



O.M. IRWIN SCHOOL

February 2021 Newsletter

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to February! It is hard to believe that we are now in the second half of the school year. Time is moving by very quickly and January seemed like a blur. A major event for January was report card day on January 29th. We read each student's report card and we are very proud of our students' achievements in learning this year. Congratulations to all students on the terrific report cards and for your effort to achieve personal excellence! Keep up the great work students! We want to thank our teachers for their excellent work preparing report cards for students and parents. We also want to give a special shout out to our Office Manager Mrs. Heather Painchaud for her exceptional work in ensuring report cards were ready for publishing in the MSS Parent Portal. Thank you, Mrs., Painchaud!

We have an update on the window renovation project. As you will notice when driving by the school, all classroom's have been updated with new windows which look great! The work is now shifting to the windows of the school's courtyard. The window project is on schedule to be completed by the end of March!

Thank you to all parents and guardians for continuing to support our school's reopen plans. We really appreciate the support! The students have been phenomenal this year in adjusting to the reopen plans and we are very proud of them. We want to give a shout out to our amazing caretaking staff led by our Facility Manager Mr. Perkins and his team Mr. Forde, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Francisco, and Mrs. English. Thank you for your amazing work this year keeping our school safe for the students, staff, and parents!

At this time, we want to welcome Mrs. Maureen Hanson to the school's main office team. Mrs. Hanson is taking over the half time office secretary position from Mrs. Ostrander who retired in January. Mrs. Hanson will be working in the office each morning and in the afternoons, she will continue her EA duties. We wish Mrs. Ostrander all the best in her retirement and congratulate Mrs. Hanson in her new role at O.M. Irwin.

To conclude our remarks for the newsletter, we want wish everyone in the O.M. Irwin School community all the best for a great month of February! Hoo Haa Ice Rocks!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Tsougrianis and Mr. Kohlman - O.M. Irwin School Administration Team

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2 - GRADE 8 IMMUNIZATIONS

FEBRUARY 3 - STAFF MEETING

FEBRUARY 12 - PIZZA MEAL DAY

FEBRUARY 15TH - 19TH: WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 22 - CLASSES RESUME

FEBRUARY 24 - PINK SHIRT DAY

MARCH 8TH - 12TH: 2021-2020 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

MARCH 16TH & 18TH: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

MARCH 22ND: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - IN LIEU OF
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

APRIL 2 - GOOD FRIDAY (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

APRIL 5 - 9 - EASTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

APRIL 12 - CLASSES RESUME

APRIL 29-30 - LIFETOUCH KINDERGARTEN GRAD PICTURES

APRIL 30 - LIFETOUCH SPRING PICTURES

MAY 24 - VICTORIA DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

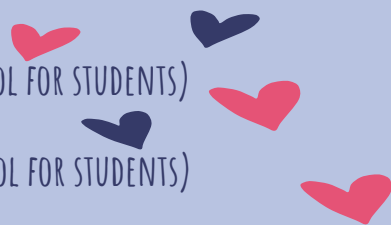
JUNE 24 - AWARDS DAY / NIGHT (GRADE 6,7,8)

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 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.

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/](https://www.facebook.com/OMIRWIN/)



IN THE COMMUNITY

Parenting the Emotional Child Group



4 sessions starting on January 21, 2021 and running until February 11, 2021 on Thursdays 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



