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Newsletter #3

November 2011

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

Important Dates:

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| Nov. 7 | School Council Mtg 12:00 Noon |
| Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30am |
| Nov. 11 | NO SCHOOL ~ Remembrance Day |
| Nov. 25 | NO SCHOOL |

Acting Vice-Principal's Message

It's hard to believe October has come and gone and November is already upon us. Cooperation was the theme for October and evidence of cooperation and collaboration were obvious throughout the school. There were fine examples of students cooperating in learning activities and in the planning and execution of numerous school spirit events. In school sport, a spirit of cooperation was also prevalent as team members and coaches worked together both on and off the court and in our Titan Pep Rally. Parent council modeled cooperation as they organized and supervised the Halloween Dance. Staff members also demonstrated cooperation through co-planning, team teaching and collaborating to build units, programs, and a new report card. It has been most encouraging to witness how effectively the members of the Deer Meadow community work together.

Learning is a team effort and it was heartening to see so many parents taking an active role in the process through parent / student / teacher

conferences on October 25th and 26th. The turnout for conferences was tremendous and the positive interaction between all of the partners in learning was terrific. Support for the Book Fair was excellent and the promotion of French Immersion at École Deer Meadow School were other important components during conferences. Thank you to everyone who took part in conferences last week.

One final example of cooperation was demonstrated in the process which resulted in the creation of revised school mission, vision and motto statements which align with the direction of Chinook's Edge School Division and the new district mission and vision. Please read our revitalized statements and let us know what you think; your feedback is welcome. Direct your comments and questions to Mr. Wiberg (rwiberg@chinooksedge.ab.ca) or to Mrs. Clapp (vcclapp@chinooksedge.ab.ca). Feel free to phone (403-556-1003) or to drop by for a chat if you prefer.

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Mission

By building meaningful relationships, Deer Meadow will cultivate a spirit of excellence. Collaboratively we will engage each student in all aspects of learning.

Vision

École Deer Meadow School will be recognized in our community for upholding high standards, establishing a culture of integrity and personalizing learning in order to develop compassionate, responsible citizens.

Motto

Encourage, engage, inspire!

October Students of the Month ~ Cooperation

5-1 Darby
5-2 White
5-3 Marshall
5/6 Julia

7-1 Isabelle
7-2 Ashton
7-3 Roger
7-4 Jordyn
7-5 Kassie
7-6 Abbey



6-1 Erika
6-2 Rose
6-3 Zach
6-4 Emma

8-1 Daniel
8-2 Thaine
8-3 Cory
8-4 Shayna
8-5 Jacob

Titans Talk

X-Country Running:

Congratulations to our Grade 7/8 Cross Country Team. Participants ran a gruelling, hilly 2km course on Oct. 5th. Every runner at the Zone meet in Canmore significantly improved their qualifying time. Congratulations to Alan (7-3) who placed 3rd (Bantam Boys) and Connor (8-1) who placed 9th (Midget Boys) in fields of over 100 runners.

Volleyball:

'A' Girls Volleyball has had an impressive season and has proved to be the team to beat in league play! In addition, the girls finished **2nd Place** in two tournaments this year. The first was a 10 team tournament hosted by Olds College and their most recent tournament hosted at Three Hills School. **IMPRESSIVE SHOWING GIRLS!**

'B' Girls Volleyball has played really well to start the season! Both teams have come away with multiple victories in their first 2 mini tournaments! Excellent work girls! The girls are looking for some fan support this Saturday, November 4th, as they participate in the league wrap-up tournament to be held at Holy Trinity School in Olds. In addition, the Titans will be hosting a tournament at Deer Meadow School on Monday, November 7th starting at 4:00pm – come out and cheer on our Girls Titans in their final games of the season!

Boys Volleyball has also had a fantastic start to the season and they continue to improve and win more games each tournament! The boys wrapped up their regular season play last Thursday in Carstairs. **GREAT JOB ON A SUCCESSFUL SEASON BOYS!**



Pep Rally

Did you know the Deer Meadow Boys & Girls Volleyball teams played in front of a packed house on Friday, October 14th during a Pep Rally held in the gym? Cross Country Runners along with each Volleyball Team were recognized for their efforts during their respective seasons. For the main event a great showcase of talent took place in the form of two volleyball games, complete with a halftime show put together by students from the Athletic Leadership Academy (which even made front news of our local paper)! A huge thank-you to Innisfail Middle School for joining us and helping make the Pep Rally an extremely successful event!

School Fees

School fee invoices were sent home recently and are due **as soon as possible**. You may make your payment by cash, cheque, visa, or debit. Thank you to all who have already paid their fees. If you did not receive this information please contact the school office at 403-556-1003.

News from the Library

Book Fair

We would like to say a very, very big THANK YOU to all students, parents and staff who participated in our Fall Book Fair. Again we had a very worthwhile fair and our sales quickly turn into books for helping the library. Thanks to parents: Anja Hamel, Michelle Venneman and Jennifer Godwin for volunteering their time, as well as the library helpers: Quinn (6-4), Raegan (6-4), Lexie (6-4) and Kate (6-4) and staff who also assisted with the book fair. Everyone's time and interest were very much appreciated. Again thanks to all who visited the fair. The Student Draw was won by Braden (6-3) who received \$25.00

worth of books for himself and \$25.00 worth of books for his classroom, Mrs. Templeton's 6-3 class. Congratulations to Braden. See you next year!!

Parents please feel free to drop by at any time to browse and perhaps sign out some of our new books resulting from the fair.

