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Newsletter #4



December 2011

Acting Principal's Message

*Encourage, Engage,
Inspire! at
École Deer Meadow
School*

Important Dates:

Dec. 2	Report Card I Goes Home
Dec. 9	NO SCHOOL
Dec. 12	School Council Mtg 12:00 Noon
Dec. 13	Christmas Band Concert 7:00 pm
Dec. 16	Renaissance Fair
Dec. 16	Winter Wonderland Dance 4-7:00pm
Dec. 21	Last Day of Classes
Jan. 5	Classes Resume

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Season's Greetings! It seems a little colder than winters gone by; maybe I'm getting older and less tolerant of the cold or maybe it's my new haircut that's to blame. Thirty-one of us (24 students 7 staff) took part in the "**Head Shave for Cancer Research**" this year, generating **\$8525.98** for this very worthwhile cause. The "Head Shave" fundraiser was kicked off by a great assembly by **Fred Fox (brother of Terry Fox)** a week earlier. Also in the spirit of generosity and empathy, Deer Meadow students contributed **113 Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts** for children in far away developing countries.

There are numerous exciting events taking place over the next few weeks here. Our first ever **Dinner Theatre production "Meet Me at Luigi's"** is coming up **Saturday, December 3rd**. At press time for the newsletter the show was nearly sold out. Look for another production to come out in the spring! The **Winter Band Concert** showcasing the amazing talent of your kids is coming up **Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM**. Our Grade 8 students are busy working on their projects for the upcoming **Renaissance Fair**. Stop by the gym on **December 16th** to check out their displays and listen to their

presentations. We're hosting a **Winter Wonderland Dance, Thursday, December 8th, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM**. Parent volunteers are vital in making these events run smoothly. Please call the school office and leave your name if you're willing to help out.

School Council meets Monday, December 12th at noon in the conference room. The council has some big plans for legacy projects that will enhance our school and the experiences of our students. If you would like to be a part of these projects, or just better informed about what's happening at the school, please join us.

Report Cards are going home **Friday, December 2nd**. Our report cards look a little different than they have in years gone by. We've done a lot of work to make them more consistent from grade to grade and class to class. Please take some time to **provide some feedback** on the enclosed questionnaire that is in the report card folder.

Enjoy the best the season has to offer with family and friends, have a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

BMS STAFF WOULD LIKE TO SEND A BIG THANK YOU TO MOMS WHO CARE FOR YOUR KINDHEARTED THOUGHTS AND DELICIOUS TREATS

Renaissance Fair

All grade 8 students are conducting a research project on a specific individual from the Renaissance time period and they will be presenting this information at a Renaissance Fair that will be held in the gym at Deer Meadow School on **Friday, December 16, 2011**.

If you are able to join us on this day, we would love to share our work with you. The gym will be open to the community from 1:30-2:30 pm for all to peruse through the projects.

DMS Christmas Band Concert



**Tuesday, December 13th
@ 7:00 pm**



Gr. 6-8 band students will be showcasing their musical talents for family & friends.

Please come out to enjoy some festive entertainment and support your students!

DMS Ski Trip

Our annual ski trip to Nakiska will be on Tuesday, January 31st, 2012. We will leave the school at 6:00am sharp so please be at Deer Meadow by 5:45am. We will return to DMS at approximately 6:30pm. All Deer Meadow students are invited to join us. Registration forms will be available at the office next week and need to be completed and handed in by **Friday, Jan. 13th, 2012**. *Please note that there are limited spaces available on this trip and completed forms will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.*

November Students of the Month ~ Politeness

5-1 Ronan
5-2 Lucas
5-3 Regan
5/6 Tav

7-1 Ryan
7-2 Nick
7-3 Vanessa
7-4 Nicole
7-5 Breanna
7-6 Caden



6-1 Quentin
6-2 Conner
6-3 Chase
6-4 Brianna

8-1 Emma
8-2 Johannes
8-3 Sydney
8-4 Kalysa
8-5 Janine

Opportunity to Input to Education Act

Alberta Education is offering an opportunity for parents, students and community to provide input to the changes to the Education Act. Consultations will be held in seven Alberta communities. For additional information please access the following link - <http://bit.ly/sRPqxV>

Lost & Found Items

Lost & Found items will be set out on tables outside the gym from Mon., Dec. 12th until Thurs., Dec. 15th. Please stop by to take a look and collect any articles that belong to your family. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Fri., Dec. 16th...Thank you!

