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Newsletter #1

September 2011

## Acting Principal's Message

Welcome back! It's such an exciting time of year here at the "Meadow"; teachers and students are filled with enthusiasm and optimism about all the possibilities a new year holds for us. Our school division has recreated itself with new mission and vision statements (please see Mr. Sacher's message) but the one constant message that remains is our motto that are our schools are a place "**Where Students Come First**". Our goal is to maintain a school culture that embodies that statement in everything we do.

We've been blessed with amazing weather (finally summer comes) for our start-up this year. With the nice weather comes hundreds of students with a wide variety of modes of transportation. The safety of our students is of the utmost concern to us. We ask our students to wear appropriate safety gear (bicycle riders require helmets by law) and walk their bikes, skateboards, etc., while inside our bus loop on school property. Already this year we've had to remind a few parents that the bus loop is strictly off limits to vehicles (other than buses) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. as that poses a great safety concern. Our practice is to take license numbers and notify the police when we see this happen. Also

when dropping off and picking up your children please park adjacent to school property so that your child doesn't have to cross our busy streets. Our drop-off zone out front of the school is the safest option.

Are you interested in being involved in our school? Often as students develop their independence through their time with us, they become less keen on having parents or grandparents involved in their school. Please don't let your kids drive you away! We have numerous opportunities for parents to be involved in and out of our classrooms. If you're interested in helping out, we'll put you to work. Currently we are looking for people to help in a number of areas such as our **Breakfast for Learners Program**, and our **Pizza Tuesdays Program** and we always need more involvement in our **Parent Council** (first meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> at noon). If interested in being more involved in the school please stop by the office or call and we'll get your contact information and get you working.

We're hoping to see you all out for our **Welcome Back Barbeque** on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.  
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*Building Dreams*  
at  
*École Deer Meadow*  
*School*

### Important Dates:

Sept. 13	School Council Mtg. 12:00 Noon
Sept. 20	Picture Day
Sept. 21	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 21	Welcome Back BBQ 5:00-6:30 pm
Sept. 21	Gr. 5 & 6 Band Info Night 7:00-8:00 pm
Sept. 23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

*Chinooks Edge*  
*School Division #73*

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## Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be in very soon! Students who pre-ordered yearbooks will be able to pick them up shortly after they arrive at the school. Watch for announcements, posters, and reminders in *The News of the Day*. There will also be yearbooks available to purchase for \$20 for those who did not order last year. Arrangements will be made to get yearbooks to last year's Grade 8s who are now at the High School, or they can be picked up by younger siblings here at DMS.

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

This is a great opportunity to meet our school staff and enjoy some fine barbeque cuisine with proceeds from the barbeque going to support the **Terry Fox Foundation**. Our band director Mr. Wilson will host a **Grade 5 & 6 Band Information Night** the same evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the gym where parents can find out about options for instrument rental or purchase.

Our grade 7 and 8 students are anxiously awaiting the start of their **Academy of Excellence** programs. We are currently in the process of getting all of these students registered in their courses; we're hopeful all our programs will be up and running by mid-next week (Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>). As with any of our programs, if you have specific questions or concerns please call or schedule an appointment to come and chat.

We have a great school, and we're planning on getting even better. All research done on student achievement and high achieving schools says the same thing. The number one factor in student success is the ability of the teachers that are working with the students. We are very proud of our teachers and the results they are able to achieve with their students. We aren't going to rest on our laurels though. Our most important school goal this year is to help our teachers work together to continue to grow as professionals to become even more equipped to meet the needs of all students. With your support we'll help each student maximize their potential and truly be a learning community **where students come first**. If you would like additional information or clarification please call me at school or at home (403-556-1054) and I'd be happy to chat. Again, welcome back. It's going to be a great year.

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## Leaving the School During the School Day

If your student is leaving the school during the day or at lunchtime, we require a phone call or note. The student must come to the office to sign in and out. If your student will be going home on a regular basis you can write us one note stating how often they will be going home for lunch and we will keep this on file. Any students who gave us notes last year must bring a new note this year.

