

O.M. Irwin School June Newsletter



Save the date:

- June 4th** – Mrs. Dyck's Kindergarten class trip to Public Library and Art Gallery
- June 5th** – Grade 3 Field Trip to the Food Farm
- June 5th** – Grade 5 Field Trip to Westbank
- June 5th** - Mrs. Dyck's Kindergarten class trip to Public Library and Art Gallery
- June 5th** – Staff Meeting
- June 7th** – Grade 4 Field Trip to Grasslands National Park
- June 10th** – Grade 4 – 8 Track Meet @ SCCHS
- June 11th** – Last Toast Tuesday for this School Year
- June 12th – 14th** - Gr 7/8 Band Trip to Calgary
- June 18th** - Alternate Track & Field / Play Day
- June 18th** – Mrs. Dyck's Kindergarten class trip to Pizza Hut
- June 19th** – Ms. McWillie's Kindergarten class trip to Pizza Hut
- June 20th** – Mrs. Dyck's Kindergarten class trip to spray park
- June 20th:**
- Awards Day:** Grade 6 @ 1 pm, Grade 7 @ 2 pm, and Grade 8 @ 7 pm
- June 21st** – Pizza Day
- June 21st** – K – 3 Track / Play Day
- June 24th** – Alternate K – 3 Track / Play Day
- June 24th** – K – 8 Assembly @ 9:00 am
- June 24th** - Kindergarten Celebration (Dyck)@ 2:15pm
- June 25th** – Year End Swim Gr.2-4 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- June 25th** - Kindergarten Celebration (McWillie)@ 2:15pm
- June 26th** – Last Day of Classes
- June 26th** – Grade 2 Field Trip to Morse Museum
- June 26th** – Year End Swim Gr. 5-6 from 9:30 – 11:00 am
- June 26th** – Year End Swim Gr. 7-8 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- June 27^h** - No School - Teacher Administrative Day
- June 27th** – All Report Cards will be emailed

Principal's Message:

Welcome to June! It is hard to believe that we are now in the final month of the 2018/2019 school year. With year end classroom celebrations and field trips June will be another exciting and busy month at O.M. Irwin School. We had a very exciting start to the month with the installation of the middle years playground on June 3rd. The new playground equipment looks great and we are excited that will serve current and future generations of O.M. Irwin students for many years to come. Special thanks to the Chinook School Division Facilities Staff for their support and guidance in completing the project; the O.M. Irwin SCC, parents, students, and staff; and to the following parents who assisted with the installation on June 3rd: Jason Thomson, Bart Bollinger, Darcy Henderson, Kevin Brocollo, Jeremy Bocheck, Dustin Ostrander, and Ian Schafer. We've included some pictures of the installation of the new playground equipment in this newsletter.

We have enjoyed a very successful school year at O.M. Irwin School and I want to thank our students, parents/guardians, community, and staff for all that they have done to ensure we enjoyed a positive school year. We have much to be proud of at O.M. Irwin School. This year our students continued to excel in their academic and extra-curricular endeavors in our quest to attain our mission of "Achieving Excellence."

Congratulations to all of our students on their accomplishments this year! To conclude my message for June, I wish all of our students, parents/guardians, and staff a very safe and enjoyable summer. Enjoy the time with your families and friends to relax and create many wonderful memories wherever your summer travels may take you. Hoo Haa Ice Rocks!

With Kindest Regards,
Arron Kohlman

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Transitions for 2019/2020:

Teachers are currently in the process of developing class lists for the 2019/2020 school year. A lot of considerations are taken into account when developing a specific class section. Things such as academic balance, peer relationships and classroom management are some of the areas that teachers consider as they develop the best possible fit for each student. To this end, teachers and admin will not take parent requests for specific teachers for their child. Also, unless a student's profile requires advance notification of who their teacher is, room location, etc. students will find out who their homeroom teacher is on the first day of classes on September 3, 2019.