Thank You to Mr. Marshall & the 6-4 Bottle Recyclers

On Oct. 11, the Grades 6 students enjoyed an author presentation by Joan Marie Galat on the wonders of

astronomy! The presentation tied into the Grade 6 "Sky Science" unit. Thank you to Mr. Marshall's Grade 6 recycling group for purchasing a "Dot to Dot in the Sky" book for each class to do a draw for a lucky student. The winners were: Landon (6-1), Marion (6-2), Kelsi (6-3), Nicholas (6-4) and McKenna (6-5).



Calling All Readers

Do you have a passion for reading? Do you enjoy spending time with terrific kids? Have an hour or two a week to spare? If any of the above ring true for you, we could use your help! We are looking for volunteers to listen to kids read and to assist with some reading programs, either in French or English. If you are ready, willing and able to help out, please contact Mrs. Clapp at 403-556-1003 or at vclapp@chinooksedge.ab.ca We look forward to working together to help build effective readers at DMS!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th at 10:30 am in the gym. Students involved in groups such as Cubs, Scouts, Cadets, and Brownies are encouraged to wear their uniforms. We welcome guests to join us.



Report Card Date Change

DMS Staff are in the process of reworking the report card format to bring consistency to each learning community as well as from grade to grade. The process of refining the new progress reports will cause a slight delay to the first report card date. Please note that Report Card #1 will go home on **Friday December 2, 2011.**

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes and Labels are available at the school office. By filling a shoebox you will make Christmas magical for a child in need. Please include \$7.00 to cover shipping costs. **Please have all boxes into DMS by Friday, Nov. 18th.** (Various shoebox sizes will work, although we encourage you to use reusable plastic containers instead, as they are environmentally friendly, and will be reused by the children!) Please include on the box whether it is for a boy or girl, and what age group it belongs to. Let's make this a Merry Christmas for children in need. For more information you can visit www.samaritanpurse.ca.



Breakfast for Learning

After a bit of a bumpy start, the Breakfast for Learning Program is running very well. For November we will be running Mon/Wed/Thurs as our regular days. ALL students are welcome to take advantage of this wonderful program. A BIG Thank You to all of the volunteers who greet Deer Meadow Students at the school and prepare a healthy breakfast snack to help them start their day well fed and ready to learn.

The BFL Program would not run without the amazing support from our community. We received donations from **IODE, Olds Lions, and Farm Credit Canada** this month to give our program a great start for the school year. Also, **IODE, Kiwanis, and Farm Credit Canada** are supporting our program by volunteering in the mornings. We would not be able to run our program without their help and really appreciate their time.

Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to fill out the short questionnaire at P/T Interview nights. The feedback we receive from you is so important, our sponsors want to hear from those benefitting from the program. So if you did not have a chance to fill one out, please take a few minutes to do so.

BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING QUESTIONNAIRE

Our **funding requires feedback** from those benefitting from the program:

- Are you aware of the Breakfast for Learning Program at Deer Meadow School?
- Has your child benefitted from the Breakfast for Learning Program?
- At this time, the program runs 3 mornings a week, do you think that is enough?
- Do you know where BFL gets funding for this program?
- Would you or a family member be able to volunteer 1 morning a month, a total of 8 days this school year, for the BFL Program?



Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Thank you for your time!

Please return to Teacher or School Office.

Helping our Students Achieve Success

A Message from the Superintendent:

Results from provincial achievement tests and diploma exams show Chinook's Edge is serving our students well in meeting standards set by the Government of Alberta. Provincial achievement tests, which are administered each year to students in grade three, six and nine, indicate Chinook's Edge is seeing an increase in several measures and we firmly believe the supports we have implemented are working. We still face challenges in results for certain subject areas at the diploma exam level, and we have specific supports in place to address those.

We are continually striving for improvement in our key outcomes. Good instructional strategies, a new education planning process, exam analyses, a focus on Quality Learning Environments and Instructional Leadership, and increased

instructional collaboration – these are just some of the initiatives we have established as we continue working toward achieving higher levels of excellence. Because everyone at Chinook's Edge wants ALL students to achieve, we are very pleased to see our participation rates are above provincial average. Chinook's Edge is a division of hardworking students, skillful staff, devoted parents and supportive communities.

Our schools have detailed information regarding their specific results, and we invite you to take a look at what is happening in your school. Overall, the information shows high levels of satisfaction among students, parents and staff with the quality of education in our division. Thank you for the work you do in providing such a solid education to Chinook's Edge students.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Day 3 | 2 Day 4 Picture Retakes | 3 Day 5 Newsletter Posted <i>Extreme Pita Day</i> | 4 Day 6 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Day 1 School Council Mtg 12:00 Noon | 8 Day 2 Pizza Day \$2/slice | 9 Day 3 | 10 Day 4 <i>Quizno's Day</i> Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am | 11 NO SCHOOL ~ Remembrance Day | 12  |
| 13 | 14 Day 5 | 15 Day 6 Pizza Day \$2/slice | 16 Day 1 Soccer A—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm | 17 Day 2 <i>Extreme Pita Day</i> Soccer B—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm | 18 Day 3 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Day 4 | 22 Day 5 Pizza Day \$2/slice | 23 Day 6 Soccer C—Red Deer 11:30-4:00pm | 24 Day 1 <i>Quizno's Day</i> | 25 NO SCHOOL | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Day 2 | 29 Day 3 Pizza Day \$2/slice | 30 Day 4 | | | |

December 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 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 School Council Mtg 12:00 Noon | 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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| 18 | 19 Day 4 | 20 Day 5 Pizza Day \$2/slice | 21 Day 6 Last Day of Classes | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |