



O.M. Irwin School

February 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

For the February newsletter message, I want to highlight a major event that occurred at O. M. Irwin School on January 31st. One of our school and Chinook SD goals this year is to improve our K-8 students' writing skills. On January 31st, O.M. Irwin School hosted notable Saskatchewan born author for a full day of writing workshops for all grade 2 to 8 students. Kevin shared valuable insight into the writing process such as character and plot development and students were given time to practice these writing skills through Kevin's unique writing prompts for students. Several teachers have been reading Kevin's books in their English Language Arts classes and the students were excited to meet Kevin in person and to learn about writing from him. In the evening, O.M. Irwin School hosted a Writing and Recreation evening for students and their parents/guardians. For the writing portion of the Writing and Recreation evening, Kevin Miller shared some ideas for creative writing and he led parents/guardians and their children through an enjoyable writing activity. There was an excellent turn out of families with 49 people at the the Writing and Recreation evening! Following the writing activities in the library, families enjoyed some recreation time in the gym along with cookies and juice provided by our SCC! Thank you to the parents and guardians who attended the recreation and writing evening with their children and to the SCC for providing cookies and juice! I wish everyone a terrific month of February!

Best Regards,

Arron Kohlman

SAVE THE DATE

- February 6th – Staff Meeting
- February 8th – Hockey Day in Canada Assembly @ 10am
- February 11th - Broncos I-Read Program with Grade 3 students
- February 12th – Drama Production
- February 15th – Grade 7 Ski Trip to Elkwater
- February 15th – Pizza Day
- February 18th – 22nd – Winter Break - No School
- February 26th – Classes Resume (Day 3)
- February 25th – 28th – Grade 2 Swimming Lessons
- February 28th – K – 4 Assembly @ 1:10pm

- March 4th – 7th – Grade 2 Swimming Lessons
- March 19th – 20th – SCCHS Grade 9 Registration Nights
- March 21st – PD Day – No School for Students
- March 22nd – Teachers Conference – No School
- March 25th & 27th – PTC/SLC Evenings (4 – 7pm)
- March 27 – K – 4 Assembly @ 9:20am
- March 29th – No School in Lieu of PTC/SLC

- April 15th – SCC Meeting @ 7pm
- April 19th – Good Friday – No School
- April 22nd – 24th – Easter Break
- April 25th – Classes Resume (Day 3)
- April 26th – Pizza Day

- May 21st – Victoria Day – No School

- June 10th – K - 8 Track Day
- June 18th – Alternate Track Day
- June 20th – Grade 6-8 Awards Day
- June 26th – Last Day of Classes
- June 27th – No School Admin Day
- June 27th – Report Card Emailed
- June 28th – Summer Holidays Begin

SCC NEWS:

This month the SCC is busy planning some special events that will be taking place a little later this spring! These events are fun and successful because many of them bring our entire Irwin Ice Community together. Irwin's Administration, Teachers, and SCC recognize the importance of having excellent communication with parents, guardians, and students! Here is a friendly reminder of several ways to easily keep in touch:

- * Irwin posts detailed Daily Announcements on the school website.
- * The Monthly Newsletter is conveniently emailed directly to you, or you can request a paper copy. Make note of the invaluable calendar of events that is always included!
- * Student Led Conferences (If you would like to be in contact more frequently, just discuss this with your child's teacher at any time to make additional arrangements.)
- * Staff members can be contacted through email. Email addresses are the person's first initial, followed by their last name, then, chinooksd.ca (ie: jdoe@chinooksd.ca).
- * Memos are sent home periodically with the dates of important upcoming events.
- * Visit the school anytime! Whether it's for an assembly, meal day, or just to see how your child is doing, you are always welcome. This is also an opportunity to have a brief conversation with your child's teacher.
- * Call the school anytime at 306-778-9270. Mrs Painchaud or Mrs Ostrander are always happy to answer your questions, arrange a meeting, or help you in any way they can.
- * Take part in special events that happen outside of school hours. Activities such as concerts, or the "Writing & Recreational Evening" that just took place are excellent opportunities to visit the school with your children and meet some of their friends!

We hope everyone enjoys the February Break!!

