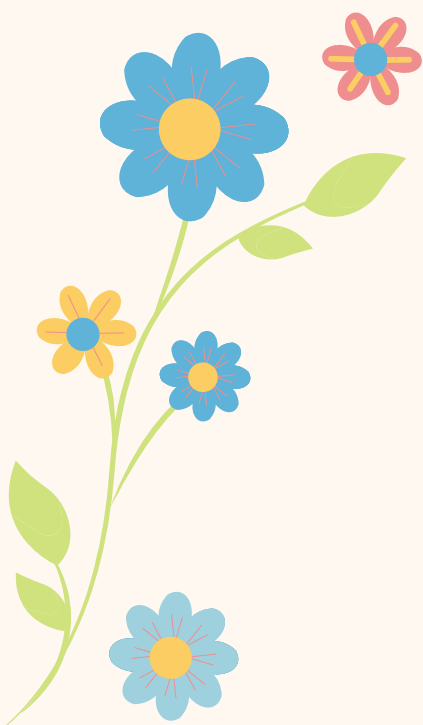


ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences via phone or in person. We appreciate the relationships we have with our parent community.

Mrs. Tsougrianis and Miss Gillanders would like to wish all of our students and their families a Happy Easter.

We hope you all get some much-deserved rest and relaxation over the upcoming Easter break.



O.M. Irwin Staff Profiles

Steve Dyck – Shop Teacher

I have worked at Irwin ... I am in my 8th year of teaching at O.M. Irwin School, and I also teach at Ecole Centennial School. I teach mainly PAA – IA Shop at both schools. My first 9 years of teaching was teaching PAA in Leader Composite High School.

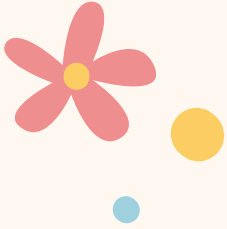
A little bit about me ... I was born and raised in Swift Current. I got into teaching a little later in life than most teachers, but because of that I have had a few different and interesting careers. I have worked for Agriculture Canada P.F.R.A. as a draftsman, retail clothing manager in Regina and Edmonton, Jostens Canada doing school photos and eventually managing a photo territory here in Saskatchewan, manager of a courier trucking company in Saskatoon, and then finally I became a teacher. I guess one could say that I am not a person to shy away from taking a risk when it comes to a career. On a more personal note, I enjoy spending relaxing with family and friends and most of the time you will find me on a golf course.

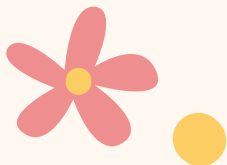
Irwin School rocks because ... of great students and staff who are always willing to to the extra mile.

Who inspires me ... are my 3 awesome brothers. We have a natural foursome for golf, and it is always a lot of fun when we can all get together and play a round.

Favorite food ... BBQ steak! Specifically , the Cold Smoked Steaks from Bulk Cheese Warehouse in Saskatoon. They are delicious anytime and even better when barbequing on a deck with family and friends on a nice evening in July.

Favorite quote ... “To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to change often.” –Winston Churchill





O.M. Irwin Staff Profiles

Christine Thompson- PAA Home Ec Teacher

I have worked at Irwin ... since 2008!

A little bit about me ... I teach Practical and Applied Arts to our grade 7 & 8s at Irwin, along with students from Fairview, Central and Waldeck schools. I graduated from U of S in 2006 specializing in Home Economics, and I also have a degree in Art and History. My husband Barrie and I have been married for 15 years and have two adorable children, Leah (9) and Owen (6). We love to spend time with our families at Turtle Lake and Hitchcock Bay on Diefenbaker. We love to take our kids to Bronco games and this year our family has taken up ice fishing. I LOVE to throw birthday parties and enjoy decorating fun and unique cakes for my kids' parties!



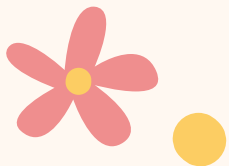
Irwin School rocks because ... we provide so many awesome learning opportunities for Our students – it is amazing to see what our students can do!

Who inspires me ... my niece Lauren, who is a pediatric stroke survivor, and her amazing mama!

Favorite food ... Chocolate – in all its glorious forms!

Favorite quote ... “Dreams are made possible if you try.” – Terry Fox





O.M. Irwin Staff Profiles

Tracy Chapman – Educational Assistant



I have worked at Irwin ... 10 years.