2019/2020 School Year

As we prepare for the 2019/2020 school year, our homeroom teachers for next year will be as follows:

Kindergarten: Ms. McWillie and Mrs. Dyck

Grade One: Ms. Burnett and Mrs. Schommer

Grade Two: Mrs. Regier and Mrs. Robinson

Grade Three: Ms. Haack and Ms. Nisbet

Grade 4: Mr. Siemens and Mr. Grainger

Grade 5: Mrs. Anderson/Mrs. Fritzke and Mr. Darby

Grade 6: Miss Bertram/ Mrs. Tinant and Mr. Froese

Grade 7: Mr. Eltom and Miss Poh

Grade 8: Miss Gillanders and Mr. Wong

Other teachers on staff will include Mr. Dyck, Mr. Froese, Miss Jersak and Mrs. Thompson. Mr. Arron Kohlman will be the Principal and Mrs. Kelsey Tsougrianis will be the school's Vice-Principal

Bussing Update

Exciting changes to transportation information: Very soon a new process for accessing your transportation information will be in place for the 2019-20 School year.

Your bussing information will be available online after June 29, 2019. Letters will no longer be mailed out. The information that parents access will include the bus stop location, bus number, symbol as well as a.m. and p.m. pick and drop off times.

More information including the website link, your username and password will be included with report cards



Band News



June 19th – Year-End Band Concert at Irwin @ 7 PM. Please have students to the school by 6:30 dressed in their band uniforms.

June 12th – 14th – Grade 7/8 Year-End Performance Tour to Calgary, AB.

June 26th – Let's Go Band to the Kiddies Day Parade!! All Grade 6 band students in the City are welcome and encouraged to attend! More information will be sent home closer to the date!

The Grade 6 band had a successful couple of days at Westbank participating in clinics with staff/students from the University of Regina Music Department. **Thank you** to all of the parents who drove students to and from Westbank, and to those parents who took extra time to chaperone during the two days at camp. We can't do this trip without you!!



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Reading Over the Summer!

Children need to engage with books each day over the summer so they can maintain and even strengthen their literacy skills. Just like consistent exercise programs keep our bodies healthy, consistent reading supports our reading muscles. Research has shown that if kids read six books over the summer, they will maintain their literacy skills. Here are some tips to support summer reading from Julie Wood, who is a Literacy Expert:

1. Take books wherever you go (appointments, road trips, etc.)
2. Let your child choose the books they want to read (age appropriate, just right level of difficulty)
3. Talk with your child about their books to help them interpret and understand their reading.
4. Read aloud to your child.
5. Go to the community library!
6. Try different online reading experiences

Flex these reading muscles over July and August!



NEXT K-8 Meal Day is on Friday, June 21st! Watch for pizza order forms going home soon!



"One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time!"

OM Irwin Staff and students would like to send a huge thank you Mrs. Wendy Swann for all of the time she spent volunteering in classrooms this school year. Your contributions to our students literacy and math skills will last a lifetime.

We would also like to thank our two SCCHS work experience students Daylin Olfert and Kassidy Painchaud for going over and above their expected duties to help with various projects around the school during their time with us. Thank you!

Year-End Swimming

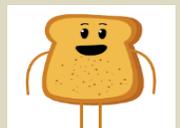
Students in Grades 2 – 8 will be going swimming at the Fairview Pool during the last week of school. Schedule will be as follows:

- Grade 2 – 4 - Tuesday, June 25th from 1:00pm – 2:30pm.
- Grade 5 – 6 - Wednesday, June 26th from 9:30am – 11:00am.
- Grade 7 – 8 – Wednesday, June 26th from 1:00pm – 2:30pm.



Toast Tuesday

The final Toast Tuesday will be on June 11th. Students, please make a special effort to thank the staff who have made this such a great community event all year.



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Middle Years Playground Installation



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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 26th

**Report Cards will be emailed on
June 27th**

Is your child transferring or moving?? If your child is moving or transferring to another city school or out of the city and have not notified the office, please do so as soon as possible. This information is very helpful in preparing for the upcoming school year.

Year-End Report Cards: All report cards will be emailed to parents and guardians on Thursday, June 27th. Those who do not have an email address, please contact the office at (306) 778-9270 and a paper copy will be made available to you for pick-up.

Grade 8 Career Fair

The Grade 8 classes will be holding a Career Fair on Monday, June 17th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Irwin Library. The students have been busy doing research and creating displays to showcase their projects. Parents and family members are welcome to attend!

