



Carstairs Elementary School

January 2012 Newsletter

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Lions Christmas Hamper Donation

On Tuesday, Dec 13, Al Molnar from the Lions Club came to Carstairs Elementary School to receive the food donation from the students. 644 items were collected.

This project is organized yearly by the grade 3 students as part of the Character Education program at CES.

Pictured in the photo are students Emma Osborne, Ethan Sperle and Noah Goodwin with Lion Member Al Molnar. Great job Carstairs Elementary School Students!



CES Hot Lunch Program

The CES Hot Lunch Program is offered once a month. It is designed to offer the students something a little different to what can be brought from home. Some months a full meal is offered (main course, snack, drink) while other times just a portion of a meal is offered. For the past few years all the proceeds have been designated for the playground. This will continue as our wonderful playground will need maintenance and updates over time. Some funds will also be allocated towards activities that benefit the whole school community.

Up until this year the program was run by the very capable and much parents who have moved to Hugh Sutherland School. This year our capable co-organizers are Teina Bowen and Kim Good. We are very thankful to the great parents who help prepare and serve the lunches but are in need of more. We are looking for 2 parents from each grade to help on the lunch days.

If you are able to donate about an hour once every of month please contact Kim at

kimberly.good94@gmail.com

We will **no longer accept late lunch forms**. Due to the planning and shopping that is required for these lunches, late forms make it very difficult to organize our ordering with vendors. **If late forms come in, they will be sent back home and students will have to bring their own lunch on hot lunch day.**

Our Vision is to create a welcoming school where children are learning, developing citizenship and contributing to community.

Our Mission at Carstairs Elementary School is to focus on the whole child, celebrate success and nurture life long learning.

Thank You!

Thank you very much to the Carstairs Chapter of the IODE for their donation to support our Reading Buddies Program.

School Council

The next School Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th from 2:00-3:00 pm.

2010-2011 Yearbooks

Copies of the 2010-2011 Yearbooks are available at the office at a cost of \$12.00.

Lions Calendars For Sale

Lions Club Calendars are for sale at the CES office. The Calendars are \$15 each with 1/2 the proceeds going to the Food Bank and 1/2 staying at CES. These calendars feature the artwork of local students, 2 pages from CES and 1 page from Hugh Sutherland School.

Science Fair

Yes, it's creeping up!! Our school science fair will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. This is a good time to be thinking of projects and doing some pre-planning. This year we will have two divisions to our fair. One section for exhibit only for students who wish to enter a project that will not be judged, and a second division for students who will have their projects judged with the opportunity to move on to the county science fair later in February. Please contact Mrs. Silcox or Mrs. Varga if you have any questions or suggestions!

Parent Conversation Night

Wednesday, January 11th
Carstairs Public Library
7:00—9:00 pm

This is a very informal and supportive evening for divorced or separated parents.

Please RSVP to Family School Wellness
Janet Cornell jcornell@chinooksedge.ab.ca

DRAMA RESIDENCY

We are very excited that all students in Grade One to Four will have the opportunity to participate in a Drama Residency to perform the musical "Stone Soup" by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse. We were fortunate to receive a grant from Alberta Foundation for the Arts and have hired Dramatic Learning artists Alyson Connolly and Elaine Dunbar to further develop our drama and music skills at CES. Students will celebrate their learning with a performance on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 1:45 p.m.

Prioritizing health and wellness in our schools

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 1, 12	2	3	4	5	6	7
			11:00pm First Day Back to School Jan 5 11:00pm 8:30am 3:00pm First Day Back			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		2:00pm 3:00pm School Council Meeting				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		8:30am 9:00am Caring For Our World Assembly		12:00pm 1:00pm Hot Lunch Forms Due - NO EXCEPTIONS!		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	8:30am		Drama Residency Program			
		12:00pm 12:30pm Hot Lunch Day			3:00pm 1:30pm 2:30pm Drama Performance	
29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
	9:00am 11:00am Grade 3 Swimming	8:30am 3:00pm No School				