**Saskatchewan
Health Authority**



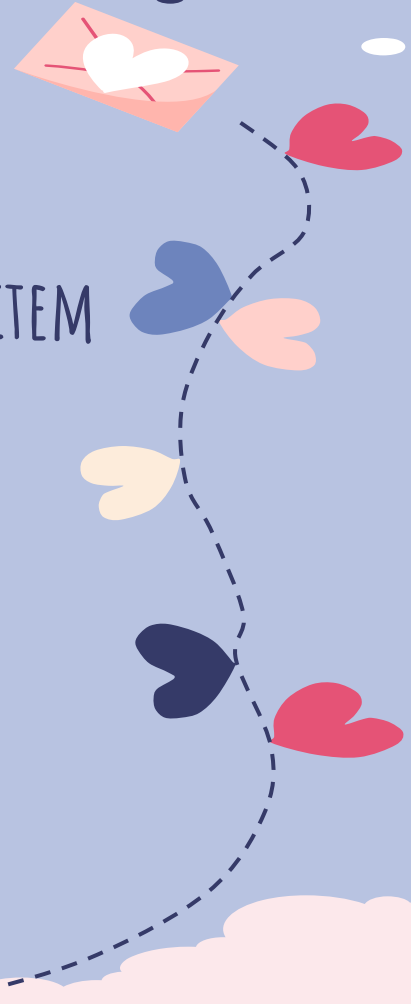
saskhealthauthority.ca

FEBRUARY SPIRIT DAY

FEBRUARY 24TH IS PINK SHIRT DAY.

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A PINK SHIRT OR A PINK ITEM THAT DAY TO SEND A MESSAGE OF STANDING UP TO BULLYING.

DURING THE SAME WEEK, STUDENTS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES TO LEARN ABOUT BULLYING AND BULLY PREVENTION.

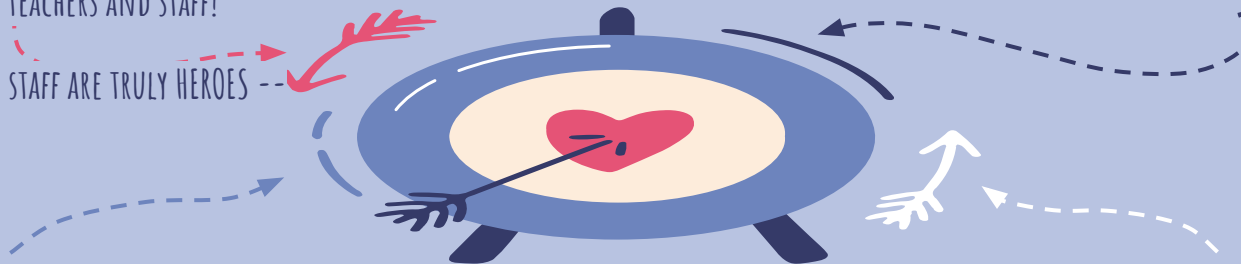
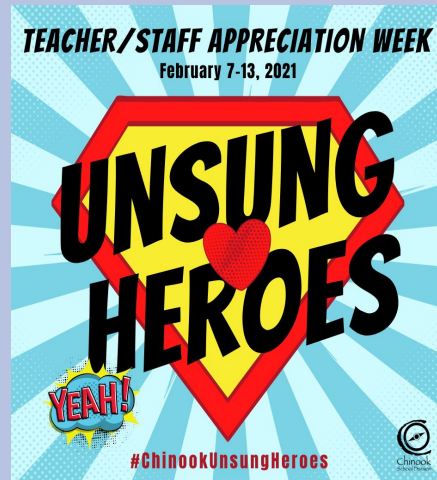


STAFF APPRECIATION!

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7-13, YOU CAN SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE AND SUPPORT! DO YOU KNOW A CHINOOK STAFF MEMBER WHO IS AN UNSUNG HERO? DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7-13, POST YOUR THANK YOU MESSAGE TO THEM ON SOCIAL MEDIA WITH #CHINOOKUNSUNGHEROES AND TAG CHINOOK SO WE CAN SHARE!

THE CHINOOK BOARD AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATION WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEDICATION AND EFFORTS OF OUR AMAZING TEACHERS AND STAFF IN AN INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING YEAR. DURING THE PANDEMIC, THEY IMPLEMENTED NEW PROCEDURES, TAUGHT REMOTE CLASSES, ADAPTED TO CHANGING COVID-19 GUIDELINES, AND SO MUCH MORE. THEY HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB CREATING SAFE, HEALTHY AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENTS. STUDENTS CONTINUE TO LOVE GOING TO SCHOOL, THANKS TO OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF!