Irwin ICE Achieving Excellence Awards for January

K McWillie: Kylar Cascagnette, Shriya Desai, Gweneth Gloeckler

Grade 1 Burnett: James Brethauer, Hudson Johnston

Grade 1 Schommer: Noah Gonzalez, Roman Woelk

Grade 2 Regier: Samantha Bradshaw, Gracelyn Jesney

Grade 2 Robinson: Cole Allin, Natasha Wiebe

Grade 3 Haack: Kira Gatzke, Riley Inder

Grade 3 Nisbet: Mack Henderson, Violet Schultz

Grade 4 Grainger: Jordyn Hir, Naimy Regier

Grade 4 Siemens: Gage Smith, Dany Reynoso Gonzalez, Ryder Leshures



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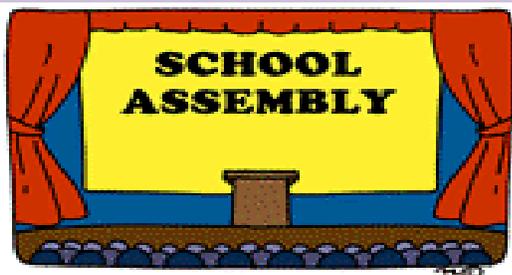
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CUTLERY

Please remember to **PACK** a spoon/fork in your lunch kit.

Grade 7 Ski Trip

As part of the Physical Education program, the grade 7 students will have the opportunity to go to Hidden Valley Ski Resort on Friday, February 15th. The students will be provided with professional ski or snowboard lessons and some free time to enjoy the hill with their classmates. All the costs associated with the lessons, rentals and lift tickets will be covered by the school and trip fundraiser. Due to challenging financial times, the grade 7 students will be asked to participate in a school based fund raiser to help offset the costs of the ski trip. The only cost to students will be a \$20.00 transportation fee for the rental of the bus to get the students to Hidden Valley and home again. We hope to see all students take advantage of this great opportunity to develop and refine their physical skills and conditioning in this great outdoor setting.



Our next K – 4 Assembly will take place on Thursday, February 28th at 1:10pm. All parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to attend!

Grade 9 SCCHS Registration Nights:

Surname starting with A-M
March 19th @ 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria

Surname starting with N-Z
March 20th @ 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria

All grade 8 students/parents are encouraged to attend in preparation for Grade 9 in the 2018/2019 school year.

Please note that if the designated night does not work for you, you are welcome to attend the alternate evening.

PIZZA DAY

The NEXT K-8 Meal Day is on Friday, February 15th! Watch for pizza order forms going home soon!



REMINDER TO PARENTS

Students are not supposed to be dropped off or picked up in the staff parking lot area. To ensure of your child's safety, we are asking that you please use **George Street** for all drop-offs and pick-ups.

Thank You!

Swimming Lessons for Grade 2

February 25th – 28th and March 4th – 7th



Academic Challenges

At O.M. Irwin School we believe in Achieving Excellence. Our students will have the opportunity to enrich their school experience by participating in challenges that allow them to build knowledge, understanding, and skills in various subjects and topics through nationally recognized organizations. Our students have done very well and we expect this trend to continue.

This year we have accepted these challenges:

- The Royal Canadian Geographical Society's Canadian Geographic Challenge (February)
- The Canadian Scholastic Achievement League's Scholastic Challenge 2018 (February)
- Chinook Regional Science Fair (March)
- Young Writers of Canada – Creative Writing Contest (March)
- Math League Contest – Grades 4-6 (April)
- The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing's Gauss Mathematics Contest – Grade 7-8 (May)

If you have any questions about these opportunities please see Mr. Biem



Thank you to all students who entered the Poetry Institute of Canada's poetry contest. Your work was a pleasure to read. The poems of 23 of our students were chosen to be published in the "Friends of the Forest" anthology that will come out in the spring. Congratulations to:

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| • Reese Bodnaryk | • Brooklyn Hir | • Dana Montalbo | • Hannah Talaga |
| • Wyatt Frey | • Riley Inder | • Zeus Pope | • Stella Thomson |
| • Kira Gatzke | • Khloei Larson | • Taryn Potter | • Lynneya Watson |
| • Porter Giesbrecht | • Alayna Ljunggren | • Jaxon Salter | • Lexi Willshaw |
| • Sydney Grainger | • Farah Lopeter | • Chloe Samonte | • Aubrey Woelk |
| • Lauren Hanson | • Alex McMillan | • Danica Smeby | |

Keep on writing. There will be another opportunity to submit more creative writing in the spring.

