



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIV. #73



HUGH SUTHERLAND SCHOOL NEWS

Hugh Sutherland School
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FROM MR. THOMSON'S DESK

Well, our first month of this new school year has certainly flown by fast! The staff and students of Hugh Sutherland School have been involved throughout September in a number of exciting and meaningful learning activities.

A huge thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who came out to make our combined "Welcome Back BBQ, Meet the Teacher Night and Awards Celebration" a great success. It was also nice to see a good solid group of parents come out to the school's first School Council Meeting. We had some interesting and informative discussions on a number of issues affecting the parents of our students. Please consider coming out to the next meeting which is on October 19th at 7:00 pm. On September 28th, staff and students were involved with a joint community-school Terry Fox Run. A big thanks to the staff at Carstairs Elementary, Hugh Sutherland, Town of Carstairs, Co-op, Half Century Club, Jay and Darlene Wark and all volunteer community members and staff for cooking and serving breakfast to our well deserved runners and for making this event a success.

A reminder to our High School parents that student marks and attendance information will soon be available for you to access from home through Power School. You can access the system now if you have a login from last year. If not, we will be sending new logins out the second week in October. Hugh Sutherland has launched a new website this month with an exciting new look, great links, current information and individual teacher homework postings.

A reminder that on October 27th progress reports will be sent home for all High School students. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on November 8th and 9th. We then plan to hold a student celebration event to recognize the great work of our High School students!

Please consider making 2011-2012 the year you get involved with the school to make it a great learning environment for all of our students. I certainly appreciate the parents, students, school staff and school community who all work tirelessly to make Hugh Sutherland School the wonderful school it is.



IMPORTANT DATES

October 10th

Thanksgiving Day

No School

October 17th

Picture retakes

RAINBOWS program starts

October 19th

Parent Council Meeting 7pm

Europe Trip Meeting 7pm

October 24th

Grad Meeting 7pm

October 27th

HS Progress Reports

October 28th

No School

October 31st

PD Day

No School

November 1st

Book Fair

It is very important that parents report all absences and lates to the school office at 403-337-3326

MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE NEWS

Wow! What a fantastic start in Middle School this year! Students and teachers have been working extremely hard to start the year and things are up and running smoothly. October will be a busy month for all of us.

- The **Kodiak Snack Shack** is now open. Items that can be purchased are listed on our website. Middle School students are able to use the concession Monday to Thursday and Pizza Day Friday. MS students need to remember to go to the concession promptly at 12pm to avoid lineups that occur when HS students are dismissed. Microwaves are located in each Middle School classroom as well for use at lunch. Thanks to all parents who volunteer and help out at the concession each week.

- The **Renaissance Program** will continue this year in Middle School. Renaissance is a program that reinforces, rewards and recognizes academic success to all classes, showing good character and respectful behavior. If you are interested in making a donation to the Renaissance Program you can contact Mr. Goutsis at the school.

- The annual Middle School **Magazine Fundraiser** started with our kick off assembly on September 22nd. Money raised from this sale will help fund our Renaissance Program, Spirit Days, and Middle School activities such as a theatre trip, grade specific field trips, our ski and snowboard trip, a year end activity and our house league intramurals. Thank you to staff, students, parents and community members who have helped make this a successful fundraiser in the past. Information about the Magazine Sale is attached to this newsletter and available in the Middle section of our website. Prize days for students are Thursdays with our last prize day being Thursday, Oct. 13.

- **Middle School Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews** are scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 8th and Wednesday Nov. 9th from 4 to 7pm. These can be booked by phoning the school starting November 1st. We encourage both parents and students to attend. These interviews are scheduled before report cards go out to encourage parent contact earlier in the school year. It also allows teachers to identify areas for student improvement before Term 1 marks are calculated.

- This year we are planning to kick off our **Middle School Intramurals** with beach volleyball, set to begin in mid-October. This year MS students will be divided into grade 5/6 and grade 7/8 teams.

- Students will be involved in our first spirit activity which will be our traditional **Costume Parade** on October 27th. Students will be awarded prizes for winning costumes in various categories.

- **Term 1 Report Cards** will be sent home with Middle School students on December 2nd, 2011. No interviews will take place at this time.

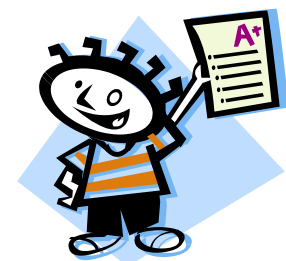
- Our new website, www.hughsutherlandschool.ca, is up and running. Please check the Homework Hotline section regularly for your child's homework. You can also keep up on MS news and events by following the Middle School link under Students/Parents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me at the school.

Sincerely,

John Goutsis

Vice Principal



BOOK FAIR

Our first book fair is coming! It starts on Nov. 1st and runs until Nov. 10th. We will be open until 4:00p.m. daily except the night of interviews, Nov. 8th and 9th when we stay open until 7:00 p.m. Come and check out the great selection! Help support your school library. This is a great time to get a Christmas gift for your teacher, buy them a book for the classroom from their wish list for all students to enjoy in the classroom! Hope to see you there. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ann Riddle at ariddle@chinooksedge.ab.ca. Thanks for all your ongoing help and support!