Thank You!

Thank you to W.W. Smith Insurance for their donation to the O.M. Irwin School Nutrition Program. This support for students in need is so greatly appreciated. Thank you for the funds which will be used for our Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing Contest

Irwin students from Grades 7 and 8 took the opportunity to test their knowledge and understanding of Mathematics by participating in the annual CEMC Math Contest put on by the University of Waterloo.

Thank you to all of the Irwin students who took the risk and opportunity to accept the challenge of this rich activity. If you would like to see your individual results please see Mr. Biem.

Outstanding Achievement Certificates

* Top Score in Grade 7 – Chloe Jeong

* Top Score in Grade 8 – Ethan Klassen

Certificate of Distinction

* Scored Top 25% of Irwin Grade 7 – Chloe Jeong, Austin Funk, Abigail Lowrie, Danica Smeby, Grady Henderson, Harit Desai, Dominic Bonogofski, Hasit Desai, Jase Peesker, Alex Carleton, Kuren Mosquito

* Scored Top 25% of Irwin Grade 8 – Ethan Klassen, Jo Carleton, Nicole Clement, Zachary Kielo, Zealand Rayner, Ryder Smith, Rayce Schultz, Chaz Vandendorf, Caiden Francis, Hudson Oscar

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Summer Writing

This past year, we saw our school community embrace the goal of becoming better and more engaged writers. In the 2019/2020 school year, O.M. Irwin School will continue to pursue improved writing skills for all of our students. Over the summer, there will be many ways to use our writing skills to connect our summer with writing. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Create a Summer Writing Journal
2. Journal your thoughts about a book you are reading.
3. Write a "Thank-You" note to someone who helped make your summer great.
4. Grab some sidewalk chalk and decorate your driveway!
5. Go to a movie – review it after you have watched it!



Track and Field News

The Irwin School Track Meets are quickly approaching. Please feel welcome to come and cheer on your children. More information will come home as the meets approach, and some teachers may be looking for parent volunteers to help for the day. Parents, please make sure that your children wear sunscreen that day and send some with them to reapply throughout the day.

- June 10th – Grade 4 - 8 Track Day @ SCCHS
- June 18th – Alternate Track Day for Grade 4 – 8
- June 21st – K – Grade 3 Track Day / Play Day
- June 24th -Alternate Track Day / Play Day for K – Grade 3

Kindergarten Students: All Kindergarten students are joining in Elementary Track day on the 21st. Mrs. Dyck's class will be cancelled on Wednesday, June 26th due to Track on the 21st. If the Elementary Track day is postponed to Monday, June 24th, Mrs. Dyck's class will be run as scheduled on Wednesday, June 26th, depending on the weather.

Lunch Information

This year there will be a canteen provided for the Grade 4 – 8 Track Meet. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch and snacks for the day, or leave the track for lunch if they are with their parents.

Information regarding lunch for the K – 3 Track Day will be sent home in the near future.

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2019 – 2020 School Year

First day of school for the 2019 – 2020 school year will be Tuesday, September 3rd.

Kindergarten students will have staggered entry dates and this will be communicated with the families prior to the first day of school

The 2019-2020 supply list will be posted on the school website by the end of June. There will also be copies of this available in the office.

2019-2020 Class Lists will not be available to parents or students until the first day of classes. As in prior years, class lists will be posted in the hallways to help assist students to the proper classroom.

Kindergarten – Grade 4 ICE ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE AWARDS MAY 2019

1B: Xena Van der Berg, Carrington Kupczynski
1SCH: Ashtyn Forsyth, Lance Balliett
2R: Raya Erickson, Gwen Torres, Zacchaeus Dela Cruz
2RO: Mishala Breton, Josien Ramos
3H: Hannah Talaga, Khloei Larson
3N: Seth Collier-Tribble, Lucas Barbier, Ash Burstrom

Congratulations on “Achieving Excellence”



The Amazing Math Race – 2019

On May 21, our school's grade 6, 7, and 8 classes had the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Amazing Math Race. This interactive and hands-on learning opportunity allowed students to gain an appreciation of the need for having practical math skills. It also allowed students to learn about financial literacy through their understanding and use of terms like mortgages, interest rates, insurance, loans, and more.