Student Contact Information

If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers, have a new job, please update the school with new contact information. It is crucial the school has current and up-to-date numbers in case of an emergency or student illness.

Please update the school at 306-778-9270 or email your child's homeroom teacher to be forwarded to the school office.

K-KIDZ

During the month of February, the K-Kidz will be raising funds for Telemiracle.

On February 14th, the K-Kidz will be organizing a Sock Hop for the K-4 students in the gym at lunch. We are asking that students bring a donation for Telemiracle in order to participate in the Sock Hop.



Telemiracle

IN MOTION COMMOTION

by Val Choo-Foo, City of Swift Current

It can often be difficult to stay active during the cold months, but there are many fun activities to do in the winter such as tobogganing, skating, building a snowman, or going for a walk. Also, here are some events going on in Swift Current during the month of February that may help you stay active and have fun!

- > Family Fun Week – February 18-23 with many free, fun, family activities to participate in during the February break such as public skating, swimming and cross-country skiing. Watch for posters coming home soon.
- > The Zone – Wednesdays at The Center for boys & girls in grades 6-9 from 6:30 -8:30 pm
- > Free Swimming on Tuesdays at the Aquatic Centre for ages 7-11 from 7:15 to 8:30 pm
- > Toonie Swimming on Fridays at the Aquatic Centre for all ages from 7:15 to 8:30 pm

Have fun, stay warm and be active!

FROM MICHELE'S DESK

PINK DAY – FEBRUARY 27th

February 27 is Red Cross Pink Day. This year's slogan is "Be Someone's Hero". We will **not** be ordering t-shirts this year. Students are encouraged to wear pink, or dress as their hero on February 27th.



**Canadian
Red Cross**

**Pink Day
2019**

DRAMA CLUB

O.M. Irwin Middle Years Drama Club is proud to presents.....

Simply Cinderella

A quick, techy, modern retelling of the classic tale!

February 12, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Irwin School Gym

