



# TITANS TABLOID

Newsletter #6

February 2012

## Acting Principal's Message

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

[www.deermeadow.ca](http://www.deermeadow.ca)

### Important Dates:

Feb. 7	Science Fair at OES
Feb. 10	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Feb. 13	School Council Mtg 12:00 Noon
Feb. 20	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Feb. 22	Carnaval d'hiver
Feb. 23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> ~ Teachers' Convention
Feb. 24	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> ~ Teachers' Convention

*Chinooks Edge  
School Division #73*

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Time sure flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe, but the annual Deer Meadow **Nakiska Ski Trip** marks the halfway point of the school year. We had a great day in the mountains; thanks to the many parent volunteers that joined us, and thanks especially to Mr. Clattenburg who arranged all the details for this great event. The theme from Chinook's Edge School Division this month is **Values**. Above all, our school values relationships, and student engagement. At the center of everything we do at Deer Meadow we try to ensure that the best interests of students are the focus. We are constantly striving to improve the learning environment here so that your children get the best educational experience possible. In order to improve, we are always looking for feedback on how we're doing. Thanks to the many people who returned the Report Card Surveys, the results are linked on our school website. Another source of information we use to determine improvement areas is the Alberta Education Accountability Pillar survey. The details of this survey are as follows:

- As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success.
- The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and

teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

- From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.
- All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving.
- Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

As always, if you have feedback to share about your child's education, or questions or concerns of any kind, please feel free to contact us at the school to let us know. As we forge on toward an exciting second half of our school year, please continue to help us challenge your children to reach their potential.

## Carnaval d'hiver de Deer Meadow

The French Immersion students will be hosting their second annual Carnaval d'hiver in the afternoon of February 22nd. Grade 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to celebrate the joy of winter with this unique French-Canadian experience. Lots of winter fun to look forward to! Bon Carnaval!

We are looking for volunteers to help with outdoor activities and to lead groups of students. If you are interested in helping out, contact Mlle Ferland at [cferland@chinooksedge.ab.ca](mailto:cferland@chinooksedge.ab.ca).



## Nakiska Ski Trip



## DMS Yearbook 2012—Order Yours NOW!

Have you ordered your 2012 yearbook yet? Yearbook orders can be made with school fees, or pick up an order form at the office, and place your order by March 8. Yearbooks are \$20 (cash or cheque made out to DMS). See your smiling face on the pages of the yearbook and keep those memories of the good times spent at DMS!

## January Students of the Month ~ RESPONSIBILITY

- 5-1 Emma
- 5-2 Michael
- 5-3 Mataya
- 5/6 Rachel

- 7-1 Brooklyn
- 7-2 Shayna
- 7-3 Darci
- 7-4 Tyana
- 7-5 Breanna
- 7-6 Abbey



- 6-1 Hannah
- 6-2 Desmond
- 6-3 Nicole
- 6-4 Tyler

- 8-1 Connor
- 8-2 Breanna
- 8-3 Sam
- 8-4 Keaton
- 8-5 Kyle

December Student of the Month for 7-3 exhibiting COMPASSION—Braden

## From the Desk of Family Wellness

1) *Kids & Drugs* is a program designed to help parents build on their strengths and learn new strategies to **prevent** school aged children (ages 8 to 15) from abusing alcohol and other drugs. *Kids & Drugs* goes beyond providing parents with basic “drug education” and addresses some of the important **protective** influences of parents. Topics discussed during the training include: the power of parents, talking with your kids, helping your kids make good decisions, and what parents need to know about drugs.

**Who:** Facilitated by Addiction Services—Red Deer  
Addiction & Mental Health, Alberta Health Services  
**Where:** Red Deer Provincial Bldg—4920 51 St, Red Deer, Room TBA  
**When:** April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 & May 24  
**Time:** 4:00 pm—5:30 pm  
**Cost:** FREE

You **must** register in order to attend. Please register before April 13, 2012 by calling Ivy Daigle @ Addiction Services—Red Deer 403.340.5274 / [ivy.daigle@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:ivy.daigle@albertahealthservices.ca)

2) On Tuesday, February 7 the RCMP and Red Deer Rebels will present to all Grade 8 students. The presentation is titled “Project Straight”, a drug awareness program.

3) **Stepfamily Workshop:** One day workshop to assist blended/stepfamilies through challenges of merging 2 families into one. You will look at rules, expectations, boundaries, finances, do’s & don’ts, 10 tips for step parents and resources.

**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2012  
**Time:** 9:00—4:00 (lunch on own)  
**Where:** Sylvan Lake Comm. Centre 4926—50 Ave., Sylvan Lake  
**Cost:** \$10/person or \$15/couple—Free child care 0-12 yrs.

**Registration Required**—Wanda Cline 403.396.8479

Please call Tracy Laut at DMS if you have any questions.

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## Surrounded by Chinook’s Edge Values



*“We recognize the uniqueness of every single child in our care and we know we don’t just help students learn.”*

### **A Message from the Superintendent:**

Teachers and staff in our schools work very hard to ensure quality learning and to provide opportunities for our students to develop new skills. As importantly, we work to build meaningful relationships and nurture a safe and caring culture where each student feels a sense of belonging. We recognize the uniqueness of every single child in our care and we know we don’t just help students learn. We have the ability to help them change their lives for the better forever.

