

O.M. Irwin School September 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year at O.M. Irwin.

We are very excited to welcome the students back and to see their excitement returning to school.

The staff has planned for very positive start to the school year which will lay the foundation and create momentum for what will be a fabulous 2023/2024 school year. Please note that we will be dismissing K-8 students at 3:10 from Sept. 5-8th to assist bus drivers in taking attendance on their buses and K-2 teachers with end of the day dismissal routines. All K-8 students will be dismissed at 3:15 starting Sept. 11th.

Please do not hesitate to contact us or your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions. Have a great month of September and 2023/2024 school year!

With Kindest Regards,

O.M. Irwin School Administration Team
Kelsey Tsougrianis and Arron Kohlman

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2023-2024 Staff List



Office Staff

Principal – Mr. Arron Kohlman
Vice-Principal – Mrs. Kelsey Tsougrianis
Office Manager – Mrs. Heather Painchaud
Secretary – Mrs. Maureen Hanson

Support Staff

Librarian – Mrs. Debbi Bleackley

Recess Supervisor – Mr. John Saguisin

Educational Assistants: Ms. Holly Andreas
Mrs. Heba Anouz
Mrs. Bernadette Benito
Mrs. Korinne Blythe
Mrs. Tracy Chapman
Ms. Megan Englebrecht
Miss Clarissa Faulkner
Mrs. Colleen Gardner
Ms. Christine Johnston
Mrs. Carlin Lee
Mrs. Amy Popick
Mrs. Liz Ramage
Mrs. Brenda Saufert
Ms. Raisha Stadnyk
Mrs. Melissa Williams
Mrs. Carlyn Zanidean

Facility Operators: Mr. Paul Perkins
Ms. Chris Campbell
Mr. Lawrence Forde
Ms. Amanda Hydacka

Instructional Staff

Kindergarten – Ms. Kristen McWillie (Odd Days)
Mrs. Brooke Robson (Even Days)

Grade 1 – Ms. Kristina Burnett
Mrs. Christie Robinson

Grade 2 – Ms. Carys Nisbet
Miss Megan McCleary

Grade 3 – Ms. Tracy Haack
– Mrs. Annissa Crosbie

Grade 4 – Mr. Logan Boyer
– Mrs. Carley Johnston

Grade 5 – Mrs. Shelley Fritzke
Mrs. Heidi Wong/Mrs. Jobi Regier

Grade 6 – Mrs. Kristi Schwartz
Mr. Trevor Froese

Grade 7 – Mr. Chris Grainger
Mr. Kurri Darby

Grade 8 – Mr. Brett Eltom
Miss Brienna Gillanders /Mrs. Ashley Tinant

Student Services Teacher – Mrs. Michelle Michaluk

Interventionist – Mrs. Jobi Regier

PAA – Mr. Steven Dyck
Mrs. Christine Thompson

Counsellor – Ms. Michele Gurski

Band – Miss Michaila Jersak

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September Events:

Sept 7 - City Wide Connection

Sept 9 - Cypress Advanced Services Home Alone Course

Sept 11 - Terry Fox Kick-Off

Sept 11 - Grade 4 Swimming Lessons Begin:

Times: 1:00-1:45 & 1:45-2:30

Sept 12 - OSAC Presentation: Andy the Musical Scientist

Sept 15 - Toonies for Terry Hat Day

Sept 15 - Family Movie Night

Sept 21 - School Photos (K McWillie-Grade 8)

Sept 22 - School Photos (K Robson 9:00 a.m.)

Sept 22 - Terry Fox Run

Sept 22 - Toonies for Terry Hat Day

Sept 25 - Grade 2 Swimming Lessons Begin:

Times: 1:00-1:45 & 1:45-2:30

Sept 27 - Staff Meeting

Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day at Irwin

In lieu of National Orange Shirt Day-Sept 30th



Oct 2 - Teachers' Convention-No School For Students

Oct 10 - Grade 7 Swimming Lessons Begin:

Times: 1:00-1:45 & 1:45-2:30

Oct 23 - Grade 6 Swimming Lessons Begin:

Times: 1:00-1:45 & 1:45-2:30

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 bring it to the main office. If there is no one in the office, please be sure your child's name is on the item and we will deliver it to them.
- Please remember to call or email the school when your child is absent. If you email your child's teacher, please include Mrs. Painchaud (hpainchaud26@chinooksd.ca) and Mrs. Hanson (mhanson11@chinooksd.ca) in the email. We will not assume your child is staying home if they were home sick the day before. We appreciate your help with this!
- To ensure of your child's safety, please do not drop-off or pick up your child in the staff parking lot area. We are asking that you please use George Street for all drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Emergency Lunches – If a student forgets their lunch, they first phone home to see if someone is available to bring them lunch. If this is not possible, as a last resort, we will have items on hand for an emergency lunch to be made.
- Over the summer we had new **main doors** installed at Irwin School! We will now be using the **east door to enter** our school, and the **west door to exit**.