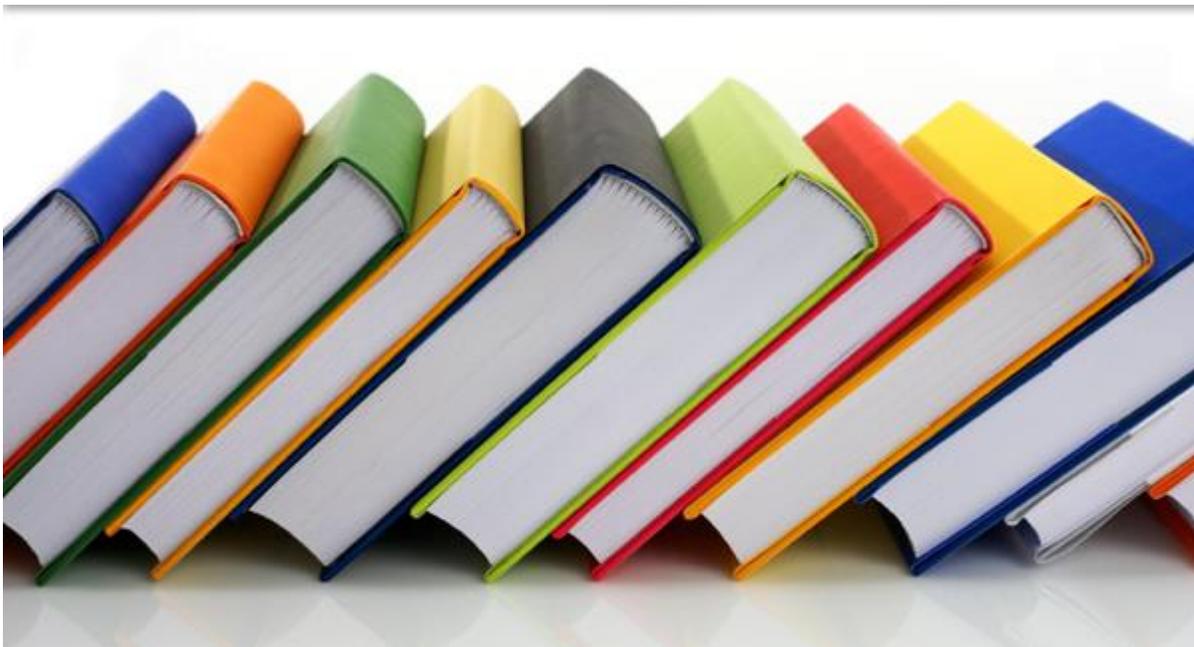
Silver collection at the door

Everyone welcome!

Parenting Study Group

For the month of **February 2019**:

- Parenting Study Groups – promoting healthy parent/child relationships with respectful communication, co-operation, responsibility and encouragement. Based on the teachings of Alfred Adler and Rudolph Dreikurs.
 - **Tuesday, February 5th** – Parenting Study Group
 - **Tuesday, February 26th** – ADD/ADHD Information & Support
- **Time:** 7:00 – 9:00
- **Place:** O.M. Irwin School (Library)
- **Phone:** (306) 626-3317 (not long distance)

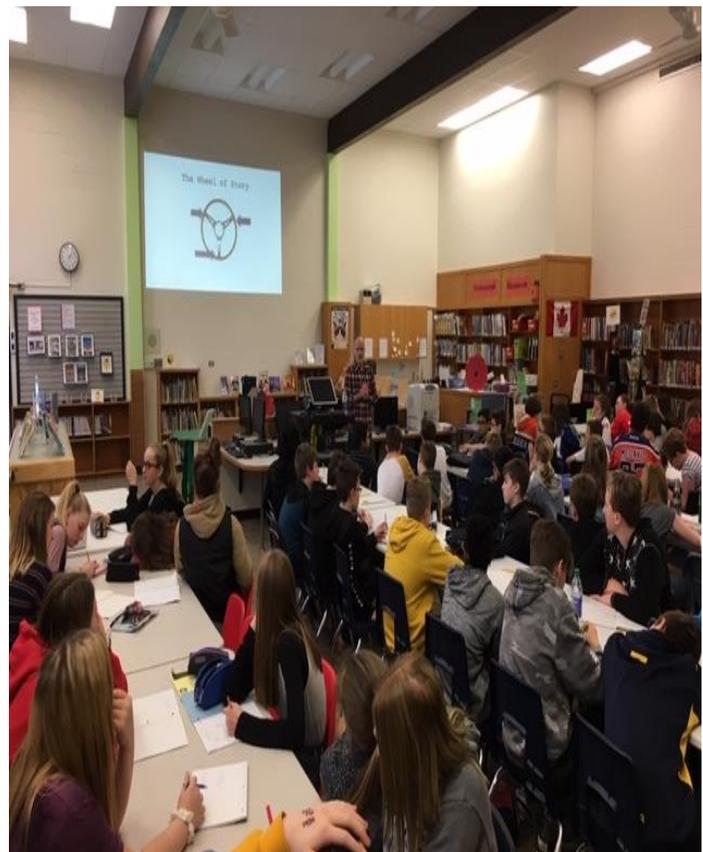
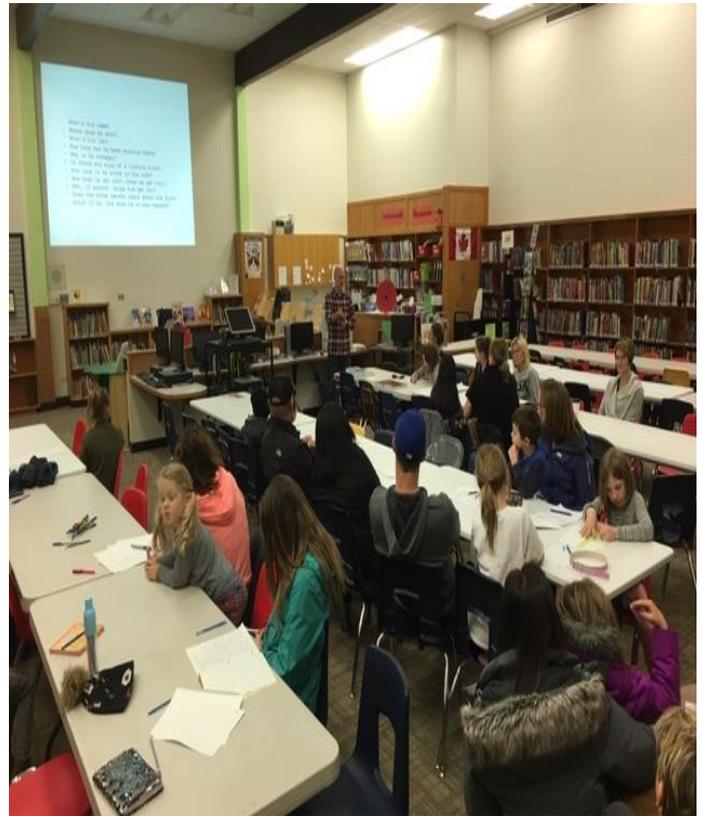