If your child will be going home **every day**, we have a permission form available at the office. Filling out this form will allow your child to leave the school without having to come to the office each day to sign in and out. **NOTE: This is only for students going home every day.** Thank you for your assistance.

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## Attendance

We would appreciate receiving a phone call or note advising the office when your student will be absent from school. Also it is helpful if you call and let us know your child will be late for school. You may call the school office between 8:00 am—4:30 pm at 556-1003 or send us an email at [deermeadow@chinooksedge.ab.ca](mailto:deermeadow@chinooksedge.ab.ca). Thank you for your assistance.

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## Student Accident Insurance

Student Accident Insurance Forms are available at the school office. If you wish to purchase insurance for your child, please note that the form and payment must be mailed directly to Calgary.



## Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones must be placed in lockers upon arrival at school and must remain in lockers until the final bell of the school day. If phone calls must be made during the school day, classroom phones may be used with teacher permission. There are telephones for student use at the north and south entrances. The office phones are NOT designated for student use.

Failure to follow the Cell Phone Policy will result in the following consequences:

### **1st offense**

- ◆ Cell phone will be confiscated until the end of the school day

### **2nd offense**

- ◆ Cell phone will be confiscated and left at the office
- ◆ PARENT must come to retrieve their child's cell phone from the office

### **3rd offense**

- ◆ Student must drop off their phone at the school office each day for a period of one month



## iPod/MP3 Policy

iPods and other similar devices can be present in the class at the teachers' discretion. iPods are to be used only when the teacher has given permission and only in the appropriate, designated manner. Failure to follow teacher direction for iPod use will result in confiscation of the device. If non-compliance continues, the device will not be allowed at school.

## Newsletters

Newsletters will be posted to our website [www.deermeadow.ca](http://www.deermeadow.ca) on the first Thursday of each month and automatically emailed to everyone in our database. Please ensure that the office has a current email address on file to maintain effective communication. If you prefer to visit our website and look up the newsletters each month rather than have them automatically emailed to you please let the office know. If you have no access to email or internet and require a paper copy of the newsletter please contact the office and we will make those arrangements as necessary. We use the newsletter to convey to our parents all of the activities and information that we feel you require or could benefit from. If you have any questions or wish to include an article, please drop in at the office or give us a call at 556-1003.

## The Lunch Box

The Lunch Box at DMS is a student & staff-run store which is open daily at lunch time, from 11:47 am—12:25 pm. Students are able to purchase items for lunch, or to help supplement the lunch they brought from home. A large variety of items are available at reasonable prices. To see a complete menu check out our DMS website at [www.deermeadow.ca](http://www.deermeadow.ca). For your convenience we sell *Milk Cards* for \$5 (good for 10 milks) and *Lunch Box Cards* for \$5 (good for ANY items on the menu) which can be purchased at the Office or The Lunch Box counter. **The Lunch Box will OPEN on Tuesday, September 13th, 2010.**

## School Pictures

This year Life Touch will be taking our student pictures on **Tuesday, September 20th**. Please mark this date on your calendars!



## Deer Meadow Physical Education Classes

We want all of our students to have great experiences through P.E. Keeping them safe, involved, and hygienic is a priority. Following are a few ways you can help us.

Students are expected to have proper P.E. 'tools'. These include non-marking, lace up shoes for inside, proper lace up shoes for outside, a full change of clothing for indoor OR outdoor P.E.

**Footwear:** Because students must have separate indoor shoes just to come into the building, most students have shoes that are also appropriate for the gym. Please don't rush out to buy new outdoor shoes. In most cases, the lace up sneakers that your child wears to school will suffice. However, please ensure that laces are in good condition and that there is sufficient grip and support for activity. No-no's for feet include sandals, platforms, rubber boots and bare or sock feet.

