



FALL NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I want to say what a pleasure it has been to see our returning students and to meet our new students and their families! As always it has been a busy start to the year with numerous activities and a lot of planning to be done. In this newsletter I want to share some important information as relates to safety for our students. I also want to highlight school activities thus far and inform you of some important upcoming events!

Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol

As part of Chinook's efforts to ensure the safety of students, the division has partnered with local authorities to sign a Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol. As part of the protocol, many Chinook staff members have engaged in training to assist them in identifying students who may pose a threat to themselves or others. Maverick has five staff members who have received training and are familiar with the protocol. Please see the attached letter from Kyle McIntyre for information on how to access additional information on the division website.

School Emergency Management Plan

All Chinook schools have been tasked with creating comprehensive Emergency Management Plans to address a wide arrange of possible scenarios. The finalized plans are due on October 31st. As part of the plan schools will be required to engage in numerous drills to prepare students for emergency situations. In addition, parents will receive information as to how parents and students would be reunified in the event that an offsite evacuation was required. Maverick's reunification plan will be emailed to you the first week of November. I'm hopeful that part of our plan will include a group text message to all parents. Thank you to staff member Alisa Meyer for volunteering her home as a safe evacuation site in case of emergency. This is much appreciated as there are not many locations within walking distance of the school that could house a large number of people.

Parent & Student Access to Maplewood Information System

In an effort to enhance communication with parents, Chinook is providing login and password information for students and parents for the ConnectED portal. You will receive your login information and password in a separate email early next week. Additional information will be provided at Parent Night.

Highlights for September & October

- Maverick Staff members were honoured to be asked to present to 250 high school teachers on opening day to support Chinook's efforts in promoting healthy relationships between teachers and students
- Students arrived on Sept 5th and created our new belief statements. Policy review is ongoing!
- Students attended Career Expo on Sept 27th
- October 2nd to 6th the Outdoor Education group travelled to Ness Creek for a fantastic experience in the great outdoors!
- Thank you to the staff members for creating awesome class meetings, Wednesday afternoon Group Sessions & Friday Activities
- Chris Chittick, Tornado Hunter presented to students



The Outdoor Education Crew at Ness Creek Fall 2017

Parent Open House & Student Led Conferences

Our fall Parent Open House event will take place on **Tuesday, November 7th!** We will be encouraging students to join parents in attending. The event will kick off with our traditional **chili dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.** Krista is also putting together some pictures to highlight the Outdoor Education trip and other events that have taken place this year. Most importantly, parents and students will have opportunity to meet one-on-one with teachers for a progress report.

As the number of parents wanting to meet with teachers can create some time constraints, I'm asking for teacher meetings to be limited to ten minutes with a maximum time of 15 minutes allocated per student. If you are unable to attend on the 7th or would prefer a longer conference, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange for a meeting on a different date. Our teachers are always willing to accommodate your schedule as we truly believe the school & home partnership is a most important piece of the student success puzzle!

Maverick School Community Council

Your School Community Council members have had their first meeting. I want to thank council members for their willingness to serve on council and assist us in better meeting the needs of our students.

Your 2017-2018 School Community Council members are as follows:

Executive: Joey Thiessen (Chairperson), Cheryl Ginter (Vice Chair), Alyssa Laton (Secretary)

Parent Representatives: Tracy Funk, Kim Krause, Jennifer Stevenson, Kristy Lie, Steve Timlick

Student Representatives: Patrick Theissen, Aisha Silzer, Tara Marshall

School Representatives: Jayne Nicholson (Principal), Colin Smith (Teacher)

Chinook Trustee: Tim Ramage, *Chinook Superintendent:* Bob Vavra



The Meals on Wheels Delivery Team Members (top) & The Yard Clean-up Crew (below)



Extra-curricular Offerings for Students:

Thank you to our dedicated staff members for creating these extra-curricular opportunities for students!

- S.O.S. (Maverick's Gay Straight Alliance) meets every other Tuesday at noon (Colin facilitating)
- Writer's Guild meets every other week at noon (Scott facilitating)
- Yoga Monday last period (Marnie organizer)
- Bi-monthly Wednesday Afternoon Group (Lindsay facilitating)
- Support Group meets every Friday at 11:30 to discuss students' concerns & questions in relation to addiction (Megan Hanna, Addictions Services)
- Book Club meets every other Tuesday at noon (Marnie facilitating)
- Outdoor Education adventures (Scott, Tanner and Krista provide leadership)
- Spirit Club (Krista & Alisa provide leadership)
- Maverick House Band Tuesday after school (Scott as leading)
- Meal on Wheels delivery – Thank you to Tammy for organizing
- Noon Hour Work-Out Club (Tanner facilitating)
- Gaming Group (Colin facilitating)
- Music lessons from contracted teachers: Glenna Switzer and Michael Lyngstad
- To promote wellness for our students, Maverick SCC has purchased passes for Maverick students to visit BodyFit gym or the Aquatic Centre! Students can simply visit the facility and sign in as a Maverick student to use a free pass!

Great Turn Out for Opening Day!



Beautiful Fall Colours in Northern Saskatchewan

Important Dates & Coming Events

10/30- Chinook Professional Development Day – No classes for students

11/01- SCC Meets at noon

11/07- Parent Night & Student Led Conferences Chili dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

11/10 –Remembrance Day Ceremony

11/13 – Holiday for Remembrance Day

11/14 to 11/17 – Art Project Week: Liquid Painting, Drawing, Four Lands Project, Polymer Clay

11/15 – Field trip to the Science Centre and IMAX Theatre in Regina

11/20 – Control Theory 30 course instruction begins

11/27 – No school (in lieu day for student led conferences)

12/04 – 12/08 – Maverick's White Ribbon Campaign (Men working to end men's violence against women)

12/21 – Please mark your calendars now to attend our annual Christmas Banquet!

Thank You to...

-**Innovation Credit Union** for donating \$550 towards our nutrition program. Funds were donated from the staff members' dress down Friday fund.

-**Ardele Gorman** for a donation of binders and office supplies

-**Betty & McDougal** for a \$500 donation

-Tammy and her Meals on Wheels delivery team: **Sydney Huxted, Aisha Silzer, Tara Marshall, Patrick Thiessen, Destiny Fehr**

-The yard clean-up crew: **Tristan Byers, Ayden Eckert, Cira Sutherland, Garret Timlick, Rylan Dupont, Riley Lie**

Donations Appreciated

Often times we are asked what types of items people could donate to help out our school programs. The main area for which donations would be very much appreciated is our nutrition program, so I've asked Alisa to compile a list of the most popular items of consumption! If you are able to help us out with any of the following, we would be most appreciative!

Coffee, tea, creamer, granola bars, cereal (not too sugary), canned goods (soups, spaghetti, etc.), eggos, yogurt, fresh fruits and veggies, milk, cheese slices, sandwich meat, pasta, bread, bagels, muffins, and condiments.

We could also use some good quality winter wear (mitts, toques, scarves, boots, and jackets).

PLEASE VISIT OUR MAVERICK SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES & PHOTOS OF ALL OUR AWESOME EVENTS!