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**Chinook's Edge School  
 Division #73**

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### Semester Break

Tuesday, January 31st marks the halfway point in the school year. Students will remain at home that day while teachers participate in professional development, planning for the second semester and complete record keeping for semester one.

### Central Alberta Teacher's Convention

Thursday, February 23rd and Friday, February 24th is the Central Alberta Teacher's Convention. Students will not attend school on these two days.

### In-Line Skating

In-line skating is set to start January 9-20, 2012! Each student will receive three days of instruction. All equipment is supplied but it is recommended that students bring their own helmet (if they own one). We are very fortunate this year that there will be no cost to students as the C.P. Blakely Parent Advisory Committee will be generously covering the expense! Our thanks to the P.A.C. for this very generous donation.



### Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013

Chinook's Edge is now accepting registrations for next Kindergarten year, and we look forward to welcoming Kindergarten students into our safe and caring school communities. From their first day of Kindergarten to the time they graduate from high school, our students are surrounded by Chinook's Edge Values:

- Personal responsibility
- Relationships based upon honesty, integrity, respect and compassion
- Dedication and commitment
- An environment of belonging: safe, caring and inclusive
- Growth and development through learning

To attend Kindergarten in August 2012, children must turn five years old by December 31, 2012 and a birth certificate will be required for registration. Accommodation may be made for four year-olds with special needs. There are no school fees for Kindergarten students in Chinook's Edge School Division.

Call C.P. Blakely School at 403-887-3570 for more information. We look forward to welcoming your child to Chinook's Edge, *Where Students Come First!*

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### Remember these dates:

- ⇒ January 9 - Hot Lunch order forms go home
- ⇒ January 9-20 - In-Line Skating
- ⇒ January 13 - Hot Dog Hot Lunch
- ⇒ January 17 - P.A.C. Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ January 20 - Panago Pizza Hot Lunch
- ⇒ January 20 - Gr. 5 Ski
- ⇒ January 25 - Principal's Party
- ⇒ January 27 - Dairy Queen Hot Lunch
- ⇒ January 30 - Awards Assembly 2:20
- ⇒ January 31 - Organizational Day - No School



**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**

Happy New year to all of our school families!!

Thank you for a great month of December. It was as busy as ever with four Christmas concerts. Thank you Mr. Renfrew, Miss Beach, Mrs. Clark, Miss Janet and all other staff members who worked hard to make these a big success. Our students also worked hard and we are very proud of them.

Thank you also to our parent advisory council who put on a turkey dinner at the Community Centre for all of our students and staff. If anyone is interested in participating on or with our parent advisory council they meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm. Yes... it is an unusual time but they have found that at 4:00 pm they get their best attendance from interested parents.

January will be a quieter month, thank goodness! We do however have some interesting activities for the student to look forward to. In-line skating began today. This will take place in our gym for the next two weeks. All of our students (K-5) will be involved. Thank you again to our parent advisory council for covering the cost for all of our families. If any parents are interested in helping to get students organized, as it takes time to get the gear on, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher. Also, on January 20<sup>th</sup> our grade five students will be skiing for the second time this year. Have fun grade fives.

One activity that we would like to bring to everyone's attention to is "Pink Shirt Day" which is typically in February. As usual, February will be our anti-bullying/bully-proofing month. We will encourage all staff and students to wear pink as our way of standing up against bullying. A stance such as this allows us to increase our students' awareness of this issue. We will plan an assembly solely dedicated to anti-bullying. Parents are certainly invited to join in. Our planning committee will organize the day and we will communicate dates and times this month.

Thank you again for your continued support and please call if there are any concerns. It is partially the collaboration between home and school that makes C.P. Blakely an outstanding school and learning environment for our students and your kids.

