



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIV. #73



HUGH SUTHERLAND SCHOOL NEWS

Hugh Sutherland School
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September
2011

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FROM MR. THOMSON'S DESK

Welcome back! I want to start by extending a warm welcome to all of our students, parents, school staff, and the entire school community. The staff at Hugh Sutherland School is extremely thrilled to get started with another school year. With all of the exciting things we have planned, we are sure this year will be a great one!

The staff has already been hard at work meeting and setting goals for the upcoming school year. Based on feedback from staff, parents and students, we are focusing on: engaging our students in their learning through critical thinking, building school community and pride and involving parents within our school. The staff met for a full day with Maureen McDermid, a critical thinking coach from BC. She will be working with our staff this year to help us teach our students how to improve their critical thinking skills.

Hugh Sutherland will be launching a new web site with an exciting new look, great links, current information and teacher homework postings. Due to the extreme generosity from the Town of Carstairs we have received a large amount of fitness equipment for our students to use this coming year.

Please review our new attendance procedures. We feel that attendance is vital to student success. Essentially, if a student is absent, it has to be school excused, or a parent has to call to excuse the absence. If not, a phone call will go home from our new Synvoice System. The student then has until the next evening to get the absence excused, or deal with the consequences.

Students attended an assembly on their first day to introduce them to activities planned for the month of September. We have our Welcome Back BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night followed with the Awards Night coming September 14th. We are also trying to plan a field trip for all of our High School students to Heritage Park in Calgary. The Town of Carstairs is partnering with the school to put on the annual Terry Fox Run and community pancake breakfast on September the 28th. Also, our first Parent Council Meeting is September 20th at 7:00 pm in the library. We hope to have a good turnout from our parents.

We are looking forward to a great school year. 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

September 1st:

First day of school

Welcome back!

September 5th:

Labour Day

No School

September 14th:

Picture Day

Meet the Teacher /
Welcome Back BBQ /
Awards Evening 6PM

September 16th:

HS Student

Leadership

Carnival

September 20th:

Parent Council

Meeting 7pm

September 23rd:

PD Day

No School

September 28th:

Terry Fox Run

MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE NEWS

Welcome to another great year at Hugh Sutherland School. We are all excited to be back and ready to help students continue to be lifelong learners! I will be teaching some grade 7 Physical Education and some grade 9 option classes this year and remain the Vice Principal in charge of the daily running of Middle School. We would like to welcome the grade 5 students to our Middle School.

A Middle School Parent Handbook will be coming home the first week of school with your son or daughter. Please read it over and familiarize yourself and your child with the Middle School rules and policies. We also encourage you to visit our website (www.hughsutherlandschool.ca) where all policies, handbooks, Middle School news, Middle School timetables, links to teacher emails, newsletters and our homework hotline are available.

A few important reminders for students and parents are as follows:

- ♦ To ensure the safety of our younger students, Hugh Sutherland is a closed campus for Middle School. Therefore, Middle School students are not allowed to leave school grounds without a parent/guardian signing them out at the office first. A note from home will not allow students to leave.

- ♦ Due to the increase of student misuse of cell phones (bullying, harassment, texting other students during class, inappropriate language, inappropriate photos, coming late to class, in class violations) by Middle School students last year, we have decided that all students in grades 5 to 8 **will not** be allowed to use cell phones on school grounds during regular school hours this year. This includes breaks and lunch recess. We understand and are sensitive to the need of parents

to have after school contact with their child for extra-curricular and after school activities. However, these phones must remain in the student's locker or backpack for the entire school day. Parents can continue to contact the school office at (403) 337-3326 if the need arises to contact their child during school hours. There is also a student phone by the office for student use throughout the day should a student need to call a parent. Cell phone violations will be dealt with using our Positive Behavior Plan which is posted on the school website.

The Renaissance Program will continue this year in Middle School. Renaissance is a program that reinforces rewards, recognizes academic success and promotes school values and priorities such as homework being completed, agendas used, promptness to all classes, showing good character and respectful behavior. If you are interested in making a donation to the Renaissance Program you can contact me at the school.

The annual Middle School Magazine Fundraiser starts this month with our kick off assembly on September 22. Money raised from this sale will help fund our Renaissance Program, spirit days, 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.

As always, please contact me at the school if you have any questions and concerns.

John Goutsis
Vice Principal



RAINBOWS next program starts October 17th!

Did you know that since Carstairs Rainbows Program started 5 years ago, evaluations by parents show the top outcomes for kids are an increase in:

SELF ESTEEM POSITIVE ATTITUDE COMMUNICATION COOPERATION AT HOME

And 100% of PARENTS RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM TO OTHERS!

For more information or to register for the fall program, go to www.carstairs.ca or call 403-337-2633 or jcornell@chinooksedge.ab.ca or call 337-3326 or 337-8670.

Janet Cornell Family School Wellness

Hugh Sutherland School Mondays & Thursdays from 8:30-3:30

Carstairs Elementary School Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 8:30-3:30

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Welcome back Hugh Sutherland Kodiaks! I am looking forward to a great year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

First, I would like to thank the Town of Carstairs for the donation of the fitness equipment. I am working on setting up the fitness room, with hope it will be up and running by the end of September.

With the beginning of a new school year, we see golf, cross-country running and volleyball on the athletic front.

Thank you to Mrs. Donna Aarsby, Mrs. Drever and Mr. Paulgaard for coaching our golf teams this year. Zone competition is hosted in Hanna on September 19th. Provincials this year will be hosted in Sherwood Park, September 26th and 27th. Good luck to all athletes.