**Clothing:** Grade 5 students will be required to purchase a t-shirt & shorts this year as part of a mandatory Deer Meadow Gym Strip (at a reasonable cost of \$20 which will be added to school fees). Students will be expected to wear the provided P.E. attire and are prohibited from wearing the same clothes they wore to school to P.E. All clothing and footwear can be stored in lockers for the week and taken home for washing on weekends.

**Illness:** If your child is well enough to be at school we assume that P.E. participation is fine unless we receive a medical note stating the illness, the date, and required limitations. If there is a chronic condition we must have the specifics on file with our office.

**Other:** Your child will be involved in a skating program this year. If they do not own skates they may be able to borrow from friends in other classes. Helmets will be mandatory. CSA approved hockey helmets are strongly recommended but bike helmets will be allowed. DMS does have a limited supply of skates and helmets but sizes and availability do vary.

**Model the Way:** Encourage your kids to be active. Walk with them. Play at the park with them. Fly a kite with them. Have a snowball fight with them. Remember that kids with healthy bodies concentrate better, have better self-esteem, sleep better, and eat better. Help us keep the Physical in Physical Education.

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## School/Parent Council

The next School Council meeting will be on **Monday, September 12th at 12:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room at DMS. If you are a parent who would like an opportunity to plan and take part in the many faceted activities at Deer Meadow School, please be at our next meeting. Usually, the meetings last for one hour to allow working Moms and Dads to have their lunch

while discussing various topics of interest or concern. This is the first meeting of the new school year so we will need to decide on an executive and various committee leaders. Our meetings are usually short and sweet, and provide an excellent opportunity to share your ideas and concerns. See you on September 12th.

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## Student Registration Forms

In the month of October we will be sending home a copy of the demographic information we have on file for your child(ren). Check over the information carefully and make any necessary changes. Please return this form to your student's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. We appreciate your assistance in helping us keep our records current. **A reminder:** we require a photocopy of a birth certificate on each student's file. If you are coming into the school please stop by the office and we can make a photocopy if there is not one already on file.

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## School Fees, Gym Strip, Agendas & Locks

We will be invoicing for school fees during the month of October 2011. School fees (for materials and textbook rental) have been set at \$60.00 for students in Grades 5 & 6. There will be additional expenses for band instruments for students taking band if they don't have their own instruments. All Grade 5 students are required to purchase a gym strip for \$20.00 which will be invoiced with the school fees.

School fees for students in Grades 7 & 8 are set for \$75 + \$40 for academies = \$115. There will also be an additional \$60 fee for students in the Hockey Academy, \$75.00 for Soccer A-Advanced and also \$30 for Soccer B & C.

We are selling the Agendas and Locks separate from the school fees. Agendas cost \$9.00 and are available at the office. Inside the front of each agenda is information and procedures to help make it a successful school year for each student. Locks are \$9.00 and are also available at the office. We encourage all students to purchase a lock. These locks can be taken with the students when they move to the Olds High School. **Please caution your child NOT to share their combination with friends.**

## Titans Talk

### **X-Country Running:**

Any grade 5-8 students interested in being a part of the x-country running team are encouraged to listen for announcements! X-Country Runners will have the opportunity to take part in various races including the Mountainview County Run on Snake Hill in Sundre in September or the K-6 Fun Run in Innisfail!



### **Volleyball:**



Titan's volleyball is underway! Did you miss the volleyball meetings this week? If you missed the meetings and are interested in playing volleyball see Mr. Clattenburg for a tryout schedule.

## Soccer Academy Collicutt Centre Trip Dates

Class	Semester 1	Semester 2
Soccer A—Advanced		Nov. 16 Dec. 14 Jan. 18 Feb. 15 March 21
Soccer B	Nov. 17 Dec. 15	Jan. 11 March 14
Soccer C	Nov. 23 Dec. 7	Feb. 8 March 1

## Welcome Back BBQ & Band Info Night

Welcome Back! Come out Wednesday, Sept. 21st from 5:00—6:30 pm to meet teachers & staff and enjoy a hot dog. All proceeds will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Following the BBQ, Mr. Wilson will be hosting a Grade 5 & 6 Band Information Session in the gym from 7:00—8:00 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to find out about options for instrument rental or purchase.