Trevor Sanche  
Principal



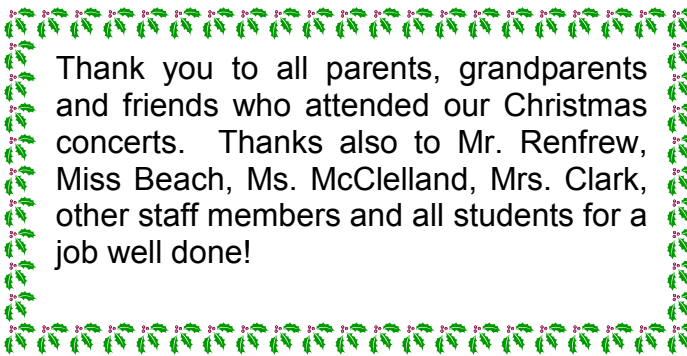
### January "Determination" Awards Assembly

Our January Awards Assembly will be held Friday, January 27th at 2:20 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend this assembly.

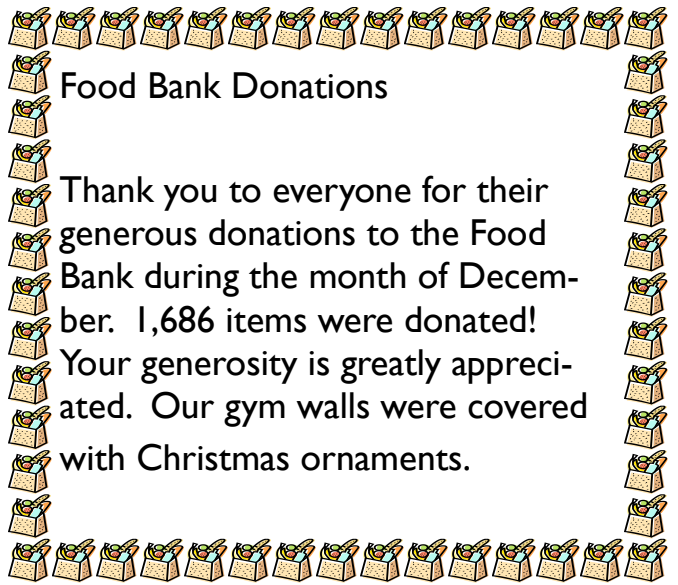


Thank You! Thank You!

To the Parent Advisory Committee for the delicious turkey dinner served to staff and students for Christmas. It was greatly enjoyed by all!

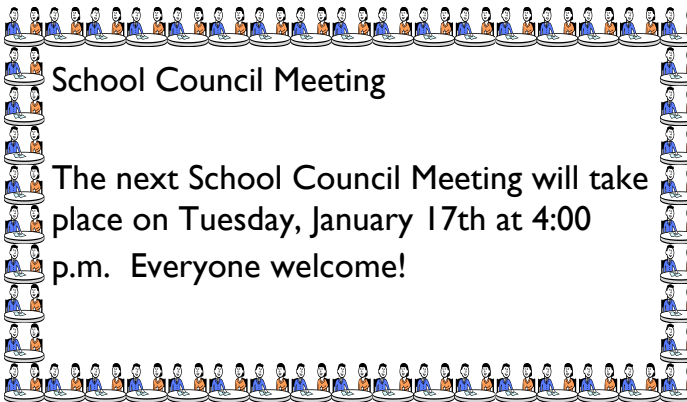


Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who attended our Christmas concerts. Thanks also to Mr. Renfrew, Miss Beach, Ms. McClelland, Mrs. Clark, other staff members and all students for a job well done!



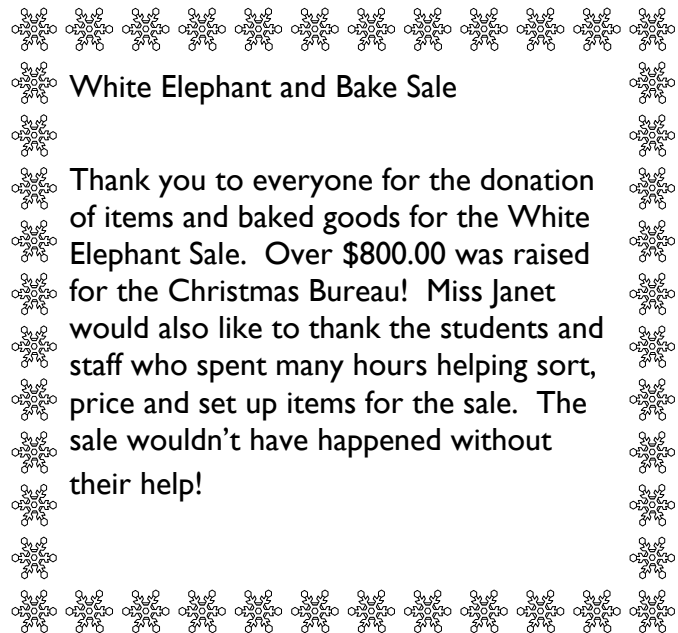
### Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to the Food Bank during the month of December. 1,686 items were donated! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our gym walls were covered with Christmas ornaments.



