

From Mr. Boss' Desk:

It seems hard to believe that we are here in November, already two months into the current school year! This is also the time when we typically se an increase in absenteeism. Statistics show that the more school students miss, the more likely they are to struggle academically and socially. When students miss school, they fall behind in their academics and many students find it difficult to catch up. We know students can be sick and things come up that are unavoidable and students will have to miss school. However, we are hoping that appointments can be scheduled after school hours, if possible, and that students who are a 'little bit under the weather' can make it to school and try to 'stick it out'. With this approach a student will either get through the day or, if this is not possible, can make a phone call home for a pick up.

In the classrooms we have been working extremely hard to ensure that the best academic programming is in place for every child at Fairview School. We appreciate the support of our families with both the academic and social growth of our students. As we continue to work together, I know that we will see great success! If you should have any questions or concerns about your child, please be sure to contact the school and speak with the classroom teacher.

We look forward to our upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews this month. Please feel free to stop by our library for our book fair. Thank you for your continued support!

Parent Teacher In-Person / Telephone Conferences November 16 & November 21, 22 & 23rd

The School Interview Program will be available for parents to book their Parent Teacher Telephone Conference online on Friday, Nov. 10th at 7 am until Tuesday, Nov. 14th - 4 pm.

An e-mail will be sent to all parents on Thursday, Nov. 9th, with step by step instructions on how to book Parent Teacher Telephone Conferences. The instructions will also be posted on our website.

Please book with your child's / children's teachers as follows:

-For students in Kindergarten to grade 5 - please book with your child's classroom teacher.

-For students in grades 6, 7 and 8 please book with the teacher whose name is indicated beside your child's name on a list that will be included in the e-mail, on Nov. 9th.

**Your child's Advisor Teacher is not necessarily the teacher you will meet with.

If you wish to see another teacher, aside from the assigned teacher, please contact Mrs. McKenna at 778-9265 to book a separate appointment.

If you have any questions regarding booking your Parent-Teacher Telephone Conference, please contact Mrs. McKenna at <u>pmckenna@chinooksd.ca</u> or 306-778-9265.

Please note, there is no school for students on Monday, November 20th in lieu of Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Remembrance Day Service - Friday November 10th, at 1pm.
Our Fairview Remembrance Day Service will take place on Friday, Nov 10, starting at 1pm, in the school gym. Parents who wish to attend are asked to arrive after 12:50 pm, to allow time for the
gymnasium to be set up. There will be no school on Monday, November 13, in recognition of
Remembrance Day.

Fairview Web page: http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/fairview/

Is Your Contact Information Up-to-Date?

The safety of our students is our first priority. In the case of urgent situations that cause disruptions to school operations we will notify you through a mass notification system. This may include sever weather, water main breaks, bus cancellations and power outages. Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date with us so we can contact you when necessary. Thank you.

Ogies Perogies Fundraiser

An **ENORMOUS** thank you to our parents, families and community members for supporting our Ogies Perogies Fundraiser. We sold 587 boxes of product for a total of \$24,165. Approximately \$4,100 was raised.

The top selling student in Mr. Crosbie's class, with sales of \$999, will receive a \$50 Sputtergotch Gift Certificate. The Class Pizza Party, for being the top selling homeroom, goes to Ms. Dixon-Martin's grade 2/3 class who sold \$3,777. The three winners of the Cinema Twin Theatre passes are in grades Kindergarten and two grade 2 students. Again, a huge thank you for making this fundraiser such a great success.



Christmas Concert Dates

Our Christmas Concerts will take place over 2 evenings. The Kindergarten to Grade 5 concert is on Tuesday, December 19th. The Grade 6-7-8 concert is on Monday, December 11th.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Fairview school library on during the week of November 21 to 24th. The hours are Tuesday, Nov. 21 to Thursday, Nov. 23, from 3:30 to 7:30 m., and Friday, Nov. 24 for most of the day for class visits or parent drop in's until 4 pm.

Looking for a Christmas gift for your child's teacher? If we may suggest, the book fair would be a great place to buy a book for their classroom libraries!

Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest Winners Congratulations to the following students who won prizes for their posters.

Fire Chief for a Day Ride-to-School in a Fire Truck Kyler Schwartz (kind) Sputtergotch Gift Certificate Aubree Abraham (grade 1) Pizza Hut Class Pizza Party **Cinema Twin Gift Certificate** Harrison Lasiuk (grade 3)

Evynn Reich (grade 3) Everett Hopfner (kind)

Morning Emergency - Bussing Back-Up Plan It is important to develop a back-up plan, in the event your child's bus does not pick them up or is late, especially in the event of stormy or cold weather. If parents are not at home, does your child have access to their home and would they know who to call? Is there a neighbor at home to help them out if they need it? Please take some time to put a plan in place and share it with your child/children. Thank you!!

Remember to Dress for Winter Weather!

Dates to Remember:

Friday Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly Monday Nov 13 No School - Remembrance Day Monday Nov 20 **No School** in lieu of Parent/Teacher Conferences Nov 16 & 21-23 Parent Teacher Telephone Conferences

December:

Monday Dec 11	Grade 6-7-8 Christmas Concert
Tuesday Dec 19	Kindergarten to grade 5 Christmas Concert
Friday, Dec 22	Last day of classes before Christmas break
Monday, Jan 8	Classes Resume - Day 4

November In Motion Commotion

Canadian kids spend an average of 6-7 hours a day in front of a screen. That's 4-5 hours more than recommended levels. Screen time is one of the leading contributors to inactivity among our children and youth. Want some alternatives to screen time for your child:

- Register for Fun Day on Nov. 20 when there is no school. This free program is for students in Kindergarten - Grade 6 and is held from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the LCol Clifton Centre with lunch and snacks provided. Online registration opens on Nov. 8 at 8:00 am www.swiftcurrent.ca/play
- For ages 7-14, have fun at the Welcome to Recreation program. Days, times, and activities change monthly. Preregister at www.swiftcurrent.ca/ play
- \Diamond For students in grades 6-12, come to Youth Open Gym on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at the LCol. Clifton Centre.

The City of Swift Current Community Services - Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in Our Community.

Chinook City Schools Severe Weather Policy

In the event of extreme cold temperatures, or adverse road conditions, it may be necessary to cancel bussing. The Swift Current City School busses will not run when the morning when the temperature is -40 degrees Celsius, or when the wind chill is –45 degrees Celsius or below.

Bus cancellations will be communicated by the school division, using the School Messenger system. We also encourage you to keep an eye on the weather conditions for potential bus cancellations during the day, where you might have to pick up your child after school.

In the event of division wide bus cancellations, Chinook will also announce this information using the local radio stations. Please note that only the busses will be cancelled, all city schools remain open, including the Comp High School. Parents always have the right to keep their children home during severe weather conditions, especially if they feel their child's safety may be in jeopardy due to the weather.