## From the Desk of Family Wellness

Welcome back to another year of learning, growth and excitement. The summer flew by but the weather was great so that makes it easier to come back when we feel like we had a summer.

We have many exciting events planned already for the fall and throughout the year. I will try and keep you up to date both through the newsletter and our new website.

### Upcoming Events:

**September 8 ~ Olds Community Registration Night** ~ Stop by and visit with us at the Arena while registering your youth in all of the amazing activities Olds has to offer. Runs 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

**September 15 ~ Resiliency Speaker Series for Parents** ~ The third Thursday of every month we will host a Speaker Series for Parents. The topic for September is **Cyber Bullying – What Happens When YOUTH Press Send**. Our speaker is Katie Kitchke, from the Saffron Centre in Edmonton. She will also be presenting to DMS on September 16. Join us at the CLC 7:00 – 8:30 pm. No cost. We hope that you are able to join us for these informative sessions! Call me at 556-1003 with any questions.

**September 16 ~ What Happens When YOUTH Press Send** ~ for all students of Deer Meadow, Grades 5 – 8.

**September 19 ~ Invisible Children of Somalia** ~ will be presenting to all of our grade 7 and 8's. Our Heroes program has done major fundraising work with this organization and this will give us an opportunity to meet them face to face. Parents welcome. 1:15 – 3:15 pm.

**October 6 ~ Think Day with Absolute/Hero Holiday** ~ will present to all Grade 7 and 8's from 1:30 – 2:30pm. This is an amazing organization responsible for humanitarian projects throughout the world. "Think Day" presentations focus on issues that students encounter daily. Through relevant media and engaging speakers, the presentation will both inform and inspire. Parents welcome.

**October 13 ~ BUTT UGLY** ~ an anti-smoking theatre presentation will be here for all Grade 6's at 10:30 am. This is an entertaining and informative play that challenges youth to consider the costs of tobacco addiction. The play is followed up with small group discussion sessions with the performers.

As you can see we are off to a flying start. We will also begin Mentoring selection and training early in the year for Grade 7 and 8's that we match with Grade 5 and 6's.

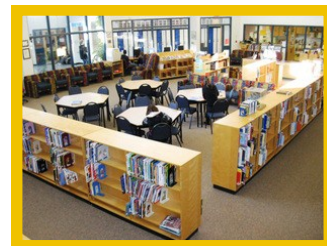
Contact Tracy Laut if you questions about any of the above information.

## News from the Library

The Library is open to students from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and also each noon hour and morning recess. Students are welcome to use the library as a quiet place to do homework or research before and after school until 4 p.m. provided they have parents' permission. Please be reminded that students need a safe place at home for library books as damaged books are costly to replace. Students will be allowed to sign out three books

at a time unless they have overdue. Loan periods are two weeks. Parents are invited to come and browse our collection at their convenience.

Textbooks are signed out through the library. These books also need a safe place at home. If your student loses, damages, or defaces the assigned textbook, he or she will be asked to pay for it. If a textbook strays during the school year, please notify the library



rather than borrow from another student.

Enjoy the year and please let us know if we can be of help for any research or reading needs. We look forward to meeting you at our annual Book Fair held during parent teacher conferences in October. More details to follow.

## Working together for students:

Our service-oriented staff at Division Office are there to support schools throughout Chinook's Edge. To facilitate this support, Liaison Superintendents have been assigned to each of our 42 schools. If you have any concerns regarding your child, we invite you to first contact your child's Teacher, and if you need further assistance your school's Principal. If you need to go beyond the school level for a solution feel free to contact your school's Liaison Superintendent **Ray Hoppins**. From there, if necessary, please feel free to contact Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools.

