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Newsletter #2

October 2011

Acting Principal's Message

Happy Thanksgiving! I'm very thankful for such a smooth start up to our new school year. I'm especially grateful for the amazing, dedicated professionals I get to work with every day that provide the exceptional learning opportunities for your kids. I'm also thankful to you parents for doing such a great job in sending us great kids. As always, nothing is more important to us than providing an environment where it's safe for your kids to achieve their potential and that their unique needs be addressed. We've been busy reinforcing our school climate program "With All Due Respect", practicing our fire drills, lockdowns, bus evacuations, and reviewing all our safety procedures with central office professionals. We also hosted an Internet Safety/Cyberbullying assembly to remind our students of some of the dangers lurking online. When we surveyed our students last spring 86% answered that they felt safe at school; if your child is one of the 14% that doesn't feel safe here please call me so we can find out why.

\$500.00, our school will be sending a cheque for \$2710.49 to the foundation.

We're also hoping to see a good parent turn-out at our upcoming Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences coming up on October 25th and 26th. This first conference is purposely done about 3 weeks in advance of the first report cards so that parents and teachers can talk in general terms about how things are going, and if there are any concerns there is time for students to make some improvements before the first report.

Our Grade 7 and 8 students are well underway in the first round of their Academies of Excellence programs, and we're proud of the fact that we are currently providing quality learning opportunities to students in over 50 different Academy courses. My caution to parents is to carefully go through the different Academies available to students and ensure that if they want their child to take higher level courses in French and Band at the high school that they make sure to enrol in those Academies here.

Thanks again for a great beginning to our school year, and we hope to see you out for our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences later this month.

Our annual "Welcome Back Barbeque" was a great success. Mother Nature smiled on us with great weather and we had a nice showing of parents join us who helped us generate \$1176.25 to go toward the Terry Fox Foundation. When you add student contributions of \$964.74 from the school's Terry Fox Run, and a Parent Council donation of

Building Dreams
at
École Deer Meadow
School

Important Dates:

Oct. 10	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 25-27	Book Fair
Oct. 25	Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences
Oct. 26	Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences
Oct. 28	NO SCHOOL
Oct. 31	NO SCHOOL

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DMS would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions to our Welcome Back BBQ: Sobey's, Westview Co-op, Tim Horton's, M&M Meats, and Parkland Pipeline Contractors.

September Students of the Month ~ Respect for Others

5-1 Vince
5-2 Chad
5-3 Roshan
5/6 Taylor

7-1 Jemma
7-2 Nicola
7-3 Jade
7-4 Anthony
7-5 Breanna
7-6 Rene



6-1 Nathen
6-2 Ryan
6-3 Ashley
6-4 Justin

8-1 Jenna
8-2 Camille
8-3 Averie
8-4 Kevin
8-5 Cali

School/Parent Council News

September 12 was our first meeting of the new school year and we were very happy to see some new faces!! Please feel welcome to attend our meetings typically the first Monday of the month at noon or check us out on our Facebook page DEER MEADOW PARENT COUNCIL.

We do many things throughout the year and we can always use whatever time you can give us to get these programs running for our kids. Weekly programs that need volunteers are Pizza Tuesdays (11:30am-1:00pm approx.) and Breakfast for Learners (Mon./Wed./Thurs. from 7:30-9:00am). Special committees include Dances and Fundraising.

Our first dance of the year is slated for October 27. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...we cannot run dances without several chaperones. Please call Laural 556-3608 or Mindy 556-6067 or the school if you can help out. Any amount of time is appreciated (younger children welcome).

Parent Council would like to create a list of parents who would be willing to volunteer any amount of time for various activities throughout the year. Please email Laural at lkurta@yahoo.ca or leave your information at the school to be added. We will call you when something comes up!!

Breakfast for Learning - When a Child is Hungry it's Hard to Learn

Attention: Parents, Grandparents, Family, Friends

The BFL Program is reaching out to the community for support financially and/or physically. We are of course in need of financial support but ALSO need assistance in preparing the healthy breakfast for the students. The time commitment could be one morning a week OR one morning a month, we welcome parents, grandparents, family or friends.

