

RSOSC NEWS

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DECEMBER EDITION



IMPORTANT DATES

**Dec 22 - 31 : WINTER
BREAK**

**Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
Center Closes Early
December 25 - Christmas
Day**

**CENTER CLOSED
December 26 - Boxing Day
CENTER CLOSED**

**Dec 31 - New Years Eve
Center Closes Early**



CUT-OFF ARRIVAL TIMES FOR ~~AM~~ CHILD CARE:

RSS Location:	ELC Location:
Richard Secord – 8:15 a.m.	Richard Secord – 8:00 a.m.
Westbrook – 8:00 a.m.	Greenfield – 8:15 a.m.

If your child/ren are dropped off after the cut off time, we cannot guarantee we will be able to walk them to school.

JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY FEE INCREASE FOR GRADES 1-6

Our board of directors has reviewed our financial situation and due to rising costs of our expenses, they have decided that it is necessary to increase the monthly fees for the Grade 1-6 children to ensure the long term sustainability of the centre.

The new monthly fees will come into effect on January 1, 2026 and will be as follows:

Grades 1-6

Full Time = \$680/ child per month

Part Time = \$630/ child per month

Daily Drop in Fees

Regular School Day = \$45/ child per day

Full Day Child Care = \$60/ child per day

(Note: The Kindergarten monthly fees remain unchanged due to the Affordability Grant Agreement)

WINTER BREAK SURVEY

If you haven't already done so.
Please fill out the Winter Break
Survey by December 5, 2025.

Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/dXNhhuLucfGee6tY7>

Our board of directors will be reviewing the results of the survey to determine how to best operate the centres over the holidays and we will be notifying parents soon if they are making any changes to operations over Winter Break.

REMINDER ABOUT SPECIAL TREATS

Please refrain from bring in any treats into the center that are not pre-packaged with listed ingredients due to children on-site with life threatening allergies

REMINDERS

If your child will be absent, please ensure you notify the centre in advance. We will expect all children to be attending each day unless notified otherwise.

When notifying the centre of your child being sick, please state what your child's symptoms are to the staff, as per Alberta Health Services standard we need to keep a record.

- o Children who are recovering from...
- o fever will be required to stay home for 24 hours.
- o vomiting and diarrhea will be required to stay home for 48 hours as per AHS requirements.

Please do not let anyone into the centre. It is the responsibility of the RSOSC staff to answer the door to ensure we are aware of all people entering the building.

Please ensure to send your child with appropriate gear for the weather each day.

Each child should arrive to the centre every day with clothing appropriate for playing outside everyday.

****As per the Parent Handbook, "a fee of \$2.00 a minute per child will be charged for each minute after 6:00 p.m. that a child remains at the Centre."**

WINTER STAFF APPRECIATION

If you are interested in contributing to our staff appreciation gift card fundraiser, please bring in your contributions by December 17, 2025. For additional details please view the attached letter from our staff appreciation committee.



STAFF APPRECIATION FOR THE MONTH

Lizzy has been a great addition to our team, since she joined our team in December 2022. Lizzy hardworking and dedicated to her role as an early childhood educator. Her presence and passion for working with kindergarten children is especially noted with the children in the Penguin Room. She is warm, friendly to everyone and eager to help at whichever location she is needed. Lizzy is also eager to expand her knowledge and skills as an educator and has worked hard to obtain her level 3 certification and continues her growth by attending various PD workshops. We are very fortunate to have such a hardworking and dedicated educator such as Lizzy on our team. Thank you Lizzy for everything that you do to make RSOSC a safe and welcoming place for our children.

Sent on behalf of RSOSCS Fundraising Committee
2025 Staff Appreciation Gifts – We Need Your Help!

Parents, are you thinking of ways to show appreciation to RSOSC staff this Christmas? If so, we need your help once again!!

Last year, the Fundraising Committee collected donations from parents for staff appreciation gifts at Christmas. Through this initiative parents generously donated over \$2,000; the funds were used to purchase gift cards for RSOSC staff.

Given the continued budget constraints, the Fundraising Committee is looking for parent donations once again to support staff appreciation gifts.

Please help us acknowledge the excellent work of RSOSC staff and show appreciation for the high-quality care provided to our children.

Parents are asked to consider voluntarily contributing funds of their choosing to a pool that will be used toward staff appreciation gifts. We are aiming to purchase gift-cards once again with the funds collected.

We appreciate your consideration of this opportunity; any questions can be directed to the RSOSCS Fundraising Committee.

Cheques or cash will be accepted now through to Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Cheques can be payable to Richard Secord Out of School Care Society (or RSOSCS), please include “staff appreciation” in the memo field. If you would like to contribute cash, please put the money in a sealed envelope with “staff appreciation” written on it along with your name and your child’s name.

RSOSCS Fundraising Committee