The cross country team will start practice right away. The cross country team will be comprised of athletes in grades 7 to 12. Thank you to Mrs. Sharon Hamm and Mrs. McCambly for coaching the team. Please listen to the announcements for practice times. The first cross country competition will be the Chinook's Edge Athletic Association Run for grades 7 -12, September 21st or 22nd in Sundre.

Our Volleyball season is under way as well. Tryouts

will begin for our Sr / JV Boys and Sr / JV Girls Teams from September 6th to 9th. These tryouts are open to athletes in grades 9-12. Junior High Tryouts for grades 7-9 athletes will be held the week of September 12th – 16th. We are hosting a volleyball camp this year, run by the Head Coach of the SAIT Men's Volleyball team. The Camp will take place Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th. There are a limited number of times available so get your registration in to Mr. Scott to reserve your spot. I am looking forward to a great Volleyball season.

An athletic program is only as successful as the great individuals who dedicate their time to make the program a success. Thank you so much to parents, coaches and officials who, year after year step up to help lead and develop young athletes. If you are interested in coaching or have questions or concerns about the athletic program, please contact me.

For updated information regarding Athletics and to see an athletic event calendar, please check out the Athletics section on the Hugh Sutherland website. www.hughsutherlandschool.ca

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

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



There will be a Grad meeting for parents and students on Monday, September 26th at 7pm in the library. Please plan to attend.



Breakfast Program

The Hugh Sutherland Food For Thought Breakfast Program will be up and running again starting Monday, September 12. This program runs Monday thru Thursday mornings from 8:15 to the start of school. The Hugh Sutherland Staff recognize that there are many challenges for our students in the mornings and have found this to be a valuable program that gives **ALL** students an opportunity to start their day with a nutritious breakfast/snack. This program is open for all students grades 5-12 and is offered at no cost to the students. We are always in need of more volunteers. The time commitment is 40 minutes in the morning from 8:00-8:40, once a month up to 4 days a week. If you are interested in more information about this program or getting involved by donating time or funds please contact Sandra Schwartz or Jennifer Rabchak at the school at 337-3326.



WALKABILITY ROADSHOW

Alberta



Please join us at the Carstairs Elementary School September 19th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

To discuss with our experts ways to enable and encourage our children to walk safely to and from school. *Everyone is Welcome!*

Please call the town office @ 403-337-3341 for information

Join a HSS tour to Berlin, Prague and the Alps during Spring Break 2012

Explore some of Europe's most exciting countries while learning about European history and culture in a way you have never done before. Go to Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Munich, Lucerne and more. The trip has something for everyone: from the artist, to the shopaholic, to the history buff. Students that are in grades 9-12 in the 2011-2012 school year (and their parents) can travel on this tour. To find out more about this once in a lifetime educational opportunity, please contact:

Mr Hronek (khronек@chinooksedge.ab.ca)

Mrs Brinton (gbrinton@chinooksedge.ab.ca)

The deadline to enroll is September 23rd, 2011.

The Hugh Sutherland School Music Association is having their Biannual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 7pm in the band room. If you have a student in band, please plan to attend this important meeting.



KODIAK SNACK SHACK MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 2011



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			First day back to school 1	Closed 2
Labor Day No School 5	Closed 6	Closed 7	Closed 8	Closed 9
Taco in a Bag \$2.50 12	Baked Mac & Cheese w/garlic bread \$2 13	Basics 14	Burgers \$2 Cheeseburgers \$2.25 15	Pizza \$2/slice 16
Sloppy Joes \$2 19	6 Perogies & Bacon \$2.25 20	Chicken Caesar Salad \$2.50 Caesar Salad \$1.50 21	Basics 22	NO SCHOOL 23
Taco in a Bag \$2.50 26	Basics 27	Chicken Ranch Wraps \$2.50 28	Jumbo All Beef Hotdogs \$1.50 w/cheese \$1.75 29	Pizza \$2/slice 30

Beginnings

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.

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 Shawn Russel. 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)

Picture Day is Wednesday, September 14th!



MESSAGE FROM LEO TO THE PARENTS



Dear parents, Cameleo Photo is proud to be this year's official photographer of your child's school pictures. To ensure the smooth conduct of the photo shoot, we would like to provide you with some additional information...

The date chosen by your school for the photo shoot is:
...Wednesday, September 14th...



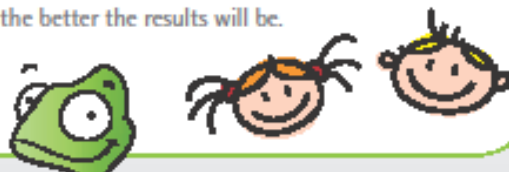
Cameleo Photo specializes in green screen photography. This technique is the same as the one used for certain movie special effects: your child's picture is taken with a green background, which is digitally removed by our computer graphics designers. Afterwards, all there is left for you to do is to choose the background (vertical or horizontal) that best enhances your individual photos.



At the photo shoot, your child will be given a user ID and password that will give you access to his or her pictures on our Web site. From the comfort of your home, you will be able to choose the pictures that you like best, insert the background of your choice, and order directly online. Our interface offers you the safest way to shop online in the market. If you do not have Internet access, you can call us and ask that we mail you a standard paper order form.

To ensure the success of your child's photo shoot, please follow these simple guidelines:
Your child should wear plain clothes or clothes with simple patterns. Please avoid any green clothe or accessory.

Have your child practice standing straight and smiling naturally. The time that our photographer spends with your child is limited, therefore, the more prepared your child is, the better the results will be.



Any questions?
1-888-499-0052 or
support@cameleophoto.com

We wish your child a very good school year!

