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Alberta Achievement Test Dates

Grade 3

Tuesday, May 11th, 9:00 - 10:00
 a.m. - English Language Arts Part
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Thursday, May 13th, 9:00 - 9:06
 a.m. - Timed Number Facts

You can help your child do better on the tests by seeing that he/she has plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast. This is essentially important for good concentration.

If students should be absent, they will be able to write the tests within the week of their return.

Gr. 2 Students to Make a Splash

Grade 2 students will begin swimming lessons, every Tuesday and Thursday morning from May 11th to May 27th.

Sports Day Grades K-2

Thursday, June 3rd
(Alternate Date - Monday, June 7th)

Track & Field Day
Grades 3-5

Thursday, June 3rd
(Alternate Date - Monday, June 7th)

Please come prepared and wear appropriate clothing (shorts, t-shirts, running shoes, sunscreen, water bottles)

Uganda Humanitarian Presentation

Please join us on Wednesday, May 5th to hear a presentation by Mr. Eric Everitt on a Uganda humanitarian effort currently under way for a Ugandan orphanage. On Thursday, students will be able to purchase popcorn for \$1.00 per bag and/or to wear a cap in school, for the day, also for \$1.00. This fundraiser is entirely optional. Global awareness is the main focus of this presentation.

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Remember these dates:

- ⇒ **May 4, Hoja Presentation**
- ⇒ **May 5, Uganda Presentation**
- ⇒ **May 7, Compressed Day, No School**
- ⇒ **May 11, Gr. 3 L.A. PAT**
- ⇒ **May 13, Gr. 3 Math PAT**
- ⇒ **May 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 Gr. 2 Swim**
- ⇒ **May 14, Hot Dog Hot Lunch**
- ⇒ **May 18, School Council Meeting**
- ⇒ **May 21, Compressed Day, No School**
- ⇒ **May 24, Victoria Day, No School**
- ⇒ **May 28, Pizza Hut Hot Lunch**
- ⇒ **May 31, Awards Assembly, 2:15**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Citizen of the Month Awards for Co-operation in the month of April!

Kindergarten

M/W - Cocks - Justyce Melzer

T/T - Cocks - Rachel Braitenback

T/T - Burton - Ethan Tayles

Grade 1

Diachuk - Max Capnerhurst

Ratray - Brycen Pieroway

Grade 1/2

Ireland - Emily Tetz

Grade 2

Daniels - Savannah Strawberry

Warke - Chloe Martin

Grade 3

Beach - Logan Cressey

Noden - Dion Bruyere

Renfrew - Cole Mckeen

Grade 4

Pfaff - Kacey Joseph

Yee - Rayyan Kauchali

Grade 5

Clark - CJ Wilson

Lynn - Hailey Tweed

Pizzey - Jayden Darnel

March Principal Award Winners

ECS - Tosh Marshall, Jobe Duplessis, Brett Bylsma, Parker Dale, Matthew Workun, Claudia Bell

Grade 1 - Jaren Kehler, Chazlyn Ruhl, Charlotte Dziepak, Lachlan Skinner,

Grade 2 - Gabe Cline, Corbin Takazo, Jazz McDougall, Sonia Muyot, Kory Solberg, Taylor Brown

Grade 3 - Kyra Palmer, Madison Roth, Megan Abram, Joecill Muyot, Aidan Rider, Cameron Tubbs

Grade 4 - Chris Perkins, Dylan Smith, Kendra Dale, Kiara Larocque

Grade 5 - Lee Johnson, Max Kaminski, Starley Nelson, Anton Starcheski, Ryan Lieng, Christian Maclean

Thank you to Pizza Hut for supplying coupons for our Citizen of the Month Award Winners.

Welcome to spring everyone...we hope!

We have a very busy month ahead of us in May. Mrs. Moir has a musical group (Hoja), very famous, coming in on May 4th at 1:45 to entertain the students. Any parents interested are definitely welcome. You should hear your children talking about the fire drills and an Emergency lockdown drill that we will practice over the next few weeks. Look for a parent letter describing the lockdown procedures in a week or so. We prep the kids for the emergency lockdown in the classroom so that they are not frightened when it occurs. Mr. Eric Everitt will talk to the students (May 5) about a Uganda humanitarian project that he is part of through the Alliance Church. He has asked if our students would like to be part of the efforts, which are humanitarian in nature, not mission related. Again, any parents interested in seeing the presentation are welcome. It will be at 11:00 am. We will have a popcorn sale on May 6th. All proceeds go to the project. A letter explaining this was brought home last Friday.