CHINOOK TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE TRULY HEROES --
THANK YOU ALL!



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

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. AND WHAT ABOUT TRYING CROKICURL? A NEW, FUN ACTIVITY AT RIVERDENE PARK! 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 15-20 WITH MANY FREE, FUN, FAMILY ACTIVITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN DURING THE FEBRUARY BREAK SUCH AS SLEIGH RIDES, SKATING, SWIMMING, AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING. WATCH FOR POSTERS COMING HOME SOON. ➤ FREE SWIMMING ON TUESDAYS AT THE AQUATIC CENTRE FOR AGES 14 AND UNDER FROM 7:15 TO 8:30 PM. SPONSORED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES SWIFT CURRENT # 1728 ➤ FREE SWIMMING FOR ALL REC AND FAMILY SWIM TIMES AT THE AQUATIC CENTRE FOR AGES 14 AND UNDER. SPONSORED BY THE SC KIWANIS. HAVE FUN, STAY SAFE, AND BE ACTIVE!





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.

Babysitter Training and Home Alone Course

CYPRESS ADVANCED FIRST AID SERVICES – BABYSITTING TRAINING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10 AND OLDER, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH FROM 9:00 TO 4:00 PM AT THE NEUFELD AUCTION BUILDING, 616 CHEADLE STREET W. COST \$55. REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OR CALL JAN LOEPPKY-MACKAY AT 306-774-4885 OR E-MAIL: CYPRESSAFAS@GMAIL.COM.

PLEASE ETRANSFER \$55.00 TO CYPRESSAFAS@GMAIL.COM TO SECURE A SPOT. SPOTS CANNOT BE HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT.





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


ATTENDANCE




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

1**RETURN TO SCHOOL**

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

2**ISOLATION AREA**

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

3**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

Contact your local school to register

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

MARCH 8-12, 2021

Online Registration at all
Chinook Elementary schools



www.chinooksd.ca

THIS YEAR, ALL CHINOOK SCHOOLS WILL BE REGISTERING NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLINE OR BY EMAIL. THE CHINOOK SCHOOL DIVISION IS VERY EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE UPCOMING 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

- KINDERGARTEN ELIGIBILITY IS AGE 5 BY DECEMBER 31, 2021
- PLEASE PROVIDE PROOF OF YOUR CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (BIRTH CERTIFICATE) AND SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH CARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT 306-778-9270 OR EMAIL IRWIN_SCHOOL@CHINOOKSD.CA.

O.M.IRWIN SCHOOL - SCHOOLMESSENGER - TEXT MESSAGING

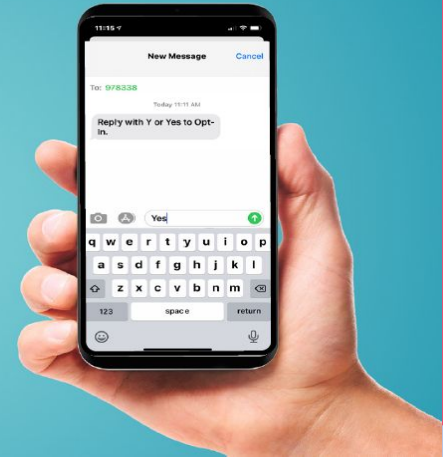
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Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.



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O.M Irwin School

Achieving Excellence

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1-D2	2-D3 Grade 8 Immunizations	3-D4 Staff Meeting	4-D5	5-D6	6
7 Staff Appreciation Week Feb 8 th – 12 th	8-D1	9-D2	10-D3	11-D4	12-D5 Pizza Day	13
14	15 Winter Break Feb 15 th – 19 th NO SCHOOL	16	17	18	19	20
21	22-D6 Classes Resume	23-D1	24-D2 Pink Day	25-D3	26-D4	27
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