### **The Chinook's Edge Leadership Team**

(accessible by calling Division Office at 403-227-7070 or toll free 1-800-561-9229):

**Kurt Sacher** (Superintendent of Schools)

**Wanda Christensen** (Associate Superintendent of Student Services)

**Dr. Lissa Steele** (Associate Superintendent of Learning Services)

**Ray Hoppins** (Associate Superintendent of System Services)

**Shawn Russell** (Associate Superintendent of People Services)

**Allan Tarnoczi** (Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services)

## Beginnings



*"Ultimately, we are striving to provide learning opportunities that are designed to set our students up for a lifetime of success."*

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

Welcome to another wonderful year in Chinook's Edge!

Over this past year, we have worked very hard to revisit our motto, our mission statement, and our vision for the future. I am proud to say that our motto, Where Students Come First, was strongly affirmed as the way we will continue to make decisions in this school division. Our mission and vision statements were reworded to reflect new research and to honour the priorities of the many people we engaged across Chinook's Edge. Our vision statement is designed to stretch all of us over the next few years to achieve student success that goes above and beyond anything we have accomplished in the past.

To achieve this, we need to not only support our teachers in their professional learning, but we also need to support our school based administrators as they focus on enhancing their instructional leadership

skills. To this end, we are very fortunate to have Dr. David Townsend and Dr. Pamela Adams from the University of Lethbridge who will be working with all of our school based administrators and our central office leaders as we commit to a year-long focus on instructional leadership. Dr. Townsend and Dr. Adams are very highly regarded across Alberta for their expertise as educational leaders and researchers.

Ultimately, we are striving to provide learning opportunities that are designed to set our students up for a lifetime of success. We want all our students to feel safe at school, to be engaged in their learning, and to arrive each day looking forward to the time they will spend with their caring and committed teachers.

We wish everyone a meaningful year of growing and achieving in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**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.

## ***Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Technology Responsible Use Terms and Conditions Document For the Use of Computers, Internet, Gmail, Google Application, Personal Devices and Internet Applications***

Technology provides students with unique and powerful ways to enhance their learning. Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 supports the use of technology for the purpose of enhancing and supporting learning and is pleased to offer students access to computer networks so that they can use Division supplied technology or bring in their own personal devices to school.

It is one of the technology goals of the Chinook's Edge School Division to ensure that student's interactions with the use of technology contribute positively to the learning environment both at school and in the community. Negative use of technology through Division owned devices inside or outside of our schools that degrades or defames members of our communities, or the Division, is unacceptable. Chinook's Edge School Division also recognizes that students have widespread access to both technology and the Internet; therefore, use of personal devices and connectivity is considered to be included in this Responsible Use Terms and Conditions Document.

Access to the Chinook's Edge School Division network is a privilege not a right. The use of technology whether owned by the Division or devices supplied by the student entails personal responsibility. It is expected that students will comply with Division standards, act in a responsible manner, and will honor the terms and conditions set by the classroom teacher, school, and Division. Failure to comply with such terms and conditions may result in permanent or temporary loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action as necessary. In particular, students will be held accountable for their actions and are encouraged to report any accidental use immediately to school administration.

With the increased usage of free educational applications on the Internet, digital storage areas, containing less sensitive student information, may or may not be located on property of the school Division. In some cases, data will not be stored on Canadian servers. Therefore, students should not expect that files and communication are private. Network Administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and to ensure responsible use. Chinook's Edge also has a private and secure system for sensitive school records which will be managed by Division Information Technology Staff.

