

DECEMBER 1, 2011

December:

2—'A Seussified Christmas Carol'
7:00 pm

3—'A Seussified Christmas Carol'
3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

8—Elem. Christmas concert—7:00 pm

9—Compressed Day: no school

15—Grad Photographer meeting for all grad parents and grads at 7:00 pm

22— Jan. 4— Christmas Break

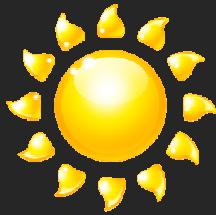
January:

Jan. 5—first day back to school

11—Eng. 30 A

12—Newsletter

16-17—Grad Formal portraits

Light up the Dark

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to "Light up the Dark!" . Our school has provided 459 children with shoeboxes this year! That means that 459 children have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and families can be brought into God's family.

The Grade 5 class took the boxes into the warehouse on Monday, November 28.

So far, since we have kept track of them, we have sent 4114 shoeboxes.

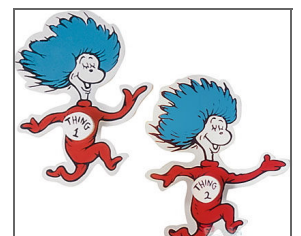
Please continue to pray for the children who will receive these shoeboxes.



The OKCS Drama and Home Economics departments present:

A
Seussified Christmas Carol

by Peter Bloedel
Theatre and Dessert
Tickets \$7.50 at OKCS office
December 2 at 7:00pm
December 3 at 3:00pm and 7:00pm



The purpose of Olds Koinonia Christian School is to assist the Christian family, in cooperation with the local church, in training their children intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually toward maturity and responsible independence.

Teacher Store—Gr. 1 & 2



The Teacher Store will be opening on Friday, December 16 for Gr. 1 & 2 students. We will need to have **parent volunteers** to do



sorting and set

-up in the morning and then to work in the store and clean up in the afternoon.

Please contact Donna Wilson or Betty Flood if you are available to help or have any questions.

The Teacher Store also **needs your donations.**

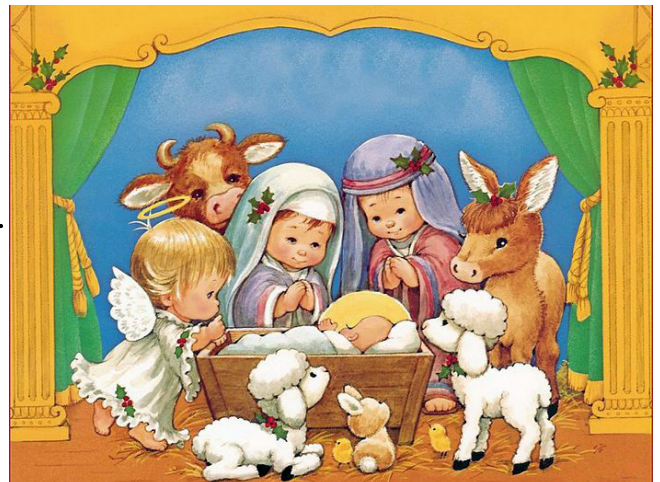
Please send only new or very slightly used

items. All donations are to be sent to the grade two classroom before Dec. 16.

Elementary Christmas Program

On Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m., the students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be celebrating the joy of the season, Jesus' birth, through song and narrative.

Students in Kindergarten and Grades 2-6 are asked to wear their Sunday best for this occasion. Students in Grade 1 will be in costume.



Little Girl with a Big Heart

Naomi is your average Gr. 3 student who happens to have a birthday in November. In looking around her already overcrowded room filled with stuff, she says, "I don't really like cleaning my room and don't need anymore stuff."

Naomi then came up with the idea that instead of getting gifts for her 9th birthday, she wanted her friends to bring a donation for Turn on the Tap. Turn on the Tap is an extension of Samaritan's Purse that buys water filters for poor people without access to clean water. Each water filter costs \$100 and can last for a lifetime. Naomi invited her entire class to her party and raised \$600 which would allow her to purchase 6 water filters.



We are proud of you Naomi for your big heart and your willingness to forego presents to help others around the world. God is smiling down on you. What a huge blessing!

Congratulations to Dan, Trina, Teagan (Gr. 2) & Dreydan (Gr. 4) Felker on the birth of their new baby boy/brother. Rylan Lawrence was born Thursday, November 8.



Pre-ordered Christmas Swags

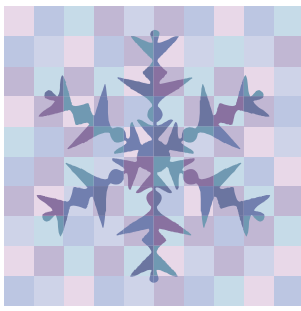
If you have ordered a Christmas Swag from Lofty Designs it will be available for pickup here after school on Wed., Dec. 7. Thank you.