From their first day of Kindergarten to the time they graduate from high school, our students are surrounded by values that guide our every effort in Chinook’s Edge.

Our division’s new Mission and Vision statements bring to life the values that we can all be proud of.

### **Mission**

Chinook’s Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

### **Vision**

Chinook’s Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

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# Community Events

## **CLC FITNESS CENTRE**

We have Fitness Classes on  
**February 13 – March 8, 2012**

Fitness Class Fees – 8 classes

- Non-member: \$60
- Member: \$50

There are many classes to choose from such as  
 Ladies Night Out! Fitness Fiasco

Dance it up! Cardio

Hatha Yoga

Flow Yoga

Spin & Sculpt

Boxing Circuit

Senior Social & Circuit

**Phone: 403-507-7782**

[www.gobroncos.ca](http://www.gobroncos.ca)



## **OLDS GIRLS MINOR SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FOR 2012 YEAR FOR MITES TO BANTAM (Ages 9 – 17)**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 2, 2012  
**TIME:** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** DEER MEADOW SCHOOL (Rm 116)



Remember to bring your Alberta Health Care Number for registration.  
 For more information, please contact Marcy Lavoie at 403-559-7595.  
 (Co-Ed Learn to Play registration for ages 5 – 10 will be held  
 in March 2012.)

**Bookmark our website!**  
[www.deermeadow.ca](http://www.deermeadow.ca)  
 Keep up-to-date with what your  
 child is doing in their classes &  
 what's happening at DMS!



## **CELEBRATE LIFE SUMMIT February 12-18, 2012**

*Proceeds to Mountain View Food Bank*

### **EACH DAY HAS A SPECIAL THEME**

1. **Fitness** ~ Freezing in February, A relay style 5k race
2. **Nutrition** ~ Healthy Eating One Bite at a Time
3. **Family & Relationships** ~ Date Night
4. **Simple Living** ~ Organizing Demo & Clutter Chat
5. **Minds & Spirit** ~ Goddess Night
6. **Work Life & Finance** ~ Lunch & Learn
7. **World** ~ World Jam Session & Party

For Further Information & To Register Call  
**Krystal (403) 586-1978 or Shawna (403) 586-1525**  
[krystal@simplelifecelebrations.com](mailto:krystal@simplelifecelebrations.com) or  
[shawna@simplelifecelebrations.com](mailto:shawna@simplelifecelebrations.com)

## **BREAK OF DAY**

*a practical break for the single parent family*

**(Third Wednesday of every month)**

**5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**February 15th**

**Free Dinner and childcare**

**5005 - 53rd Ave.**

**(First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall -  
 West Entrance preferably)**

**Commissioned child workers of which we have a  
 top notch crew!**

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



**Story Hour** (Ages 3-5) Enjoy Stories, crafts, songs & games. Choose the day and time best for you: Tuesdays 10-11am, Wednesdays 1-2pm, or Thursdays 10-11am. Runs March 6 to April 12. \$20.00 per child.

**Jr. Reader's Club** (Ages 6-10) Kids will enhance their literacy skills through games, activities & having fun! Thursdays 3:30-4:30. Runs March 8 to April 12. \$10.00 per child.

**Tween Time** (Ages 9-13) Exciting activities including art & cooking projects, board games & Wii! Tuesdays 3:30-4:30. Runs March 6 to April 10. \$20.00 per child.

**Puzzle Party at Your Library** Bring your family to the Olds library for an afternoon of puzzles! Chat & enjoy some cookies & hot chocolate while you work! Feb. 11 from 1-3pm. Free.

**Teen Reading Club (TeenRC)** Love to read? Share your thoughts and opinions about your latest read with other teens & librarians! Visit [www.teenrc.ca](http://www.teenrc.ca) for details and to sign up!

**Youth Science Festival Month** Join us for some fun activities in March to honour Youth Science Festival Month! A science crate from Science Alberta will be here for your young scientists to explore and don't miss out on our Wrappin' with Reptiles Program!

**Contact Olds Library for more information at 403-556-6460**

# February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Quizno's Newsletter Posted	3 Day 3	4
5 	6 Day 4	7 Day 5 Pizza Day \$2/slice Science Fair @ OES RCMP/Red Deer Rebels pres. to Gr.8s	8 Day 6 Soccer C—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm	9 Day 1 Extreme Pita	10 NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 Day 2 School Council Mtg 12:00 Noon	14 Day 3 Pizza Day \$2/slice	15 Day 4 Soccer A—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm	16 Day 5 Quizno's	17 Day 6	18
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26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4 Pizza Day \$2/slice	29 Day 5			

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11 	12 Day 6	13 Day 1 Pizza Day \$2/slice	14 Day 2 Soccer B—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm	15 Day 3 Extreme Pita	16 Day 4 Report Card 2 Goes Home	17 
18	19 Day 5	20 Day 6 Pizza Day \$2/slice Parent/Teacher Interviews	21 Day 1 Soccer A—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews	22 Day 2 Quizno's	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Day 3	27 Day 4 Pizza Day \$2/slice	28 Day 5	29 Day 6 Extreme Pita	30 Day 1	31 SPRING BREAK BEGINS