WHEN you hear about the Breakfast for Learning Program, I ask that you take the time to consider how important breakfast is. A healthy breakfast provides children with the necessary fuel to get off to **A** bright start each morning. Our Breakfast For Learning Program offers every **CHILD** a breakfast snack three mornings a week. This **IS** a great way to say "Good Morning" and "Have a Great Day".

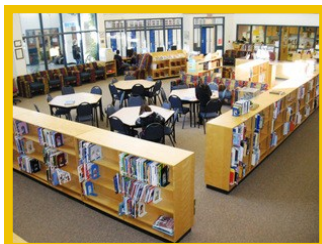
Students are showing up at the school **HUNGRY** for many reasons. **IT'S** not **HARD** to be a part of the program, there are many ways you can help. **TO LEARN** more about the program please contact Shelly McLaren at momeje@gmail.com or 403-994-2031.

News from the Library

Book Fair

Please mark your calendars!!! On October 25th our twentieth annual Scholastic Fall Book Sale begins. The Book Fair will run Tues., Oct 25th through to Thurs., Oct 27th and will be open each day through school hours plus Tues. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Wed. 3:30 to 6:00 during Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. The Fair will close Thursday, Oct. 27th. You are

invited to come in and browse and perhaps do a little Christmas shopping. Monies generated will be used to purchase new books for the library. See you at the fair!



Author Visit

Award winning author Joan Marie Galat will be visiting our school the afternoon of Oct 11th to do a presentation to the Grade 6's. Joan enjoys introducing students to the wonders of astronomy. She uses storytelling to share ancient myths and modern science trivia.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

P/T/S Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 25th from 6:00-9:00pm and Wednesday, October 26th from 4:00-6:30pm. Forms were sent home this week with your students; if you did not receive a form please contact the office at 556-1003. To book your interview, please fill out the form and return it to the school. When interview schedules are confirmed, forms will be returned to you indicating the time of your conference.

For students in Grade 7 copies of your child's Provincial Achievement Test results will be available during the P/T/S Conferences.

Titans Talk

X-Country Running:

Grade 7 & 8 cross country runners competed in the Mountainview County Run on Sept. 27th in Sundre. Deer Meadow runners had a great showing with a number of athletes qualifying for the Zones Run in Canmore on Oct. 5th. Congratulations to the following runners: Laura (7-5), Rene (7-6), Alan (7-3), Connor (7-1), Jonah (7-4), Jayna (8-2), Taylor (8-2), Victoria (8-5), Emily (8-5), Connor (8-1) and Jordan (8-2).

Grade 5 & 6 cross country runners have been training hard as they gear up for the Chinook's Edge K-6 Fun Run on Oct. 6th to take place in Innisfail. Good luck to all of our runners!

Volleyball:

The girls 'A' Volleyball team has had a good start to their volleyball season. To begin the year, they played in a tournament in Olds put on by the Olds College Broncos. After winning four consecutive matches, the girls lost in the finals.

Come on out and support our Titans Volleyball Teams as they host tournaments on the following nights:

Girls 'A' Team: Thursday, October 6th @ 4:00 pm
Boys 'A' Team: Thursday, October 13th @ 4:00 pm
Girls 'B' Team: Monday, October 17th @ 4:00 pm



From the Family Wellness Desk

“Butt Ugly” will be here Oct. 13th for all Grade 6 students. This is a fun interactive theatre production focused on tobacco awareness and risk education.

Parent Speaker Series: Join us for our October session “Understanding the World of Video Games” - a Parent’s Guide.

Oct. 20th 7:00 pm @ Olds High School
Pre-registration required / Cost: Free
Call Tracy Laut, Family Wellness, DMS 556-1003
Deadline for registration Oct. 17, 2011

The video game world is a very important world to youth, and one that parents will have a hard time avoiding. The intent of this workshop is to help parents become more aware of the popular and controversial games on the market. We will further discuss the potential concerns that these games can have on children if not used appropriately. This is an informal workshop with lots of opportunity for discussion about this controversial subject. This is an adult’s only presentation.