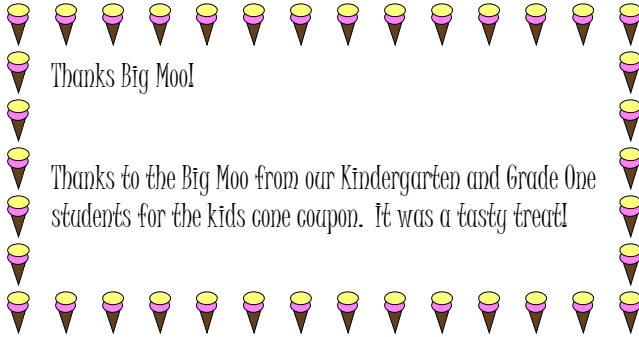
Provincial achievement tests begin this month for our grade threes. The dates for these exams are as follows: L.A. part A (May 11 – 9:00-10:00); Math facts (May 13 – 9:00-9:06); L.A. part B (June 15th 9:00-10:00) and Math part B (June 17 9:00-10:00). Please have the students well rested with a good breakfast.

The grade two students begin to swim this month, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kindergarten and grade ones will be swimming in June. The students will be seeing a farm safety presentation (annual) on May 14, the same day that our grade threes are going to the Edmonton science Centre.

Our citizenship theme for May is "Kindness", and our character building theme is "Loyalty". Our classrooms will be talking about these two themes throughout the month. If parents are wanting to help build on the character theme, there is a booklet built into the agenda with activities related to the themes.

Have a great month!!

Trevor Sanche



Thanks Big Moo!

Thanks to the Big Moo from our Kindergarten and Grade One students for the kids cone coupon. It was a tasty treat!



Bike Locks

This is an important reminder to students who ride bicycles to school, please remember to lock your bikes to the bike racks located in front of the school.



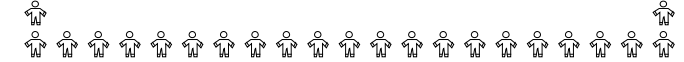
Kindergarten 2009-2010

Do you or someone you know have a child at home who will be turning 5 by December 31, 2010? If so, we are currently taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration forms are available at the office. Please bring your child's birth certificate when registering.



School Council Meeting

Join School Council at their monthly meeting to be held Tuesday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m.



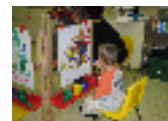
A Resource for Families & Parents

For your family's growing years...

- * Summer Drop In Programs 0-6 years (siblings welcome)
- * AM & PM Drop In Programs 0-6 years (siblings welcome)
- * Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions
 - * Ages and Stages Questionnaires
 - * 1-1 Parent Information
 - * Toy Lending
 - * Child Development books & DVDs to borrow

For more information

Call Cindy C 403 887-1137 familyresource@sylvanlake.ca



Building Responsibility. Boost your child's independence, responsibility over the summer.

Boost your child's independence, responsibility over the summer. One of the best ways to help your child become more responsible is by helping her develop independence. Summer is a great time to help her learn how to do things for herself. Here are a few ideas:

Don't be afraid of unstructured time. Today's families often think that children need to have a planned activity every minute of the day. But all those structured activities keep your child from making decisions for herself. During the summer, try to see that your child has regular blocks of unstructured time. If she says she's bored, tell her you're sure she can figure out something to do. (And she will.)

Teach your child adult skills. The summer months offer good opportunities to practice doing laundry or preparing a meal. The more adult skills your child learns, the more responsible she can be.

Back off this summer if you've been doing too much for your child. First graders can make their own beds (maybe not perfectly). Second graders can fold laundry. Yes, they will take longer to do these tasks than you would. Let them practice over the summer.

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Leaders in safety

A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge is emerging as an industry leader in safety, as a direct result of the hard work being done in our schools. This past month, our division participated in a COR Certification Audit, which is a designation that very few school divisions in Alberta have achieved. While we await the formal notification of our results, we know that we have raised the level of safety in our schools even higher just by participating in the process.

Our diligent attention to safety is practiced in all of our classrooms and all of our buildings every day. From ongoing fire drills to written Emergency Response Plans, Chinook's Edge has made safety a priority in each of our schools. We are pursuing optimum safety because we care about the people in our classrooms and school facilities – our students, staff, volunteers and guests. A safe school is the basis for learning and our focus on safety ensures everyone continues to thrive in our safe and caring school communities.

Jim Gibbons

Superintendent of Schools



Getting Ready for Grade One Are Your Child's Immunizations Up To Date?

If your child is in kindergarten and has not received their preschool immunization they are due now. The 4-6 year old booster is routinely given at this time, which consists of the 5th dose of Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, and Polio, and the 2nd dose of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. If your child has not had the Chicken Pox disease or the Chicken Pox vaccine your child is eligible for Chicken Pox immunization. Call the Sylvan Lake Community Health Centre at 403-887-2241 to make an appointment before starting grade one.