Babysitter Training and Home Alone Course

Cypress Advanced First Aid Services - Babysitter Training Course Babysitter training course for boys and girls ages 10 and older, will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. (half hour lunch), at Bright Beginnings, 885 6th Ave NE. Cost \$55. Registration forms available at the school or call Jan Loeppky-Mackay at 306-774-4885 or e-mail: cypressafas@gmail.com



Writing and Recreational Evening with Author Kevin Millar – Thursday, January 31st



Hockey Day in Canada February 6th – 9th

O.M. Irwin School is very fortunate to host a special Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada assembly for our students at 10:00 on Friday, February 8th. The assembly will give O.M. Irwin students the chance to participate in and celebrate the Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada event being held in Swift Current from February 6th – 9th. Special guests in attendance for our assembly include Ken Reid and Evanka Osmak from Sportsnet; and alumni Wendel Clark, Marty McSorley, Collin Paterson, Darcy Tucker, and Cassie Campbell-Pascal. The Stanley Cup will also be here! O.M. Irwin students will be actively involved in celebrating hockey day in Canada with poetry, artwork, and cheers during the assembly. We are very excited at hosting this once in a lifetime opportunity for O.M. Irwin School students!

Due to the assembly being focused on students to celebrate Hockey day in Canada and space limitations in the gym, unfortunately parents and guardians will not be invited to attend. We will be sending pictures from the assembly to all of our school families. We would like to thank you for your understanding.

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the Hockey Day in Canada Poster Contest:

- Alissa Tinant – Grade 1
- Emmerson Langendoen – Grade 2
- Owen Ruehs – Grade 2
- Raya Erickson – Grade 2
- Zoey Bochek – Grade 2
- Lucas Barbier – Grade 3
- Piper Arntsen – Grade 3

This is a once in a life time event for our students and for the community. Unfortunately, there are a number of events in the community for students that have been scheduled during the school day. As a division we will support children taking advantage of these events but we will not be providing any transportation services. Attached to this newsletter are a schedule of events and hockey clinics that will be taking place throughout the duration of Hockey Day in Canada. We are asking families to please inform the school if their children plan on attending these events.



March Events

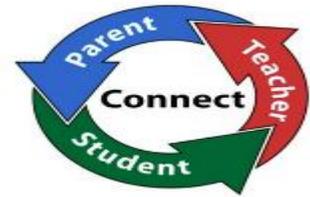
Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19 Tuesday, March 5th @ 7:00 pm Irwin School for ALL Swift Current Chinook School Division Schools

Children who are 5 years of age by Dec 31st, 2019 can register for Kindergarten. Please bring your child's birth certificate and Sask Health Services card. If you are unable to make it for registration night, please come to the office during the week of March 4th – 8th during school hours. Identification is required.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, March 25th and
Wednesday, March 27th
4 – 7pm.



No School Friday, March 29th in lieu
of Parent-Teacher Conferences

Professional Development Day and Teacher Conference Thursday March 21st and Friday, March 22nd

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



Rob Vanstone – Sports Editor for the Leader Post

Rob Vanstone will be at Irwin School on Friday, March 15th for a Writer's Workshop with our students.