A little bit about me ... I love to spend time with my family. I especially love to spoil my grandchildren! I enjoy sewing.

Irwin School rocks because ... we have a great staff and students.

Who inspires me ... My family and friends inspire me. My parents taught me from a very young age that anything worth doing is worth doing well.

Favorite food ... Spinach pizza from the Akropol and cabbage rolls. ●

Favorite quote ... “Always stay humble and kind.” –Tim McGraw ●



O.M. Irwin Staff Profiles

Carla Weinbender – Educational Assistant

I have worked at Irwin ... for 4 years!

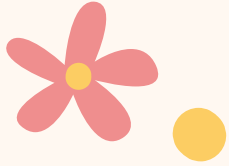
A little bit about me ... I am born and raised in Swift Current and am married to my highschool sweetheart, Dana. We have 2 awesome kids; Reese (12) and Zac (10). They keep us very busy and entertained with their sports and activities. We love camping and fishing and spending time with our family and friends. Along being a part time EA, I have a hair salon in our home. I have loved doing hair for the past 26 years

Irwin School rocks because ... of the incredible staff and students. Working alongside so many amazing people has taught me so much about myself and “fills my bucket.”

Who inspires me ... My husband, kids, parents and sister, with their unwavering love and support.

Favorite food ... Anything I don't have to prepare....and Chocolate!

Favorite quote ... “In a world where you can be anything....be nice!”





Important Dates



April 11 - Fire Drill

April 14 - Meal Day [Pizza Hut]

April 14 - Tourist Day: Dress as a Tourist

April 15 - Good Friday [No School]

April 18-22 - Easter Break [No School]

April 25 - Classes Resume

April 26 - Fire Drill

April 26 - Growing Smiles Fundraising money must be submitted

April 28 - Lifetouch Kindergarten Grad Photos

April 29 - Lifetouch Kindergarten Grad Photos

April 29 - Irwin School Spirit Color Day

May 11 - Growing Smiles Plant Pick-Up Day

May 23 - Victoria Day [No School]

June 9 - Track & Field Day

June 13 - Alternate Track & Field Day

June 28 - Last Day of Classes

June 29 - Admin Day [No School for Students]

June 30 - Admin Day [No School for Students]



Warm Weather Reminders

As warmer weather approaches, we would like to remind students, parents, and guardians of our school dress code.

- Clothing such as strapless tops, crop tops, or shirts with low necklines (showing midriff, chest, bare back) is not appropriate for school wear.
- Short shorts/skirts/dresses and revealing ripped jeans are not permitted unless tights/spandex are worn underneath them that meet the dress code requirement for length.
- As a general guideline, the appropriate length for students' shorts and skirts is mid-thigh.



Let's have a fun and happy Spring!



April Meal Day

We will be offering **Pizza Meal Day** on **Thursday April 14!**

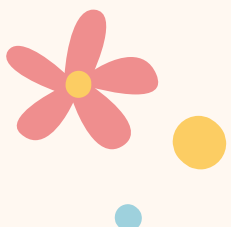
Please complete the MEAL DAY order form (will be sent home April 4) and **return to school by Friday April 8.**

Due to the preparation requirements, **no late orders will be accepted.**

O.M. Irwin cannot guarantee that any of the products offered are safe to consume for people with peanut, tree nut, soy, milk, egg or wheat allergies.

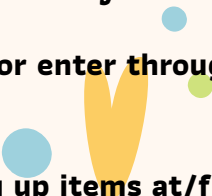
Pizza Hut Pizza choices will be Cheese, Pepperoni, Hawaiian and a Gluten Free option.

Recent Updates



Mr Kohlman will be away for the remainder of the school year.
Mrs Kelsey Tsougrianis is acting Principal until the end of June and
Miss Brienna Gillanders has been assigned acting Vice Principal.