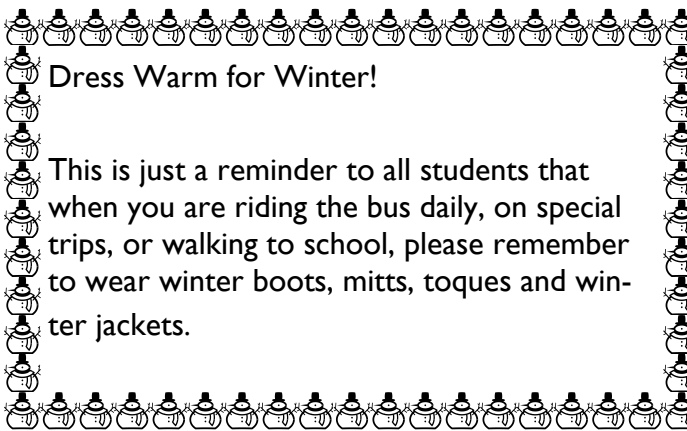
### School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17th at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!



### White Elephant and Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone for the donation of items and baked goods for the White Elephant Sale. Over \$800.00 was raised for the Christmas Bureau! Miss Janet would also like to thank the students and staff who spent many hours helping sort, price and set up items for the sale. The sale wouldn't have happened without their help!



### Dress Warm for Winter!

This is just a reminder to all students that when you are riding the bus daily, on special trips, or walking to school, please remember to wear winter boots, mitts, toques and winter jackets.

## Town Hall Meeting - Urgent Care Facility

Thousands of Sylvan Lake and area visitors and residents are forced to drive into Red Deer for medical care each year ...

*So why does Sylvan Lake (and area) not have an urgent care facility??*

We have **DOCTORS** willing to work **24/7**  
We have a **COST-EFFECTIVE PROPOSAL** to run it  
We certainly have the **NEED**  
But none of this matters if we ***DON'T HAVE YOUR SUPPORT***

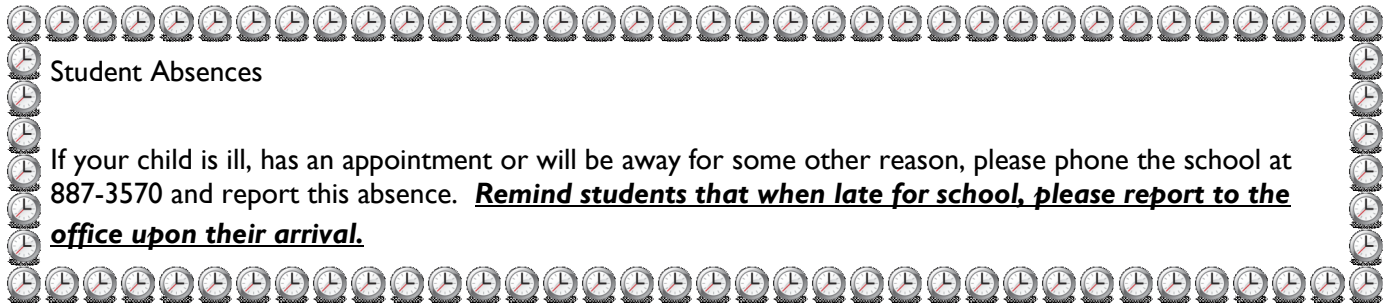
If you care about receiving essential, 24/7 urgent care medical services in our area, please come show your support!