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes are on Monday, October 17th from 8:30-10:30am.



Please register your child's retakes before this event by calling customer service at 1-877-622-0052.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Congratulations to our girls golf team (Hannah Van Tetering, Jolene Freerksen, Desiree Kmiecik and Wendy Bastos) who were silver medalists at the South Central Zone Team competition in Hanna, and represented our school at the Provincial Competition September 26th – 27th and came in 5th place! Thank you to coaches, Donna Aarsby and Mrs Drever.

Our Cross Country team has been working hard with coaches Sharon Hamm and Mrs McCambly. They participated in the Chinook's Edge Athletic Association run September 20th, September 27th and many athletes participated in the CESAA divisional meet. Athletes who qualify will continue on to the South Central Zone competition held October 5th in Canmore. The Provincial Cross Country Meet will be held October 15th at Eagle Butte Dunmore. Good luck athletes!

Our volleyball season is well underway. Sr and JV league play began the last week in September and the Middle school league starts the first week in October. Many teams have started playing tournaments and there are many tournaments coming up. If you have a chance, please drop in for a home game and support the athletes. We have 6 teams participating in CESAA leagues this year. Our teams are; Sr Girls coached by Mr Scott; JV Boys coached by Miss Kemmere and Mr Burge; JV Girls

coached by Carole Gelleny and Kelsey Sayer; Middle School Boys coached by Mrs Juniper and Mr Juniper; 2 Middle school Girls teams coached by Mr Stewart and Mr Goutsis. Thank you coaches and good luck teams.

Chinook's Edge School Division transportation policy requires that if a driver is transporting students to or from a school event, the driver must have 1 million dollar insurance coverage, but they strongly recommend 2 million dollar coverage. We also require that the school has a copy of your insurance on file prior to transporting students.

For an athletic event calendar and more information, check out our website at www.hughsutherlandschool.ca; click on the athletic page and then check out the athletic calendar on that page to view all athletic events.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.

Good luck cross country and volleyball athletes!

GO.....KODIAKS....GO!

Mr. Rob Scott
HSS Athletic Director
403-337-3326



There will be a Europe Trip meeting for ALL travellers. If you are going to Europe in April 2012, you and a parent must attend this meeting on Wednesday, October 19th, 7:00pm in Room 120.



Transitional Vocational Program Information Meeting for Parents And Prospective Students

Janice Findlay, Chairperson, Transitional Vocational Program will be presenting information on their 10 month program that offers employability, independence and interpersonal skills training to young adults with developmental disabilities at Red Deer College.

Although your son or daughter should be 18 to attend, planning ahead is a great idea, so come for the information when they are in grades 10 – 12.

Funding for tuition, books and room and board is provided for all students matched to TVP, so come and learn more!

When: October 24th, 2011 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Where: Room 1800, Red Deer College

Registration: Please register with **Janice Findlay** by **Oct. 17th, 2011**

janice.findlay@rdc.ab.ca or 403 342-3113. Directions will be provided at that time.

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Achieving success in our safe and caring 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

BAND BITS

The HSS Music Association would like to thank all who attended the meeting in September. We are so happy to see the increasing interest from parents in the band program. This year promises to be even better than last year! The students are currently preparing for the upcoming school and community Remembrance Day ceremonies. A couple updates from last year include the 50/50 proceeds from the year end concert and the entry in the Beef and Barley Days parade in July. \$340.50 was donated to the Red Cross Relief Fund for the Slave Lake Fire victims. Thanks to all who took part in the marching band for the parade last summer, you sounded great! Upcoming this month the Grade 6's will take part in their Grade 6 Band Day. Mr. Selensky is planning for 8 clinicians to provide specialized instruction on a variety of instruments and he is organizing a fun activity for the kids, as well. Watch for Mom's Pantry order forms coming out providing an opportunity for band students to fundraise.



KODIAK SNACK SHACK MENU FOR OCTOBER 2011



Parent Volunteers needed. Please contact Laura at 337-4844 or Georgina at 337-2801.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sloppy Joes \$2 3	Baked Lasagna & Garlic Toast \$2.50 4	Basics 5	Burgers \$2 6 Cheeseburgers \$2.25	Pizza \$2/slice 7
NO SCHOOL 10	6 Perogies & Bacon \$2.25 11	Caesar Salad \$1.50 12 with Chicken \$2.50	Jumbo Hotdogs \$1.50 13 w/Cheese \$1.75	Pizza \$2/slice 14
Taco in a Bag \$2.50 17	Basics 18	Chicken Ranch Wraps \$2.50 19	Burgers \$2 20 Cheeseburgers \$2.25	Pizza \$2/slice 21
Basics 24	Beef Dip \$2.50 25	Soup & a Bun \$2 26 Cream of Broccoli/ Chicken Noodle	Jumbo Hotdogs \$1.50 27 w/Cheese \$1.75	NO SCHOOL 28
NO SCHOOL 31	Nachos Supreme \$2.50 1	Basics 2	Burgers \$2 3 Cheeseburgers \$2.25	Pizza \$2/slice 4