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Newsletter #5



January 2012

## Acting Principal's Message

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

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

### Important Dates:

Jan. 16	School Council Mtg 12:00 Noon
Jan. 18	Gr. 5 Hep B Shots
Jan. 30	Science Fair Entry Forms DUE
Jan. 31	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Jan. 31	DMS Ski Trip to Nakiska
Feb. 2	Newsletter Posted

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Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable break with your families. Thank you to the many people who came out and supported our fine musicians at the Christmas Band Concert. Mr. Wilson never fails to impress us; the concert is a great showcase of our school and we're very proud of the talents of your children and of the gifts of Mr. Wilson to harness the musical potential of his students. Many of you also came out and helped us celebrate the efforts and knowledge of our Grade 8 students and their teachers by attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Renaissance Fair. Thanks to all the Grade 8 teachers for participating and thanks especially to Mrs. Kemmere and Ms. Baker who organized this great event.

With the Christmas break behind us, we're back into full swing with lots of exciting things happening here. Our Grade 7 and 8 students have begun their second round of Academy of Excellence classes and we have a number of new exciting programs for these students. We have 4 Titan basketball teams (2 girls, 2 boys) made up of our Grade 7 and 8 athletes ready

to do our school proud. Mr. Leslie is currently in the organizing stages of putting together an introductory basketball experience for our grade 6 kids. Plans are that these practices will be Fridays (when we have school) from 3:30 to 4:30 through January and February. Our annual Ski Trip to Nakiska is fast approaching (January 31<sup>st</sup>) and only a few seats remain, so if interested please get your forms in right away.

This is winter? We've been blessed with abnormally mild weather so far, but we're bound to be hit by reality at some point. As a reminder, we do expect that our students come dressed for Alberta winter weather; we have outdoor recesses unless the temperature dips down below -20 degrees (with the wind chill).

Thank you to the many parents who took the time to return the survey regarding our updated report cards. We had 198 surveys returned and I'll have the detailed results linked to our website in a few weeks. Here are the results to the questions with the percentage of how parents answered.

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## 8-1 News

Our 8-1 Heroes class are proud to announce that we have raised a total of \$306.52 in our bake sale for the "Gifts of Hope". With the money we have decided to purchase 10 mango trees, birth certificates for girls to attend school, anti-malaria bed nets, emergency essentials, and clean water for a family. Thank you for your support!

## Acting Principal's Message (Continued from Page 1)

Question #1 ~ After reading my child's report card I have a clear understanding of the curriculum outcomes my child is learning.

Question #2 ~ After reading my child's report card I have a clear understanding of my child's academic achievement.

Question #3 ~ After reading my child's report card I have a clear understanding of my child's behaviour in class.

Question #4 ~ After reading my child's report card I have a clear understanding of academic areas where my child may be having difficulty.

Question #5 ~ After reading my child's report card I have a clear understanding of my child's study skills (homework completion, participation, time on task, test/quiz preparation, note taking).

Question #6 ~ I find this report card format easy to understand.

Question #7 ~ After reading my child's report card I would like more information on how to interpret the report.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	27%	54%	9%	7%	2%
2	23%	48%	15%	14%	4%
3	27%	54%	8%	9%	2%
4	21%	48%	14%	15%	2%
5	14%	40%	23%	19%	5%
6	15%	40%	23%	19%	5%
7	11%	17%	38%	27%	7%

In response to the parent feedback, it seems that most parents have pretty good understanding of what their child is learning and how they are achieving. It also is apparent that some parents find the report format somewhat hard to understand. This is to be expected with any new implementation, but overall I'm pleased with the parent reception to our new report cards. Our next report is followed shortly thereafter by another round of parent/student/teacher conferences which will provide another opportunity for dialogue with your child's teacher to get a clear understanding of your child's achievement.

We're always looking for ways to make our school better. Are you interested in helping us? Our next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. We are very appreciative of the parents that come to share their ideas and we're always looking for new recruits. Are you interested in helping out in our classrooms and getting paid to do it? We would like to add to our list of Casual Educational Assistants. Give us a call if you want more information about this.

We welcome your input. If ever you have questions or concerns with any of our programs or with how your child is doing, please drop us a line or come in for a chat. Thanks for your ongoing support of our fine school, have a great 2012.

