



O.M. Irwin School

May 2021 Newsletter





Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Our Growing Smiles Fundraiser was a fantastic success. We sold 629 plants, raising \$4,400 for our school. Amazing Work!!

All funds raised from the plant sales will be put towards new playground equipment on the north side of the school.

We hope that you and your families enjoy your time together in the garden working with these beautiful, Canadian grown plants. We are looking forward to the delivery of the plants on Wednesday, May 5. Orders can be picked up at the school. Delivery time is yet to be determined. As soon as a time is confirmed we will communicate this information with all of our school families. Please watch your emails and text messages for these details.

If you have any questions, please call the school at (306) 778-9270 or email irwin_school@chinooksd.ca.

Thank you so much for your support!



**** Congratulations To Our Growing Smiles Prize Winners****

Top Individual Sellers:

- Hailey Bollinger
- Kaylee Russell
- Rowan Robinson
- Christina Fehr
- Finn Ostrander

These students were the lucky winners of the \$25 Gift Cards from Sputtergotch

Top Selling Classrooms:

- Mrs. Schommer's Grade 1 Class with 57 orders
- Mrs. Fritzke / Mr. Boyer's Grade 5 Class with 52 orders

Each of these classrooms were awarded with \$100 to spend however they choose



Upcoming Events

May 5 - Fire Drill @ 11:20am

May 5 - Growing Smiles Delivery Day

May 7 - Jersey Day

May 10 - SCC Meeting

May 14 - Pizza Meal Day

May 21 - Hat Day

May 24 - Victoria Day (No School)

June 24 - Awards Day / Night (Grade 6,7,8)

June 28 - Last Day of Classes

June 29 - Report Cards Published

June 29 - Administration Day (No School for Students)

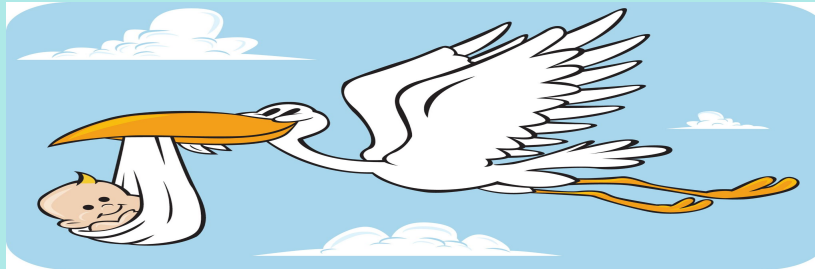
June 30 - Administration Day (No School for Students)





O.M. Irwin School is pleased to announce Miss April Hildebrandt has been hired to fill Mrs. Johnston's maternity leave position from May 17th to June 30th. Miss Hildebrandt completed her U of Ro internship at Waldeck School this past fall and has recently finished her classes at the U of R. Please join us in welcoming Miss Hildebrandt to our school.

We would like to wish all the best to Mrs. Johnston on the safe arrival her baby. We will all be patiently waiting to hear the news of their new addition.





STUDENT PICK UPS and DROP OFFS

Parents and Guardians,

When dropping off and picking up students before, during, and after school, *please do not* use the bus layover on the east side of the school. The bus layover is only for school buses.

We are asking that you please use George Street for all drop-offs and pick-ups. Thank you!



SCC News

O.M. Irwin Families,

It is hard to believe spring has already arrived and there are only two months of school remaining. Spring is a time of renewal and growth including planting our gardens. We are so grateful to each of you that have purchased from the Growing Smiles Fundraiser. Our SCC wants to continue to support the development of our playgrounds and outdoor space and your contributions to this fundraiser will assist with this.

Our next meeting is coming up on May 10th at 6:30pm via Google Meet. We look forward to planning at least one more fun activity for our school kids before the end of the year. We are also starting to think about next year and encouraging anyone who is interested in becoming a SCC member to reach out to the school or to our chair, Keleah Ostrander (keleaho@greatplainscollege.ca) to find out how to get involved.

O.M. Irwin School Reminders

- If you arrive late to school in the morning and your designated entrance door is locked, please come to the front main doors of the school and check in with Mrs. Painchaud and Mrs. Hanson.
- If you need to drop something off for a student, please leave it on the cart located just outside of the main school doors (please make sure your name is listed). Call the office at 306-778-9270 and we will grab it to deliver.
- Please remember to call when your child is absent. We will not assume your child is staying home if they were home sick the day before. We appreciate your help with this!
- 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.

In The Community

Parenting the Emotional Child Group



4 sessions starting on May 31, 2021 and running until June 21, 2021 on Mondays from 4:00pm-5:30pm

This is a 4 week WebEx for parents of children eligible to be in school from ages 5-12 years old. Parents will be taught strategies to regulate and recognize strong emotions in themselves and their children so they can be role models for their children. Parents will learn information about strong emotions as it relates to anxiety, depression and anger.

Please talk with your clinician or contact the intake team to register at

1-877-329-0005



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Understanding and Supporting Your Child with AD/HD



A Webex Training Event

3 sessions— May 4, 11, 18 2021

7:00—8:30 p.m.