### **Definitions**

- *Network refers to wired and wireless technology networks including school networks, cellular networks, commercial, community or home based wireless networks accessible to students on school property.*
- *Student / staff owned (supplied) mobile devices refers to cellular phones, blackberry type devices, PDAs, MP3 players, iPod type devices, and portable computers such as laptops ,iPads, notebooks, tablets and netbooks as well as portable storage devices.*

### **Terms and Conditions**

#### **Students/ staff will use technology in a responsible manner by:**

- *Using technology for legal and appropriate activities and by abiding by the copyright laws.*
  - *Using technology in ways, which treat others and themselves with respect and follow school policies and behavior standards of the school and Chinook's Edge School Division.*
  - *Using the equipment and network in a positive manner so that it does not disturb the system performance and does not breach security standards.*
  - *Respecting the rights of others by obtaining consent from the individual and a school staff member before photographing individual's pictures, publishing, sending or displaying private or personal information.*
  - *Only using their own account and electronic data unless they are granted sharing permission by other users.*
  - *Using the bandwidth, file space, and printers responsibly for educational purposes.*
  - *Keeping their own personal data secure such as addresses, telephone numbers, age, school, last names etc..*
  - *By realizing that data is not always private and that their data could be stored on other servers throughout the world (Gmail, Google Apps, and other web applications).*
  - *Realizing that Chinook's Edge School Division will monitor, flag and review inappropriate use of technology as deemed necessary.*
  - *Reporting security or network problems to a teacher, administrator, or system administrator.*
  - *Having the site Administrator install any needed software on Division owned technology.*
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### **Use of Personal Devices in Schools - Students / staff understand that:**

- *A student/staff-owned device which is registered at the school will have a client application placed on the device. This will allow the student to have more bandwidth privileges and educational access than non-registered students. It will also allow the user's activities through the school's network to be traced back to the student, if there is any reason to believe that the privilege is being abused. School Administration and Division Technology staff may search the student's memory device if they feel school rules have been violated which may include, but are not limited to, audio and video recording, photographs taken on school property that violate the privacy of others, or other issues regarding bullying, etc*
- *Students/staff need to connect to the school's network and NOT to the networks of the neighbors surrounding the school.*
- *If students/staff choose to use a device that is not registered, they are responsible for making sure that the virus protection is up-to-date. Students who register their device will have their device scanned for viruses upon entry and updates will be done automatically.*
- *Students/staff will turn off all peer-to-peer (music/video/file-sharing) software or web-hosting services on their device while connected to the school wireless network.*
- *Students will use the student owned device in class only with the teacher's expressed permission.*
- *Students/staff understand the security, care and maintenance of their device is their sole responsibility. They will securely store and charge their device when not in use.*
- *Students will not use an audio recording device, video camera, or camera (or any device with one of these, e.g. cell phone, netbook, laptop, tablet, etc.) to record media or take photos during school unless they have permission from both a staff member, and those they are recording.*

### **Use of Public Internet Tools**

- *Technology provides an abundance of opportunities for students/staff to use interactive tools and sites on public websites that benefit learning, communication and social interaction. The Division does not control these public sites and does not manage the information posted by their users; therefore, does not accept responsibility for their content. Personal information could be used for commercial purposes and information stored there could be lost. Users need to ensure that they protect their personal information.*
- *Students/staff may be held accountable for the use of and information posted on these sites if it detrimentally affects the welfare of individual users or the governance, climate, or effectiveness of the school(s).*
- *From time to time teachers may recommend and use public interactive sites that to the best of their knowledge are legitimate and safe. As the site is "public" and the teacher (School and Division) is not in control of it, students and parents must use their discretion when using, accessing information, storing, and displaying student's work on the site.*

### **Security and Supervision**

- *The Division does provide content filtering controls for student access to the Internet using the Division's network as well as reasonable adult supervision, but at times inappropriate, objectionable and/or offensive material may circumvent the filter as well as the supervision and be viewed by students. Students are to report the occurrence to their teacher or the nearest supervisor. Students will be held accountable for any deliberate attempt to circumvent Division technology security and supervision.*
- *Students using mobile and cellular devices on networks other than the Division's network are subject to the rights and responsibilities outlined in this document and are accountable for their use.*

### **Student Email**

All Chinook's Edge students are given a Gmail and Educational Google Applications account. The information being stored by this web tool as well as others might not reside on Canadian servers. Students must use email, web tools and the Internet while at school according to the terms and conditions outlined in this Responsible Use document.