Students also were given the opportunity to think about the financial decisions that their parents and guardians make every day!

Thank you to the Irwin SCC for supporting the day, and thank you to the following community partners who attended the event:

- Marlin Travel
- City of Swift Current
- Safeway
- Innovation Credit Union
- Sasktel
- Dickson Agencies

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SCC NEWS:

Our last SCC Meeting of the year was held on Monday, May 27. We had a successful year with many wonderful opportunities to support the staff and students at O.M. Irwin School.

We are thrilled to see all of the progress being made with the Middle Years playground. Chinook School Division is almost finished preparing the site so it's ready for the installation of the climbing structure on Monday, June 3rd. We are still looking for a few volunteers to assist the Blu Imp rep, who will be onsite overseeing the installation. Give Mr. Kohlman or Mr. Biem a call at the school if you are able to help out for an hour or two on June 3rd. We thank you in advance for assisting with the installation. With a generous donation from the SCC, and a lot of planning with the Admin and staff, Phase 1 will be completed in June. It is super exciting for everyone involved as this project has been in the works since Irwin became a K - 8 school.

We ended the year on high note when Keleah Ostrander, the SCC Chair, presented a \$1,000.00 cheque to Mr. Kohlman on our behalf. This contribution will ensure that every classroom at Irwin enjoys a well-deserved year-end field trip.

Our next SCC meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019, at 7:00pm in the Irwin Library. We are looking for new SCC members to join us so if you are interested, please contact Mr. Kohlman or Mr. Biem. As always, everyone is welcome to attend our SCC meetings! Thank you to all of the Irwin staff, students and Irwin Ice families for another fantastic school year. Enjoy every moment of your summer holidays and we will see you in the fall.

O. M. Irwin SCC



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PARENT/GUARDIAN REMINDER:

Please use our front doors if you are dropping off your child or coming into the school after 9 am. This will help to stream all late students, parents and visitors through the front doors. Please be sure to check into the office when you arrive.

Babysitter Training and Home Alone Course

Cypress Advanced First Aid Services – Babysitter Training Course for boys and girls ages 10 and older – Training Course scheduled for Saturday, June 1st from 9:00 to 4:00 pm is now full. There will be an additional course held on Sunday, June 2nd. Training Courses take place at Bright Beginnings 885 6th Ave NE. Cost \$55. Registration forms available at the school or call Jan Loepky-Mackay at 306-774-4885 or e-mail: cypressafas@gmail.com



Our next K – 8 Assembly will take place on Tuesday, June 24th at 9:00am. All parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to attend!

LIBRARY NEWS:

The last day for students to check out books from the library this year is June 12th

All student books are due back on June 13th.

There will be a prize for the first Grade 5-8 class that has all their library books back and for the first K-4 class.

Hope everyone has a chance to read some good books this summer and we look forward to hearing about them in the fall.



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June In-Motion Commotion

Wow, it is hard to believe that another school year has almost come to an end and that summer is just around the corner! There are many opportunities to be active in our great community by enjoying the many parks, biking along the Chinook Parkway, playing tennis, swimming at the Fairview Pool plus much, much more! Also, you may wish to attend our free programs and events:

- Picnic in the Park on June 2nd @ Riverside Park from 1-5 pm
- YouthFest on June 13th @ The Center from 6-8 pm for students in grades 5-9
- Skateboard Camp on June 25th 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- Kiddies Parade on June 26th
- Summer Parks Play program and The Zone begin July 2nd
- Western Canada Summer Games from August 9-18 – “It’s Game Time!”
 - Purchase your tickets, sign up to volunteer, and buy some Games clothing at www.2019wcsg.ca

Have a happy, active, and safe summer! For more information, contact (306)778-2787 or visit www.swiftcurrent.ca/play

HOO HAA ICE ROCKS!

PARENTING STUDY GROUP

Laure Gaunt 306-626-3317 (not long distance)
Dorene Bymoer 306-773-0301

- For the month of June 2018
 - 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, June 11 – Parent Study Group
 - Tuesday, June 18 – ADD/ADHD Information & Support
- Time: 7:00 – 9:00
- Place: O.M. Irwin School (Library)
- Phone: 306-626-3317 (not long distance)

Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

For the fall of 2019, Kindergarten registration is ongoing. To register for kindergarten your child must be 5 years old before December 31st, 2019. Please call the school at 306-778-9270 for information. Thank you.