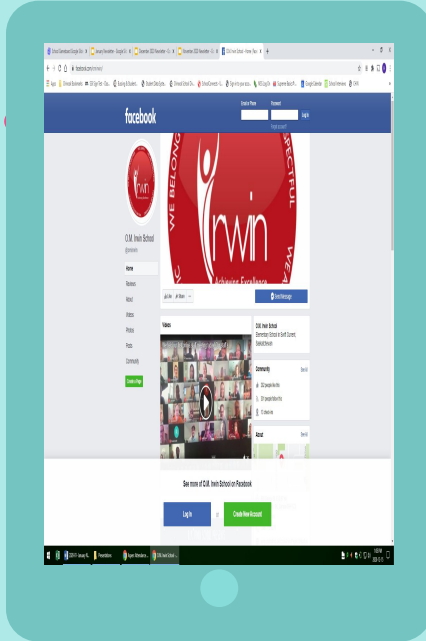
This is an information group for parents with children of all ages who have a diagnosis of ADHD or a diagnosis is under consideration. Sessions will focus on understanding ADHD and the brain, the role of medication, parenting and practical management strategies at home and school

To register please talk with your clinician or contact Mental Health & Addictions Centralized Intake at

1-877-329-0005



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Find Us On Facebook !!

Please visit our school's Facebook page for a look at all of the exciting things happening in and around our school, as well as to stay tuned to upcoming events.

<https://www.facebook.com/omirwin>

May Spirit Days



Friday May 7th: Jersey Day

Staff and Students are encouraged to wear their favorite jersey to school.

Friday, May 21st: Hat Day

Staff and Students are encouraged to wear their favorite hat to school

Parent Study Group

Due to COVID-19, there will be no meetings held at O.M. Irwin School for the Parenting Study Group or the ADD/ADHD Information & Support Group at this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Laurie Gaunt at 306-626-3317. This number is not long distance in the Swift Current area and there is no call display.



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, and during the pandemic these statistics have increased! Let's encourage our kids to get outdoors and be active. Go for a walk, play a game of catch, visit a playground, play a game of soccer, or take a bike ride. Bike Safety Week will be held during the week of May 16 - 22; the City of Swift Current in partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, will be promoting this week by providing an educational video and a fun contest. Watch for upcoming promotions. For more information, contact us at 306-778-2787 or visit [swiftcurrent.ca/play](https://www.swiftcurrent.ca/play)



Additional Information

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.

BABYSITTING AND HOME ALONE COURSE

Cypress Advanced First Aid Services – Home Alone Course for boys and girls ages 9 years and older, will be held on Saturday, May 1st from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm OR 1:00pm - 3:30pm at the Neufeld Auction Building, 616 Cheadle St. W. Cost \$35.

Call Jan Loeppky-Mackay at 306-774-4885 or e-mail: cypressafas@gmail.com For registration forms.

Please ETRANSFER \$55.00 to cypressafas@gmail.com to secure a spot. Spots cannot be held without payment.



ATTENDANCE

Please call the school @ 306-778-9270 before 8:30 am

We listen to our messages!

Please leave a message if we are unable to answer the phone!

Students must stay home if they are sick (even if symptoms resemble a mild cold) or if anyone living in the home has tested positive for Covid-19. If a student is sick at school we will call parents and require parents to pick the student up. Once you arrive, please call the office, and a staff member will bring your child to the front of the school.

More details are available in the Safe Schools Plan Parent Package:

Safe Schools Plan



Illness in School

Protocol Highlights



STUDENT BECOMES ILL AT SCHOOL



ILLNESS IN CARE

- Trained staff member takes student to illness in care – isolation area
- Respectful, protect privacy of student
- Staff member and ill student wear masks and distance

CALL PARENT/ CAREGIVER



- Pick up student and take them home
- Wait outside of school for pick-up
- **Parent/caregiver instructed to call 811**
- If student is 16+, parent notified before student leaves school



RETURN TO SCHOOL

- No symptoms related to COVID-19
- Public Health provides further guidance about when it's possible to return to school

ISOLATION AREA



- Comfortable, safe, dedicated area
- Student continuously monitored
- Precautions taken; PPE worn by staff
- Thorough cleaning and disinfection

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Testing is available and recommended if someone has unexplained new or worsening symptoms (even mild symptoms).

View the list of symptoms and use the online Self Assessment Tool at saskatchewan.ca/covid-19

www.chinooksd.ca



Kindergarten Registration 2021 – 2022

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is ongoing. Registration will be done online or by email. When registering your child, please note the following:

- Kindergarten eligibility is Age 5 by December 31, 2021
- Please provide proof your your child's date of birth (birth certificate) and Saskatchewan Health Card.

Please fill out the forms below and and either email the forms along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and health card to irwin_school@chinooksd.ca or call the office at 306-778-9270 to arrange drop off.

There are also paper packages available for pickup for families who do not have access to a printer. If you are needing a paper package, please call the school to arrange for pick-up.

[2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration Form.pdf](#)

[City Schools Transportation Request Form](#)

[Rural Schools Transportation Request Form](#)



Irwin School Fitness Room

Irwin School is in the process of creating a fitness space for students and we are in need of gently used cardio equipment and weight lifting equipment.

If you happen to have any exercise equipment that you are willing to donate or sell to the school we would appreciate your support.

Please contact Mr. Eltom if you have any questions.



May 2021 Calendar

O.M. Irwin School

"Achieving Excellence"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 – D1	4 – D2	5 – D3	6 – D4	7 – D5	8
			Fire Drill Growing Smiles Delivery Date		Jersey Day	
9	10 – D6	11 – D1	12 – D2	13 – D3	14 – D4	15
	SCC Meeting				Pizza Day	
16	17 – D5	18 – D6	19 – D1	20 – D2	21 – D3	22
					Hat Day	
23	24	25 – D4	26 – D5	27 – D6	28 – D1	29
	Victoria Day No School					
30	31 – D2					