**All students, parents and staff are provided with this Responsible Use Terms and Conditions Document in student agendas or handbooks and in all staff handbooks. All users understand that the use of this electronic information resource is for educational purposes. They recognize the Division has initiated reasonable safeguards to filter and monitor inappropriate materials. They understand that while the Division has also taken steps to restrict user access on the Internet to inappropriate information and sites, it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials. Any user who does not abide by the rules of appropriate use understands that consequences will be instated. Users will not hold Chinook's Edge School Division responsible for materials they acquire on the Internet. Users are required to read the Technology Use Document at the start of each school year (or upon enrolling in Chinook's Edge) and adhere to all requirements in the document. Staff is required to read the document upon commencing employment with Chinook's Edge School Division and adhere to all requirements in the document.**

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## With All Due Respect Deer Meadow's 3 Absolutes

*To ensure Deer Meadow maintains an atmosphere of respect for learning, for others and for school property, we will abide by these absolutes.*

- 1. BE DILIGENT IN PURSUING YOUR LEARNING**
- 2. BE PUNCTUAL**
- 3. BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR BEHAVIOUR**

This means:

- a. Treat others with consideration and respect
- b. No rude language or swearing
- c. No physical contact: pushing, hitting, pinching, kicking, tackling, roughhousing, etc., even in "fun"; no signs of affection (handholding, etc)
- d. No running in the hallways or classrooms
- e. No throwing of objects in the classrooms or hallways; no throwing of snowballs
- f. Freeze during announcements
- g. Cell phones must be in lockers from 8:40 until 3:12
- h. iPods (etc) are to be used with specific teacher permission only
- i. Must have separate indoor and outdoor shoes:
  - *Outdoor shoes placed in boot racks or wiped and carried to locker, enter in socks*
  - *Indoor shoes left in locker when not being worn*
  - *Only clean, indoor running shoes to be used in PE*
- j. No hats worn in school building
- k. No gum or sunflower seeds allowed on school property
- l. Appropriate clothing must be worn: no spaghetti straps, no visible underwear, no visible bellies, no halter tops, no profanity or inappropriate slogans, no short shorts or skirts, no low cut shirts
- m. No littering; pick up & throw out any litter if you see it
- n. Bikes/skateboards, etc. are NOT to be ridden anywhere inside of the bus lanes, helmets are required
- o. The staff parking lot is off limits to students at all times
- p. No food is allowed outside

# Community Events

## Telehealth Sessions

Strengths & Resiliency in Children & Youth with Asperger's Syndrome / Sept. 12 ~ 9:25-11:00am  
 What To Say When They Ask: Typical Sexual Development & Behaviour in Pre-Pubescent Children / Sept. 13 ~ 11:00am-12:30pm  
 TETRA Society: Building Custom Equipment For Greater Independence /Sept. 15 ~ 11:00am-12:30pm

**Cost: FREE, but you must register!**

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



## Babysitting Course

A Red Cross Babysitter's Course will be held at CBA-Workplace Safety (5019-49 Ave. in Olds) on **Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011**, from 9:00am-4:00pm. A MUST for all new babysitters! (Participants must be 11 years old or soon to be 11). Course covers babysitter's rights and responsibilities, the care of infants and toddlers, accident prevention and emergency response—including: First Aid and an introduction to CPR. Each participant will receive a text book, mini-first aid kit and certificate. Course fee: **\$55.00**—children to bring their lunch. Call 556-3109 for more information or to register.

## 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.**

**September 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**

## The Yoga Home



For Class Schedules, Questions, or to Register

YOGAHOME

**Call Aly 403.438.0700**

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## OLDS RAPIDS SWIM CLUB



*Friends~Fun~Fitness*

**Registration Information call 556-6137**

Out of the Olds Aquatic Center, the Olds Rapids Winter Swim Club offers competitive and recreational swimming to children aged 6 years old and up.

Various skill levels of instruction are available to the swimmer by a certified coach.

