. I carry adequate insurance coverage on my vehicle, including a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 third party liability, and that my insurance is in good standing. **Attached is a copy of my insurance policy.**
2. That my driver's license is valid and my driver's record is in good standing.
3. That I am over the age of 21 years.

Signature

Date

NUTRITIOUS MILK

Good news! Our school will again be participating in CLUB MOO, the School Milk Program offered to schools by the Alberta Milk Producers. Club Moo provides free prize incentives to students who drink milk during lunch after the first 10 days and every subsequent 20 days of consumption up to a total of 150 days during the school year. The prize incentives encourage children to develop and maintain the life-long habit of drinking milk.

No other beverage provides the nutritious benefits of Milk.

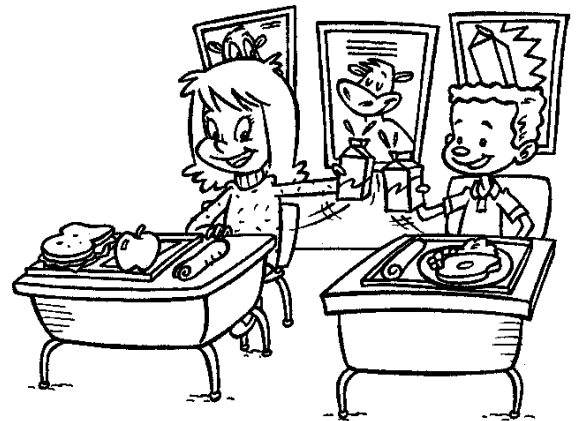
We are offering the program because milk provides the kind of healthy goodness that helps children concentrate and have more energy and get the most out of their school day! No other drink gives children the 15 essential nutrients found in every glass of milk. Chocolate milk has all the same nutrients as white milk. Still worried because it tastes soooo good? Don't be! Chocolate milk has the same amount of sugar as unsweetened orange juice, and about the same caffeine as a decaff coffee, which is way less than a chocolate bar or cola!

Students can have a cold glass of Milk at lunch time....every day!

Milk can be ordered for students to drink with their lunch. The cost for a 250 ml carton of white or chocolate milk is 50¢. To help us in ordering the milk please check what days your child will be having milk and whether you wish white or chocolate milk.

We are pleased to offer you this convenient way for your children to have this nutritious and delicious drink. If you have any questions please call Cathleen at 845-3516.

The first block for Club Moo will run from **September 19 – November 4** for a total of 30 days. Cost is 50¢ a day. Please return the form to the office by **Thursday, September 15**.



MOO CLUB

I wish to enrol _____, Grade _____, in CLUB MOO and request the following milk order. Enclosed is \$ _____ to cover the cost.

2% White Milk	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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Chocolate Milk	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Parent/Student Handbook is going home with this newsletter. Check out the Volunteer Opportunities pages and give us a call with what you would like to do. The school calendar is also included.
- Also going home is the Student Accident Insurance Program. If you wish to enroll in this program, complete the enrollment form and mail it along with the premium in the return envelope. The school does carry coverage for all students and staff for any accidents that occur at school or while on school outings.
- Enjoy the Christian Home & School magazine that is also going home today.
- Please call the school before 9:00 a.m. if your child will be late, or not at school for the day. The school has an answering machine so you can leave a message as early as you like.
- Junior high scientific calculators will be on sale next week at the office for \$10.00 each.

COLLECTABLES:

- We are continuing to collect Campbell Soup labels. Be sure to cut out the WHOLE label.
- We also collect bottles for recycling. Bag them up and bring them to the school anytime.

FROM THE TREASURER – Tuition fee for this year is \$4,200 per family. Book fees are now \$75 per student and the society membership fee is \$100 per family. Book and membership fees are due by September 15. If you have questions about tuition or fees, please contact the new treasurer, Trudy DeBruyn, at 845-6192.