Pick-Up and Drop Off Guidelines For Parents and Caregivers



- ★ O.M. Irwin School is using the same pick-up and drop-off guidelines as last year, with the exception that parents may wait in the main foyer to pick-up their child(ren).
- ★ Please drop-off and pick-up your child(ren) outside of the school at the designated entrances. The designated entrances are :
 - North East Entrance - Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.
 - South East Entrance - Grades K, 1, 2, 7 and 8.
- Please access the school via George Street to drop off and pick up your child(ren). Use the crosswalk and crosswalk lights when crossing George Street.
- ★ Parents and Guardians, please refrain from dropping off or picking your child(ren) in the staff parking lot and Chinook SD bus layover.

Thank you!



Swimming Lessons



Swimming Lessons will once again be provided to Grades 2, 4, 6 & 7..

Swimming times will be from either 1:00 - 1:45 or 1:45 - 2:30.

The swimming lessons will be scheduled as follows:

- **Grade 4** : September 11-14/18-21
- **Grade 2** :September 25-28/October 3-6
- **Grade 7** :October 10-13/16-19
- **Grade 6** :October 23-26/30-November 2

In Motion Commotion



It's back to school for another exciting year, so why not start on the right foot? The in motion goal for all children is to be physically active between 60-90 minutes a day. There are many great opportunities to be physically active in our community at the outdoor parks, the golf courses, the skate park, the Aquatic Centre, or along the Chinook Parkway. Also, the annual **City Wide Connection is being held on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Stockade at Kinetic Park** so come check out the many great local sport, recreation and culture activities that are available in our community. City Wide Connection has something for all ages! For more information, please contact Community Services Division at 306-778-2787 or visit www.swiftcurrent.ca

Band Memo from Ms Jersak



Transporting Band instruments on the bus:

Small instruments (Flute/Piccolo, Clarinet, Oboe) are to be held on your lap or placed in your backpack.

Medium Instruments (Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Sax, Trumpet & Trombone) are to be stored under the seat in front of you.

Large instruments (Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, French Horn, Guitars, Electric Bass) are to be placed securely in the space in front of the seat as close to the front barrier of the bus as possible.

Transportation of equipment to and from school is allowed following the guidelines outlined within, as long as capacity on the bus exists. Priority is given to the transportation of children to and from school and if room is unavailable for large carry-on items, they may not be transported on the bus.

Our first OSAC presentation, Andy the Musical Scientist, is scheduled for September 12 at 12:30pm. The presentation will take place in the gym and will last approximately 45 minutes.

Andy (formerly of Delhi 2 Dublin) started his musical journey on the classical cello at the age of 6. Intrigued by the music of other cultures, he started to expand his musical horizons, eventually winning a scholarship to study sitar with a master in India. One day, however, while traveling in Africa, he was astounded to witness village children making their own instruments out of old recyclable items such as pop cans that they found on the ground. Amazed by their ingenuity, he decided to start inventing his own musical instruments! Andy is inspired to visit schools to encourage creative and critical thinking while demonstrating scientific principles of music, pro active recycling, and multiculturalism. In a rapidly changing world, Andy encourages children to start “thinking outside the box!”

2023-2024 BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell –K-2

8:35

Warning Bell Gr. 3-8

8:38

O'Canada/Announcements

8:43

Period 1

8:45 – 9:24

Period 2

9:24 – 10:03

Break/Recess

10:03 – 10:18

Period 3

10:18 – 10:57

Period 4

10:57 – 11:35

Lunch

11:35 – 12:25

Period 5

12:25 – 1:04

Period 6

1:04 – 1:43

Break/Recess

1:43 – 1:58

Period 7

1:58 – 2:37

Period 8

2:37 – 3:15

Dismissal

3:15



TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on **Friday, September 22nd!**

Our school was the top fundraiser in Saskatchewan last year, and we are so excited to celebrate our fantastic fundraising efforts! In 2022 our school community raised **\$10,774.77** for cancer research! We are hoping to meet or beat this record-breaking total with this year's campaign.

Our **fundraising page** is already active and ready to accept pledges. Visit

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/OMIrwin> to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation today!

Toonies for Terry Hat Day will be Friday, September 15th and Friday, September 22. Bring a toonie or other cash donation and wear your favourite hat to school for the day!

Our **September meal day** will be a fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation- details TBA

#Dear Terry t-shirts designed by Ryan Reynolds and the Fox Family will be available for purchase. Youth sizes are \$20 and adult sizes are \$25. Order forms will be sent out after our campaign kickoff on Sept. 11.

We will be hosting a **family movie night** on Friday, September 15th, so stay tuned for more details!



Messages from Michelle M & Michele G:



8 WAYS ROUTINES BENEFIT KIDS	
Cooperation	Less Power Struggles
Expectations Are Established	Consistency
Confidence & Independence	Stronger Family Connections
Time Management Skills	Stability & Security