Procedures For Visiting Our School

- Chinook schools are mask friendly for all parents/caregivers, and other visitors.
 - We will continue to maintain a log of all visitors to our school, including parents, and visitors. Please sign in at the office and come in through the front doors.
 - We ask that you continue to call ahead and book an appointment if you wish to speak to the classroom teacher or administration.
 - Self-screening applies to all parents/caregivers or visitors. Individuals with any COVID-19 symptoms should not enter the school.
 - Our front doors will remain unlocked during the school day. Our side doors will remain locked for student safety.
 - If you are dropping off your child during the day or picking them up, you are welcome to call the school or enter through the front doors.
 - We will leave our mail cart outside of the school for those who wish to continue dropping off and picking up items at/from the school.
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Classroom: 616 Cheadle St W
Cell: 306.774.4885
Email: cypressafas@gmail.com
Website: www.cypressafas.ca
Jan Loeppky-Mackay & Jason Loeppky

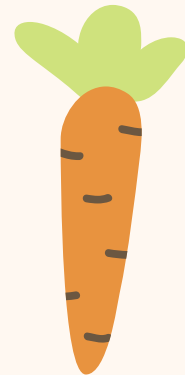
BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE

will be held on

April 2, 2022

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For Children 10 years and older
Email to request for Registration form



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

MY POSITIVE STATEMENTS

I can **CHANGE** my **MINDSET** with my
Words ★

INSTEAD OF:

I GIVE UP

I AM NOT SMART

I WILL FAIL

THIS IS TOO HARD

I AM NOT
GOOD AT THIS

I CAN SAY:

I CAN DO THIS AS LONG AS
I KEEP TRYING

I GROW MY BRAIN BY
LEARNING NEW THINGS

IF I FAIL I WILL KEEP
TRYING TILL I GET IT

EVERYTHING NEEDS
EFFORT

I AM NOT GOOD AT IT YET.
WITH PRACTICE I WILL BE
GREAT

SPRING SELF-CARE



Pickup and Drop-off Guidelines for Parents and Caregivers

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- ★ O.M. Irwin School is using the same pickup and drop-off guidelines as last year.
- ★ 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!**



School Reminders

The front doors of the school will remain open. If a student is arriving late, please ask them to stop by the office and check in before heading to class.



If dropping something off for a student, you can place the item on the cart at the front doors and call the school to let us know it is there, or come in and bring it to the office. Either way, we will make sure your child gets it!

Please DO NOT drop off students in the staff parking area on the west side of the school! To ensure your child's safety, we ask that you use George Street for all drop-offs and pick-ups.

Irwin School is on Facebook! Please visit our school's Facebook page for all the exciting things happening in and around our school, and to check out upcoming events.

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

The Irwin Ice Hut is available for kids in Grades 5-8!

The cart will come to your room during the morning break on Days 1, 3, & 5.

With the weather changing, please consider sending extra clothing with your child to change into in case their clothes get wet during break.

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Be there for your child and show care and love



EXERCISE
Encourage play, exercise and sport



BEHAVIOUR
Keep an eye out for any changes in behaviour



SUPPORT
Regularly support, encourage and praise your child



REST TIME
Help your child to manage stress by building in some rest time



BE PROUD
Tell your child that you are proud of them



PATIENCE
Be patient. Don't pressure your child



HELP
Don't be afraid to seek help from professionals



FEELING
Get to know how your child is feeling



EDUCATE
Educate yourself about mental health problems



PROBLEM SOLVING
Help your child to effectively problem solve



LISTEN
Make sure you take time to listen to what your child has to say



COPING
Help your child to learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation



SYMPTOMS
Be aware of signs and symptoms



CONVERSATION
Encourage your child to engage in conversation



ENVIRONMENT
Provide a positive environment for your child where they can thrive



SCC News




**SCC will be
meeting on
Monday April 4
via Google
meet.**


**Watch for SCC
news later this
spring!**



IN MOTION COMMOTION



The number one influence on children's participation in physical activity comes from the home. Encourage your children and participate with them in activities for at least thirty to sixty minutes a day. Try out some new activities in our community such as Crokicurl which is located at Riverdene Park and is open during outdoor rink hours. Or why not borrow a pair of snowshoes from the library?



Also, check out the Welcome to Recreation program for ages 7-14, online registration at www.swiftcurrent.ca/play. And there is Open Gym for students in grades 6-12 on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:30 pm at the Lt. Col. Clifton Centre. City of Swift Current Community Services - Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in our Community!

For more information, visit www.swiftcurrent.ca or call (306)778-2787







Basketball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls and Boys Basketball teams on a successful season!

The Senior Boys came in 2nd place, losing a close game to Centennial in the league final.

The Senior girls started their season with a tournament win in Medicine Hat, and remained undefeated the entire season, eventually beating Centennial in the league final.



Art Workshop Winners

On April 1st, our Education Week winners participated in an illustration workshop with our local author/illustrator, Jessica Williams.