**Try It Week (3 nights) September 12, 14, 16 ~ 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

This week long camp allows children aged 6-18 an opportunity to experience swim club prior to committing to a full session. The cost is \$25.00. Please bring goggles.

## ILLUSIONS & REALITY

*Internationally acclaimed illusionist Lou Leventhal will present his fun and highly entertaining program on*

**Saturday, September 10th**

**at 1:30 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm)**

**at the Ralph Klein Centre Gym / Olds High School Gym**

**\$10/person or \$20 for family**

**There is a free Hot Dog lunch being served at 12:00 pm**

**Tickets can be purchased at Rexall Drugs or First Baptist Church**

*ILLUSIONS & REALITY is a family oriented program for children age six through adult. It's an entertainment experience that you won't want to miss!*

Sponsored by First Baptist Church

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <span style="color: red;">Day 1</span> First Day of School	2 <span style="color: red;">Day 2</span>	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL ~ Labor Day	6 <span style="color: red;">Day 3</span>	7 <span style="color: red;">Day 4</span>	8 <span style="color: red;">Day 5</span> Newsletter Posted	9 <span style="color: red;">Day 6</span>	10
11	12 <span style="color: red;">Day 1</span> School Council Mtg @ 12:00 Noon	13 <span style="color: red;">Day 2</span>	14 <span style="color: red;">Day 3</span>	15 <span style="color: red;">Day 4</span>	16 <span style="color: red;">Day 5</span> Cyber Bullying Presentation	17
18	19 <span style="color: red;">Day 6</span> Gr. 7 & 8 Invisible Children Presentation 1:15-3:15 pm	20 <span style="color: red;">Day 1</span> Picture Day 	21 <span style="color: red;">Day 2</span> Terry Fox Run Welcome Back BBQ 5-6:30pm & Band Info Mtg 7-8:00 pm	22 <span style="color: red;">Day 3</span>	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 <span style="color: red;">Day 4</span>	27 <span style="color: red;">Day 5</span>	28 <span style="color: red;">Day 6</span>	29 <span style="color: red;">Day 1</span>	30 <span style="color: red;">Day 2</span>	

# October 2011

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2	3 <span style="color: red;">Day 3</span>	4 <span style="color: red;">Day 4</span>	5 <span style="color: red;">Day 5</span>	6 <span style="color: red;">Day 6</span> Gr. 7 & 8 "Think Day" 1:30-2:30 pm Newsletter Posted	7 <span style="color: red;">Day 1</span> Gr. 6 Seniors Day Tea 2-3:00 pm	8
9 	10 NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Day	11 <span style="color: red;">Day 2</span>	12 <span style="color: red;">Day 3</span>	13 <span style="color: red;">Day 4</span> Gr. 6 "Butt Ugly" Presentation 10:30 am	14 <span style="color: red;">Day 5</span>	15
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# Volunteer Checklist

Dear Parents:

A very important component of our school is the parent volunteers who help in many capacities to make the educational experience for our students successful. Once again we would like to let you know of the areas we could use assistance and give you an opportunity to be a part of your child's learning experience.

Please peruse the Checklist below to see where assistance is required and then fill it in indicating the areas you would be willing to help with. If you have any special skills not listed that you would like to share in the classroom or at the school please list them in the "Other" area. September is a very busy month so we would appreciate your assistance in contacting the teacher by calling the school or writing a note in your child's agenda to set up a mutually convenient time.

Please return the list to the office. If you have any questions please contact us at 556-1003. Thank you very much for volunteering your time and energy.



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Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I give you permission to use my name and phone number for the operations of the school council.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **FOR SCHOOL**

- School Council
- Library (Book Fair...)
- Office Assistance
- Extracurricular Sports
- Pizza Tuesdays
- Breakfast For Learning
- Fundraising
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Counting Money

### **FOR TEACHER**

- Room Rep
- Mark Students' Work
- Prepare Class Materials
- Bulletin Boards
- Tutoring Students
- Field Trip Chaperone
- Supervision
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_