## December Students of the Month ~ Compassion

5-1 Brooke  
5-2 Micaelin  
5-3 Madison  
5/6 Tana

7-1 Rachelle  
7-2 Abby  
7-3 (TBA)  
7-4 Tyler  
7-5 Lance  
7-6 Caden



6-1 Madison  
6-2 Tyra  
6-3 Dustin  
6-4 Tessa

8-1 Samantha  
8-2 Madison  
8-3 Brooklyn  
8-4 Ryan  
8-5 Luke

## Interact Update

Interact is a fundraising and awareness academy class who fundraises for causes. Interact is a student branch of the Rotary. We work with them quite a lot. Some projects we have done are:

- 24 Hour Vow of Silence ~ The purpose of this vow is to raise awareness about kids in third-world countries who don't have a voice.
- Candy Apples ~ We raised just under \$400 and donated a total of \$500 to UNICEF.
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ~ We held a basketball tournament in our gym and raised around \$300.
- Cancer Head Shave ~ We donated about \$8000 to go towards the Canadian Cancer Society all thanks to our brave students and staff.

We are currently working on more amazing projects such as: Girl Effect and Pennies for Paws. Stay tuned!

## Titans Talk



January brings Basketball at Deer Meadow to the forefront. The Boys and Girls Titans are hosting various games through the month of January and are looking for your support in cheering them to victory! Good Luck to all our Titan Basketball Teams!!! Come cheer on the Titans on:

<u>GIRLS</u>		<u>BOYS</u>	
'A' Team	'B' Team	'A' Team	'B' Team
Thurs. Jan. 19	Mon. Jan. 23	Sat. Jan. 21 — Home Tournament Hosted at CLC	Mon. Jan. 30
Thurs. Jan. 26	Mon. Feb. 6	Thurs. Feb. 9	Mon. Feb. 13
	Mon. Feb. 27	Thurs. Feb. 16	

## Science Fair 2012

The Science Fair will take place at École Olds Elementary School on **Tuesday, Feb. 7th**. Information packages & trifold are available at the DMS office or see Mrs. Miller. It is open to all Grade 5 to 8 students. **Entry forms are due Monday, Jan. 30th.**

## DMS Ski Trip

There are still a few spots available for our annual Ski Trip. First come first serve and busses are almost full!!! Forms can be picked up at the office & parents are welcome to attend ☺

## Prioritizing Health and Wellness in our Schools



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

The new year brings a renewed focus on supporting health and wellness initiatives in our school communities. Ensuring a healthy physical and social environment in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, and support our goals to help each of our students reach their full potential.

Chinook's Edge School Division believes so strongly in the priority of promoting healthy lifestyle choices that we have established a formal policy on Wellness Education. Our Board of Education believes acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to develop healthy habits for life is critical and, therefore, supports a comprehensive school

health approach to wellness education. This involves a partnership with Alberta Health Services to provide resources, information and a facilitator to support all facets of wellness through an individualized approach in each of our schools.

Wellness is a balanced state of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being, and students, staff and parents throughout our division are working together to encourage growth in each of these areas. I thank everyone whose efforts are supporting this Chinook's Edge priority, and I wish all of our school families a happy and healthy new year!

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

# 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.

January 18th

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



Breakfast for Learners would like to THANK Mountain View Co-op for helping sponsor the Breakfast with the Grizzly's!!!

## CLC FITNESS CENTRE

We have Fitness Classes on January 16 - February 10, 2012

Fitness Class Fees - 8 classes

❖ Non-member: \$60

❖ Member special: \$40

There are many classes to choose from such as Spin

Kettlebell/TRX

Grotto Grooves

Tai Chi Clinic

Boxing Circuit

Senior Social & Circuit

Phone: 403-507-7782

www.gobroncos.ca



Community Learning Campus  
Growing Together, Learning Forever

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

DATE: JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2012  
TIME: 6:30 pm till 8:30 pm  
LOCATION: OLDS ARENA CONCOURSE

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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!



Upcoming Registration for the Winter Session takes place January 11, 2012 at the Arena Concourse from 4:30-6:00pm.

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

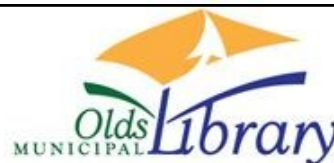
If you're interested please check out our website @ [oldsfiskatingclub.com](http://oldsfiskatingclub.com), for registration forms and further information.

## BADMINTON for ADULTS & STUDENTS



Badminton, at Deer Meadow School, for Adults and students Grade 8 and up  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Starting Jan. 16th for 10 weeks OR drop in any time  
NO registration required

For more information please call Veronica 403-556-8043 or email [veronica8reist@gmail.com](mailto:veronica8reist@gmail.com)



**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 Jan. 17 to Feb. 23. \$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 Jan. 19 to Feb. 23. \$10.00 per child.

**Tween Time** (Ages 9-13) Exciting activities including art & cooking projects, board games & Wii! Tuesdays 3:30-4:30. Runs Jan. 17 to Feb. 21. \$20.00 per child.



**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!

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

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