JANITOR – The school requires one more janitor to work with the janitor team. This involves cleaning the school for one week in a four week rotation. Please call the office if you are interested.

BAND – The Bandstand sales/rental representative will be at Rocky Christian School on September 8, at 7:00 p.m. for families interested in buying or renting an instrument.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS will be sent home on the last Thursday of each month. Items for the newsletter need to be in the office by the Tuesday before the newsletter goes out. If there is any information (newsletters, lunch forms, etc.) from the school office it will be sent home with the youngest grade 1-9 student in each family on Thursdays. Please remember to check your youngest child's backpack on that day.

CANADIAN TEST OF BASIC SKILLS: During the third week in September we will be administering the CTBS to students in grades 3 to 8. The results will give the teachers information about your children that will help them to improve instruction. We will share the results with parents during the first parent-teacher interviews.

HOMEWORK BOOKS – Students in grades 5-9 receive a day planner to help them get organized. They will use it to track assignments, school activities, project due dates and test dates. Please make sure your student is using this resource effectively by checking it on a regular basis.

GRADE 6 MATH: Students have been asked to bring a quad-ruled (graph paper) notebook for Math class. This can be loose leaf in a duo-tang or spiral bound.

VOLLEYBALL – All students in grade 6-9 interested in playing this year will meet in the gym after school on Tuesday, September 13. If you are interested in helping coach or ref, please call the school office.

CHOCOLATE BAR SALES – Student council is once again selling chocolate bars. This is the main fundraiser sponsored by our students and the proceeds are used for class fieldtrips throughout the school year. (Selling chocolate bars now saves you money during the fieldtrip season!) Students will be taking home a box of chocolate bars today. They sell for **\$2.00** each this year. It is important for your child to sell the bars and return the money to school as quickly as possible. There will be great prizes for the students selling the most bars. The deadline for selling (and qualifying for our great prizes) will be Thursday, September 22. Unsold chocolate bars should also be returned by this date.

ALBERTA'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On Friday, September 2, we will be taking the students to the National Historic Site to celebrate Alberta's Centennial. We will be taking the buses and will leave the school at 11:15 a.m. Students will eat their lunch at the National Historic Site and then take part in a program and some games starting at 12:15 p.m. We'll finish the celebrations with a piece of birthday cake and be back at the school by 3:15 p.m. Parents call the office if you wish to help chaperone.

Students need to bring:

- Bag lunch
- water bottle
- good walking shoes
- hat
- light jacket

ALBERTA LEARNING has a website that offers teachers, students and parents many excellent learning resources for all grade levels. You can also access the Online Reference Centre which takes you to the Canadian Encyclopedia, Electric Library, Bigchalk Library, SIRS Discoverer, and Grolier Online. The website address is

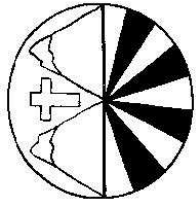
www.LearnAlberta.ca and requires a UserID and Password as follows:

UserID: LA133

Password: 6273

PLEASE NOTE: ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE INSIDE SHOES.

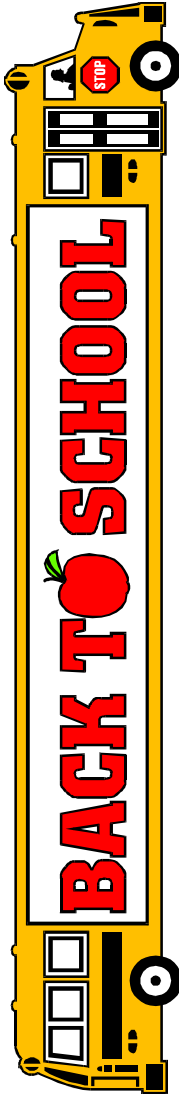
(Shoes that don't mark the floor.)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Labour Day	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 E.C.S. Fun Lunch Board Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Newsletter goes out	30 Professional Development Day No School	

" The goal of the commands is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." 1 Timothy 1:5