**January 18, 2012**

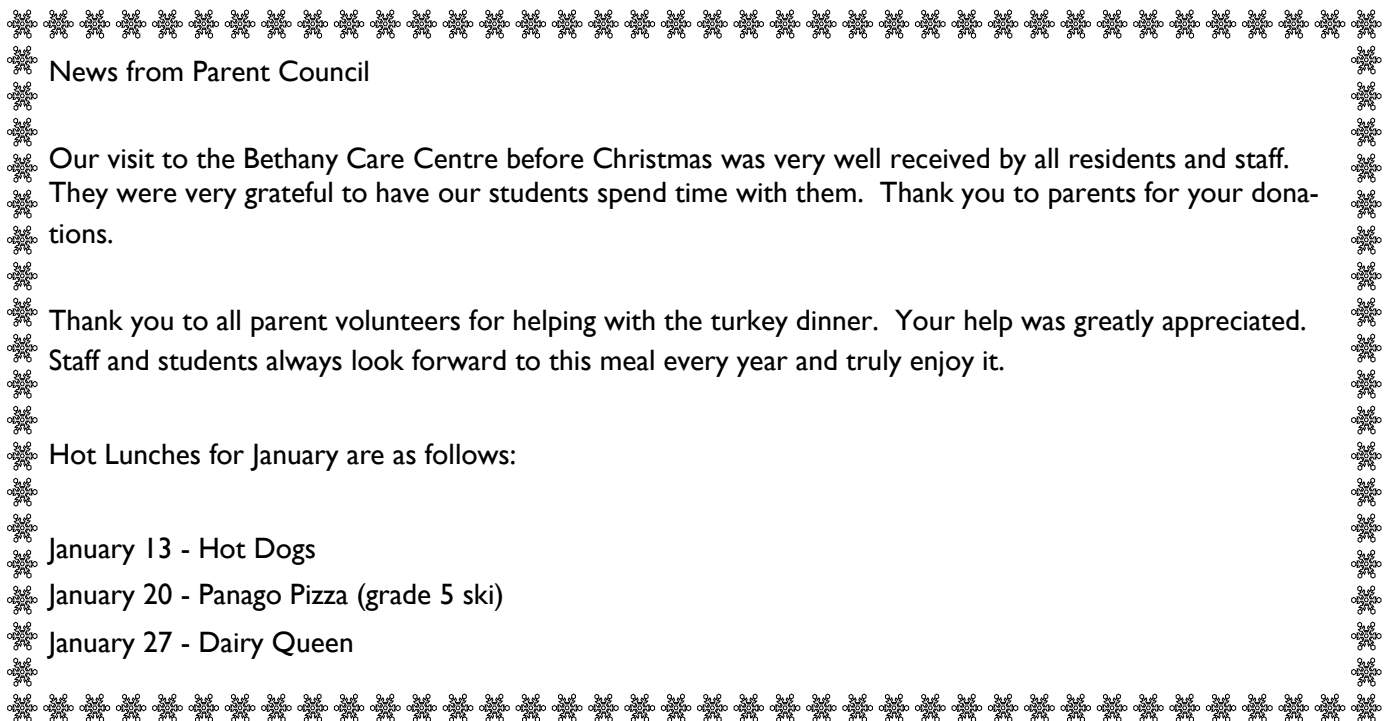
**Sylvan Lake Community Centre (4725 - 43 Street)**

**7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**



### Student Absences

If your child is ill, has an appointment or will be away for some other reason, please phone the school at 887-3570 and report this absence. **Remind students that when late for school, please report to the office upon their arrival.**



### News from Parent Council

Our visit to the Bethany Care Centre before Christmas was very well received by all residents and staff. They were very grateful to have our students spend time with them. Thank you to parents for your donations.

Thank you to all parent volunteers for helping with the turkey dinner. Your help was greatly appreciated. Staff and students always look forward to this meal every year and truly enjoy it.