Titans Talk

December welcomes the start of Titans Basketball! Grade 7 & 8 basketball tryouts will take place next week. Below is the schedule for tryouts which will run from **3:15-5:00 pm**:



<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
Monday, Dec. 5	Wednesday, Dec. 7
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Thursday, Dec. 8



Creating Great Citizens in our Safe and Caring Schools



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A Message from the Superintendent:

Our focus in Chinook's Edge is to provide high quality learning opportunities that will help our students achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens. Good citizenship is a distinctive element of an effective classroom and a thriving community. Everyone benefits when individuals commit to making positive contributions to their school, their community and their world.

During this season of giving, we can clearly see the influence of Chinook's Edge students as they reach out to others. Our students are making plans to collect items for the local food bank at their seasonal

concerts, sharing their musical talents at seniors' homes and filling hundreds and hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact entire communities, our students are modeling what citizenship truly means.

We thank our students and everyone who supports them as they reach out to others. Thank you, also, to our staff and parents who facilitate and encourage this great generosity of spirit all year long.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

School Council News

Fundraising: We do weekly fundraising with pizza sales and occasional dances but we have not done a major fundraiser in some time. Our playground is in need of some TLC and the costs are HUGE. We are starting a fundraiser that revolves around gift cards that you can use at many local businesses for your everyday needs. Information was sent home with your children. **Coming up:** Winter Wonderland Dance Dec. 16th. Volunteers much appreciated! Please call Mindy or Laural at 556-3608. Our next School Council meeting is Dec. 12th at noon...hope to see you there. Lunch will be served.



Folk Art from Art A—Painting Academy



Giocchetti Sculptures from Art C—Sculptures Academy



Folk Art from Art A—Painting Academy

Community Events

BREAK OF DAY

a practical break for the single parent family

(Third Wednesday of every month)

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

December 21st

Free Dinner and childcare

5005 - 53rd Ave.

(First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall - West Entrance preferably)

Call Cindy @ 403-556-6847
to RSVP for the cook



Staying Home Alone



Is your child ready to stay home alone? Can they handle brief periods of being left alone well? Do they know when to seek outside help? Are they prepared to handle an accident? Do they know when and how to seek outside help?

If the time has come when you must decide if your child is ready to stay home alone, consider registering for this 2 day course.

Who: For kids 10 years and older. Second sibling can be 8 and older.

When: Dec 9th 5:00-8:00pm and Dec 10th 10:00am-4:00pm

Where: Olds Church of the Nazarene 5402-43 St. Olds

Cost: \$10 Extra sibling is \$5. Course manual is included

Registration forms are available at the Town of Olds office

Limit of 15 participants. Participants should bring their own bag lunch, and parents must be present for the last hour on Dec. 10th.

Questions? Call facilitator Tammy Bennett at 403-588-0284.

Breakfast For Learners would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Olds High School Drama Club for their donation of oranges to our breakfast program at Deer Meadow!

The Olds Grizzlys are proud to host Team Sweden and Team Denmark at the Olds Sportsplex for an exhibition game. The Olds Grizzlys have teamed up with Hockey Canada to present a fast paced, hard hitting, exhilarating game to the Town of Olds. Get your tickets from www.oldgrizzlys.com or Hockey Canada website.

Team Sweden VS Team Denmark
December 20, 2011
7 pm puck drop down at
the Olds Sportsplex



BADMINTON for STUDENTS

We are now taking registrations for student badminton for the 10-week Winter session, starting Jan. 18th.

Place: Deer Meadow School

Cost: \$15.00 for 10 weeks

Ages: 6 – 12 years old

MAXIMUM OF 20 STUDENTS



Please call Veronica 403-556-8043 or email veronica8reist@gmail.com no later than Dec. 31st to sign up any children in your family that are interested. Our Maximum total is 20 so Register early to not be disappointed.





Upcoming Registration for the Winter Session takes place December 19, 2011 at the Arena Concourse from 4:30-5:30pm.




The Olds Skating Club will be offering Pre CanSkate, CanSkate, CanSkate Group, Teen CanSkate, CanPower Skate and StarSkate.

If you're interested please check out our website @ oldfigureskatingclub.com, for registration forms and further information.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day 5 <i>Extreme Pita</i> Newsletter Posted	2 Day 6 Report Card I Goes Home	3 <i>Meet Me At Luigi's</i> Dinner Theatre 5:00pm
4	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 Pizza Day \$2/slice	7 Day 3 Soccer C—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm	8 Day 4 <i>Quizno's Day</i>	9 NO SCHOOL	10
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January 2012

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