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

Achieving Success in our Safe and Caring Schools



“Our commitment to ensuring that safety is everybody’s business has helped to create a culture of caring and trust in our schools.”

A Message from the Superintendent:

Knowing that a school is safe is a key foundation for a quality learning environment. Chinook’s Edge works very hard to create and maintain a variety of safety initiatives. For example, our Safety Manager has regular site visits at each of our schools to ensure staff, structures and processes meet the highest standards. Our staff are trained and comfortable with the division’s Violence Threat Risk Assessment protocols, our Emergency Response Plan, and our procedures for dealing with a variety of emergent situations.

Our commitment to ensuring that safety is everybody’s business has helped to create a culture of caring and trust in our schools.

Our most recent data shows that 92 percent of our students feel welcome at school, 89 percent state they are encouraged to do their best at school, 87 percent feel the school staff cares about them and 86 percent feel safe at school.

From breakfast programs to athletic leagues, and exciting clubs to engaging classrooms, our students are well cared for from the time they arrive to school to the time they go home each day. Everyone at Chinook’s Edge is working to bring our Mission and Vision to life by ensuring we are a school division full of safe, happy, healthy students and staff.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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.

HALLOWEEN HOOTENANNY SCHOOL DANCE

October 27th from 4-7:00 pm

Tickets sold @ pizza doors Oct. 25th & 26th / \$5.00 / Permission Slips Required

Community Events

Telehealth Sessions

Individual Differences & FASD / Oct. 18 ~ 11:00am—12:30pm / Cost: FREE (Must register)
 Beginner's Spanish / Oct. 20 to Nov. 24 ~ 6:00-7:30pm / \$75.00

Contact: Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society at 403-507-7750 or MVCALS@oldscollege.ca



FOR SALE

Acoustic Mann
 Guitar & Case
 \$225.00

Call Kathy
 556-8469



BREAK OF DAY

*a practical break for the single parent family
 Come dine for free & network with the community
 Would your child appreciate some enthusiastic
 homework help after dinner?*

(Third Wednesday of every month)
 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

October 19th
 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**

Spanish Course

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 pm (Basic)
 Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm (For those who
 have basic knowledge)
 Includes 10 sessions / \$70.00 per month

Call 403-556-8916

OLDS FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

"A Spirit of Community"

Festival of Trees

Public Viewing: Nov. 11th
 Auction: Nov. 12th



Midnight Madness

Nov. 18th

Santa Claus Parade & Light Up Events Nov. 26th

For more info contact Lorraine Piller at (403) 507-4811 or via email

lpiller@olds.ca or olds-fas@olds.ca

www.olds.ca



FREE



**Trial for Futsal at the Olds High School on
 Sunday Oct. 16 from 3-4 pm
 Ages U8 to U18**

All you need is your indoor runners & your energy!!

Come play & have fun!!!!



October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Newsletter Posted Gr. 7 & 8 "Think Day" 5/6 X-country run in Innisfail / <i>Extreme Pita</i> / Girls A Volleyball game @ DMS 4:00 pm	7 Day 1 Gr. 6 Seniors Day Tea 2-3:00 pm 7-3/7-4 Fieldtrip to Calgary Zoo	8
9 	10 NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Day	11 Day 2 7-1/7-6 Fieldtrip to Calgary Zoo Pizza Day \$2/slice	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 Gr. 6 "Butt Ugly" Presenta- tion 10:30am Boys A Volleyball game @ DMS 4:00pm <i>Quizno's Day</i>	14 Day 5	15
16	17 Day 6 Girls B Volleyball game @ DMS 4:00pm	18 Day 1 Pizza Day \$2/slice	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 <i>Extreme Pita Day</i>	21 Day 4	22
23 30	24 Day 5 31 NO SCHOOL	25 Day 6 Pizza Day \$2/slice Book Fair Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences	26 Day 1 Book Fair Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences	27 Day 2 <i>Quizno's Day</i> Book Fair Halloween Dance 4-7:00 pm 	28 NO SCHOOL	29

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		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	8 Day 2 Pizza Day \$2/slice	9 Day 3	10 Day 4 <i>Quizno's Day</i>	11 NO SCHOOL ~ Remembrance Day 	12
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