Hot Lunches for January are as follows:

January 13 - Hot Dogs

January 20 - Panago Pizza (grade 5 ski)

January 27 - Dairy Queen



## YOUTH CENTRE PROGRAMS

Youth Services provides an opportunity for youth to make connections with their peers and their community while participating in activities that build social skills, feelings of worth and social networks. Staff are available at every program to help youth have meaningful experiences.

### DAZE END PROGRAM

**Ages 7-12**

*A safe, supervised place for youth to hang out with their friends afterschool. Youth can play pool, fooseball, air hockey, board games or participate in one of our daily structured activities*

**Day:** Monday-Friday

**Time:** 3:00-5:30 pm **\*NEW TIME\***

**Cost:** No Cost

### GIRL POWER

**Ages 9-13**

*A program for young girls which encourages healthy friendships, positive self esteem and active living. Activities include: crafts, games, guest speakers, etc.*

**Day:** Tuesday

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 pm

**Cost:** No Cost

### DROP IN GYM NIGHT

**Ages 7-12 & 13-18**

*Get your friends together and come join in a game of basketball, floor hockey, dodgeball or a fun game in our fully equipped gym!*

**Day:** Wednesday

**Time:** 3:00-5:30 (7-12 years) **\*NEW TIME\***

6:00-9:00 (13-18)

**Cost:** No Cost

### BOYZ UNLIMITED

**Ages 9-13**

*This program is designed to assist boys in developing positive self image and a healthy lifestyle. Activities include: gym nights, movie nights, games and tournaments!*

**Day:** Thursday

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 pm

**Cost:** No Cost

### SUPER SATURDAYS

**Ages 7-12**

*A safe, supervised place for youth to meet with their friends on the weekend and participate in fun activities like pool, air hockey, fooseball, karaoke and board games!*

**Day:** Saturday

**Time:** 3:00-5:30 pm **\*NEW TIME\***

**Cost:** No Cost

### NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

A Membership Form will need to be completed.

**Phone:** 403.887.1137 ext 223

**Email:** [youthservices@sylvanlake.ca](mailto:youthservices@sylvanlake.ca)

**Location:** Upstairs in the Family & Community Centre  
(4725 43rd Street)



## Afterschool Registered Programs

### FUTURE CHEFS

**Ages 8-12**

*A 6 week program which teaches youth basic cooking skills. Youth receive information on kitchen safety, kitchen tools and cooking techniques.*

**Day:** Tuesday, Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

**Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm **Location:** Community Centre

**Cost:** \$35/local \$40/Non local

### COURT SPORTS

**Ages 8-12**

*A 6 week program which teaches youth basic skills in a variety of sports like volleyball, basketball, soccer and badminton. The focus is on teamwork and fair play!*

**Day:** Thursday, Jan. 26, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, 30

**Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm **Location:** Community Centre

**Cost:** \$30/local \$35/Non local

### COMPRESSED SCHOOL DAY CAMPS

**Ages 7-12**

*These fun-filled full day camps offer parents an alternative to childcare when your child has the day off school. The days are full of games, crafts and themed activities.*

**Day:** February 10, March 9, 23, April 20

**Time:** 8:30 am-4:30 pm **Location:** Community Centre

**Cost:** \$30/local per day \$35/non local per day

### REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**Phone:** 403.887.1137 ext. 223

**Email:** [youthservices@sylvanlake.ca](mailto:youthservices@sylvanlake.ca)

**Location:** Family & Community Centre  
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# January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2	3	4	5 School Re-sumes	6 M/W ECS No Hot Lunch available	7
8	9 Friday Hot Lunch forms go home In-Line Skating	10	11	12	13 T/T ECS Hot Dog Hot Lunch	14
		Hot Lunch Available				→
15	16 In-Line Skating	17 PAC Meeting 4:00 p.m.	18	19	20 M/W ECS Panago Pizza Hot Lunch	21
		Hot Lunch Available				→
22	23	24	25	26	27 T/T ECS Dairy Queen Hot Lunch	28
		Hot Lunch Available				
29	30 Friday Hot Lunch orders go home Awards Assembly 2:20	31 Organizational Day - No School	1	2	3	4
		Hot Lunch Available				