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Young Writers - Creative Writing Contest

Thank you to all of Irwin's young writers who entered their work in the creative writing contest. Congratulations to Alissa Tinant, Lauren Hanson, Danica Jackson who had their work chosen for publication in the "High Flying Kites" anthology which will arrive in the fall.

South West Athletic Conference Track and Field Team

Congratulations to all members of the Irwin Ice Track and Field team for your excellent effort and performances as you competed in the SWAC Sectional and District meets.

The Irwin girls team was the Blue Sectional bantam female team champion and the boys were the 2nd place bantam male team. The fantastic sectional meet was followed up with another outstanding performance at the SWAC District meet on May 29th.

Top 3 finishers were:

Tenille Willows: 80m Hurdles-2nd

Jaycee Bergren: 100m-2nd, 200m-1st

Gretta Lopeter: 400m-3rd, 800m-2nd, 1500m-1st

Aston Annesly: 1500m-2nd

Jo Carleton: Discus-2nd, Shot Put-2nd

Cutter Knight: Javelin-2nd

Kendra Shumaker: Shot Put-1st



Awards Day

Grade 8 Farewell and Awards will take place on Thursday, June 20th at 7:00pm, followed by a short social. Family and friends are invited to attend. Grade 6 & 7 Awards Day will take place in the afternoon on Thursday, June 20th as follows:

- Grade 6 awards at 1pm
- Grade 7 awards at 2pm.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jorja Pettypiece who was the winner of a new bike from the Terry Fox Foundation! Students were entered into a provincial draw for every completed pledge sheet they returned and Jorja's name was drawn from all of the Saskatchewan entries!

Irwin School was also the recipient of a 20 Year Banner, as we have been participating in registered Terry Fox Run events for the past twenty years. In that time, our school has raised over \$70,000 for cancer research. Thank you to all of our Irwin families for your tremendous support! Watch for information about Irwin's 2019 Terry Fox Run coming this September!

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Farewell to Staff Members Leaving O.M. Irwin School for the 2019-2020 School Year

Mr. Curtis Biem – Principal at Stewart Valley

Mr. Ken Rand – Moving to Penticton, BC

Mrs. Kathy Butler – Retiring

Mrs. Lois Varjassy – Retiring

All the best in your future endeavors. You have all made a huge impact on the staff and students here at Irwin School and you will be truly missed.

Welcome New Staff Members to O.M. Irwin School for the 2019-2020 School Year

Mrs. Kelsey Tsougrianis – Vice-Principal

Miss Alexis Poh – Grade 7. Miss Poh will be covering Ms. Wagner's maternity leave for the upcoming school year.

Miss Carley Bertram – Grade 6. Miss Bertram will be covering Mrs. Wong's maternity leave for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Logan Boyer. Mr. Boyer is a student from the University of Regina and will be working with Mr. Siemens' Grade 4 class from September to December.

Please join us in welcoming these individuals to O.M. Irwin School. We are very lucky to have them be a part of our Irwin Ice family.

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Attendance Matters

When Math and Reading scores of Chinook Grade 6 students were compared it was found that students with excellent attendance:

- Read 3 levels higher
- 81% read at grade level
- 77% can do Math at grade level
- Averaged 75% on year-end math assessments

With this in mind our attendance goal this year at Irwin was to have 95% of our students attend 90% of the time or better. We tracked this monthly and reported it to students on a class by class and month by month basis.

As of May 31st here is where we stand.

- We have had 166 days of school for Grades 1 to 8 and 83 days for Kindergarten
- 90% attendance in Gr. 1-8 would be 16.5 absences or less and 8 absences or less for Kindergarten
- We have 381 students in our school
- We have 8 perfect attenders
- We have 338 students with 90% attendance or better
- This works out to 88.7% of our students with 90% attendance or better

With great attendance for the month of June we may be able to push ourselves over the 90% mark. Thank you all for doing your part!