The winners learned about using different strategies to experiment and create different characters in their drawings.

Thanks to Jessica for giving us the opportunity to learn from her expertise.



Growing Smiles Fundraiser

We are excited to announce that we are once again putting on a Spring plant fundraiser! We will continue working with the company *Growing Smiles*, who are well known for their high quality plants.

We are raising funds to continue to help support the costs for additional playground equipment for our North playground area. In coordination with our SCC, we are hoping to get a swing set in before the end of the school year.

To place an order we are asking that **ALL ORDERS be SUBMITTED ONLINE**. If this is not possible, we have paper order forms in the office. Where it says “**Referred By**” please **PUT THE SELLER’S NAME DOWN**. This will allow for students to be entered into our prize draws!

PAYMENTS CAN NOW BE MADE DIRECTLY ON THE GROWING SMILES WEBSITE. If you do not want to pay by credit card, please send cash or cheque to the school **BEFORE** the deadline.

IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHEQUE: PLEASE record your ORDER NUMBER on your cheque in the MEMO area so we can link this to your order. You may also print off your order summary and confirmation and attach to your cheque. If you are paying for multiple orders with one cheque, please **record ALL ORDER NUMBERS** on the cheque.

Important Dates to Remember

April 26, 2022 → All money must be turned into the school.

May 11, 2022 → Pick-up date from school for orders.

Important Notes

- Please ensure customers make cheques payable to: O.M Irwin School
- Our team website is located at: <https://omirwin.growingsmilesfundraising.com>
- Please contact Kelsey or Brienna at 306.778.9270 if you have any questions!
- Plants are supplied by DeVry Greenhouses.

Thank-you for your support!



PROS Card Winners!!

(Positive Recognition of Students)

- ☐ Kasen Reid
- ☐ Owen Sletten
- ☐ Lauren Hanson
- ☐ Naimy Regier
- ☐ Jordyn Hir
- ☐ Connor Amundson
- ☐ Farah Lopeter
- ☐ Sammy Bradshaw
- ☐ Gabe Emperingham
- ☐ Brandt Balliett



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Terry Fox Walk Fundraiser. Irwin School raised the third highest amount in Saskatchewan for the Elementary School Category!!
Way to go Ice!



Thank You!

Special thanks to Faith EMC for your generous donation of a \$260 Walmart Gift Card for our Breakfast Club / Kids in Need.
Your kindness is much appreciated!



The Terry Fox Foundation

Top 30 of 2021 in Saskatchewan \$165,649.44



Elementary \$97,124.24

1	École Lakeview School	Saskatoon	\$9,419.20
2	Carlyle Elementary School	Carlyle	\$8,274.00
3	O.M. Irwin School	Swift Current	\$7,780.34
4	Macklin School	Macklin	\$7,043.75
5	South Shore Elementary School	Regina Beach	\$6,855.00
6	Georges Vanier Catholic Fine Arts School	Saskatoon	\$6,836.55
7	Whitewood School	Whitewood	\$6,781.15
8	Arcola School	Arcola	\$6,059.85
9	Dr. L.M. Hanna School	Regina	\$5,814.00
10	Langenburg Central School	Langenburg	\$5,700.00
11	Foam Lake Elementary School	Foam Lake	\$5,513.15
12	Wilfrid Walker School	Regina	\$5,460.00
13	École Forest Grove School	Saskatoon	\$5,266.35
14	École Wascana Plains School	Regina	\$5,193.65
15	Paradise Hill School	Paradise Hill	\$5,127.25

Secondary \$68,525.20

1	Carnduff Education Complex	Carnduff	\$7,604.00
2	Davidson School	Davidson	\$5,853.45
3	Cupar School	Cupar	\$5,519.75
4	Cabri School	Cabri	\$5,360.50
5	Luseland School	Luseland	\$5,334.00
6	Warman Community Middle School	Warman	\$5,060.45
7	Montmartre School	Montmartre	\$4,638.00
8	Pierceland Central School	Pierceland	\$4,427.00
9	William Derby School	Strasbourg	\$4,350.70
10	Elrose Composite School	Elrose	\$4,246.50
11	Naicam School	Naicam	\$3,688.55
12	Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School	Regina	\$3,435.15
13	H. Hardcastle School	Edam	\$3,162.20
14	Redvers School	Redvers	\$3,110.00
15	Grayson School	Grayson	\$2,734.95



April 2022



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