Food & Fellowship

We would like to have a fellowship time following the Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 8. We ask that each family bring a small plate of goodies for everyone to enjoy. Coffee & water will be provided. Please bring your treats on a disposable dish. Thank you.





Winter



Inclement Weather procedures for CESD—

With the return of winter, it's time to remind staff, parents and students of the procedures we have in place in Chinook's Edge to address inclement weather:

It is important to know that our Board of Education requires schools to remain open during inclement weather. It is incumbent upon schools to determine in advance appropriate persons, who live near to the school, who are most safely able to make their way to school to unlock doors and answer phones during inclement weather days.

Teachers will make classroom activities meaningful, and will remain cognizant of not advancing curriculum to an extent that it has a negative impact on the students who were unable to attend during inclement weather days.

In Chinook's Edge, there are a number of factors that go into making the decision on whether or not to cancel bus routes on a particular day. The only time a cancellation of busses for the entire school division will occur is in the case of extremely cold temperatures. When it is colder than -35 degrees Celsius, or when the wind-chill makes it extremely cold, the Director of Transportation will make a decision to cancel all of the bus routes. Otherwise, in the case of inclement weather, individual bus driv-

ers make a decision on their particular bus route.

Regardless of the transportation status at individual schools or communities, Chinook's Edge schools will remain open. The Board does not expect any staff members who typically commute distances to work to commute in weather conditions that constitute a hazard to their safety. Our staff is expected to make a reasonable attempt to arrive to their usual workplace, but will not be penalized if they are unable to make it in because of inclement weather.

Winter temperatures have arrived and we would like to remind parents to ensure their children are equipped with appropriate winter gear to prepare them in the event of a vehicle (bus or car) breakdown and for enduring the cold weather. Please help us by ensuring your child is dressed appropriately.

Suggestions for winter attire: toque, scarf or knit mask to cover the face and mouth, mittens or gloves, winter coat, winter boots and ski pants for elementary children.

To find out if OKCS buses are running you can listen to one of the following radio stations and/or check the CESD website (www.chinooksedge.ab.ca—bottom of front page 'Bus Route Delays & Cancellations'):

95.5 fm—Red Deer
105.5—Red Deer
66 CFR am—Calgary
Q91 am—Drumheller

CBC1010—Calgary
105 fm—Calgary
96.5—Olds & area
ZED99—Red Deer

Procedure for OKCS—

Due to the rural nature of our school, OKCS will be allowed to close the school during **EXTREME, SEVERE driving conditions.** When roads are impassable due to snow or when the RCMP are not recommending travel, OKCS will be closed for the day. Check the OKCS website for school closure information. For those who do not have internet access, please use one of your lifelines, and call a friend. :) Keep in mind that **all bus information is on the CESD website.**

NOTE: The CESD policy still applies for most days of inclement weather. The school closure will only be activated during **SEVERE DRIVING CONDITIONS.**



Superintendent's Message

A Message from the Superintendent: Creating great citizens in our safe and caring schools

Our focus in Chinook's Edge is to provide high quality learning opportunities that will help our students achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens. Good citizenship is a distinctive element of an effective classroom and a thriving community. Everyone benefits when individuals commit to making positive contributions to their school, their community and their world.

During this season of giving, we can clearly see the influence of Chinook's Edge students as they reach out to others. Our students are making plans to collect items for the local food bank at their seasonal concerts, sharing their musical talents at seniors' homes and filling hundreds and hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact entire communities, our students are modeling what citizenship truly means.

We thank our students and everyone who supports them as they reach out to others. Thank you, also, to our staff and parents who facilitate and encourage this great generosity of spirit all year long.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



Classifieds

Just wondering if anyone might have magnets or magnetic building sets they'd be willing to donate to the Grade 2 Science program. Please contact Mrs. Wilson.

We are putting out an appeal for photos for volleyball, golf, and cross-country. If you wouldn't mind sending them by e-mail to cvanbeek@chinooksedge.ab.ca. Thank you.



Upcoming Registration for the Winter Session takes place December 19, 2011 at the Are-

na Concourse from 4:30-5:30pm.



If you're interested please check out our website @ oldsfigureskatingclub.com, for registration forms and further information.

OLDS RAPIDS SWIM CLUB: Registration Information call 556-6137

Try It Week (3 nights)
January 9, 11, 13
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This week long camp allows children aged 6-18 an opportunity to experience swim club prior to committing to a full session. The cost is \$25.00. Please bring goggles.

Break of Day -
December 21st, 2011
Practical break for the single parent family

We are planning to have our dinner,
December 21st, 2011
First Baptist Church - 5005 - 53rd Ave., west doors
Roast Beef and all the trimmings
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm