

OKCS

# OKCS Newsletter

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

## NOVEMBER:

4—Elem. Colour dress up day

8—Gr. 1-12 Report Cards

10—Chicken Fingers & Salad hot lunch  
Remembrance Day Service—11:00 am

11— Remembrance Day—no school

15—Parent-Teacher Interviews by appointment from 4-7 pm

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17—Mac 'n Cheese hot lunch  
Christmas Shoeboxes are due

25—Compressed Day: no school



### A simple gift opens doors

We are excited to be filling shoeboxes again for Operation Christmas Child. Your child should have brought the brochure and a box home to fill. Please consider what your family can do to send a ray of light to a child who has nothing. Please pray for that child and what you should give to him or her. Please fill the boxes up to the top. See the Samaritan's Purse website for ideas to fill your shoebox.



Please take until Nov. 17 to fill a shoebox and bring it to your child's home-room. Many children around the world hear the Gospel because we fill a shoebox.

YOU CAN REACH SOMEONE WITH THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION WHERE YOU CANNOT GO. A New Testament or a Children's Bible is offered to each child who receives a shoebox. Follow up Bible courses are also offered. Since 1999, nearly 1 million boys and girls have taken the course. Hundreds of thousands have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord.

[www.samaritanspurse.ca](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca)

**Boxes are now due  
November 17, 2011**

If you have questions please email Donna Reed at [dreed@chinooksedge.ab.ca](mailto:dreed@chinooksedge.ab.ca)

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

## Elementary Colour Day

Friday, November 4

Elementary classes have been given a designated colour to dress in on Friday. Activities for all elementary students will be held in the gym at noon.

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.



# Parent Portal—Gr. 7-12 parents

I know the title makes it sound like something out of a Star Trek movie, but it is a way for you as parents to view your Gr. 7-12 child's grades, assignments and attendance records. As teachers enter in student information regarding assignments, exams, etc., you as parents will be able to track your child's progress through this Parent Portal. If you have internet access you can view the information on your stu-

dent at any time.

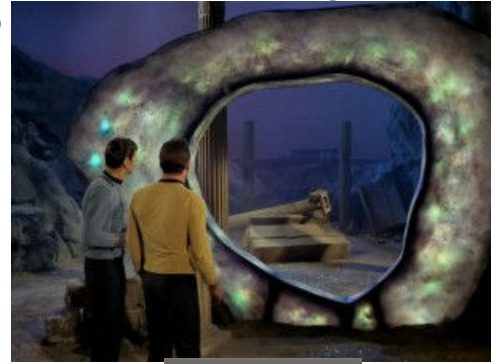
A letter has been sent home with your children with instructions on how to access the Portal along with their individual ID's and Passwords. It is imperative that you get these letters from each of your children.

If you are logging on for the first time, please be sure to write down your password in a place where you will find it in the fu-

ture.

This can be a very useful, informative tool. Please take advantage of this opportunity to be involved in your children's education.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl at the office. Thank you.



RESISTANCE IS FUTILE

## Subscribe today

As many of you know our new website is up and running. At the bottom of the home page is a place where you can subscribe to the newsletter. We ask that each family put in their email to receive the newsletter. At this point we will continue sending it by email but would like everyone to subscribe on the website. I am able to view the subscription list, so once all school families are on, we will discontinue sending the newsletter by email.

Thank you.



**Subscribe to the news-**

**letter online at**

**[www.oldscoinonia.com](http://www.oldscoinonia.com)**

## Let's Remember...

OKCS will be having a Remembrance Day service during period 4 (11:00 am) on Thursday Nov. 10 for all students. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.



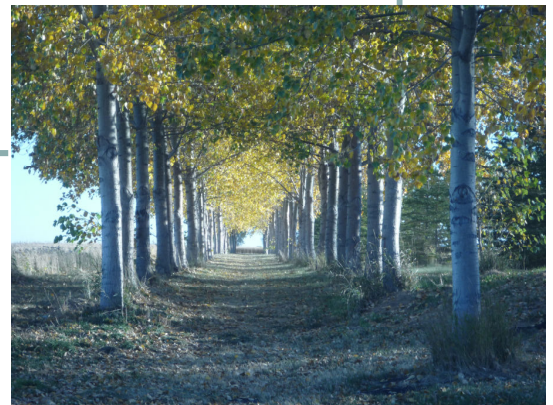
# Excellence in Teaching...

## Celebrating Principals & Teachers

### Nominate an outstanding teacher today.



The 2012 Excellence in Teaching Awards (ETA) nominations opened the week of October 17. This is an opportunity to honour teachers and principals for the outstanding work they do in the classrooms. To request a package call 1-866-590-1660. To download a package visit [www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx)



Congratulations to Shane, Jaime, Lauren (Gr. 7) & Ethan (Gr. 2) Evans on the birth of their new baby girl/sister. Presley Maya was born Tuesday, Nov. 1 and weighed 6lbs



**Christmas Baking for sale at Nov. 15 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7 pm**

## Yummy Christmas Baking...



The grad class is offering to do your Christmas baking for you!!! How nice of them! We will be selling delicious Christmas baking nicely wrapped and ready to be taken home on the evening of Tuesday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. which is

Parent/Teacher Interviews. We will only sell on the 15<sup>th</sup> and not on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a wide variety available. This is a fund raiser for the grad class. We will be set up in the Campus Centre foyer so come early and pick up some goodies! You

can freeze it and have it all ready for the Christmas season. Thank you so much for your support!

Grad Parent Fund Raising Committee



# Royals Sport News



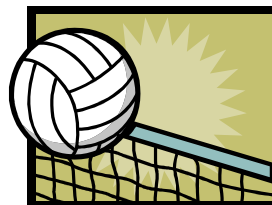
The fall season has been very busy for Royals athletics so far this 2011 school year. To start off, Tim Kary, Karleton Moench, Zach Elliott, and Matthew Evans made up the Royals fall Sr. Boys golf team and competed well at the Chinook's Edge Sr. Golf tournament in Spruceview.

Jr. and Sr. High Cross Country teams worked hard at counties and zones. Cross Country competitors were Anna Crowe, Janelle Graham, Alicia Phypers, Amber Reid, Sam Neufeld, Eithan Moench, Spencer Parrott, Thomas Rooks, Sarah Lahucik, Mana Yasuda, Asuka Yamato, and Karleton Moench. Congratulations to Janelle Graham for winning Gr. 8 girls counties and finishing 4th at zones in Canmore. Also congratulations to Karleton Moench for also winning counties for Sr. Boys, finishing 5th at zones and 44th/123 runners at Provincials in Medicine Hat!

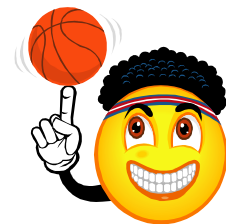


Royals volleyball is also well under way and once again we have a full slate with 6 teams. These include girls and boys teams in Jr. B, Jr. A, and Sr. High. Both Jr. B teams have been playing well and having fun this year. The B boys came in 3rd at the Chinook's Edge tournament at Westglen. The A girls are sitting around 2nd in their league and are doing well. Our team of Gr. 7's and 9's have played all season against mostly Gr. 9 teams. The A boys, for the first time that I know of, were the only team in our Chinook's Edge south league so we moved to the north league this season. We are sitting in 1st place right now! The Sr. Girls and Boys teams are also playing well so far. The Sr. Boys are currently in 1st place in their 6 team league this season.

Playoffs and zones are just around the corner for our Jr. A and Sr. teams so we look forward to them!



**An important note: we are still looking for a Jr. A boys head basketball coach. This is an important position that we need filled as soon as possible. The commitment each week is 1-2 practices and 1 game along with about 3 tournaments throughout the season. Please contact Mr. Terpstra through email or phone the school if you are interested.**



A reminder to please check the Royals Athletics web page if you are looking for any information regarding any team. It is updated daily, has the current and next month's calendar on it of every team's games, and has upcoming team's tournaments draws as they come out. You can get to the site by clicking on the "Athletics" tab on the OKCS home page.

*Be sure to check the OKCS website under Athletics to see the current schedules for upcoming games and tournaments.*

# Superintendent's Message

## Helping our students achieve success

Results from provincial achievement tests and diploma exams show Chinook's Edge is serving our students well in meeting standards set by the Government of Alberta. Provincial achievement tests, which are administered each year to students in grade three, six and nine, indicate Chinook's Edge is seeing an increase in several measures and we firmly believe the supports we have implemented are working. We still face challenges in results for certain subject areas at the diploma exam level, and we have specific supports in place to address those.

We are continually striving for

improvement in our key outcomes. Good instructional strategies, a new education planning process, exam analyses, a focus on Quality Learning Environments and Instructional Leadership, and increased instructional collaboration – these are just some of the initiatives we have established as we continue working toward achieving higher levels of excellence. Because everyone at Chinook's Edge wants ALL students to achieve, we are very pleased to see our participation rates are above provincial average. Chinook's Edge is a division of hardworking students, skillful staff, devoted parents and supportive communities.

Our schools have detailed in-

formation regarding their specific results, and we invite you to take a look at what is happening in your school. Overall, the information shows high levels of satisfaction among students, parents and staff with the quality of education in our division. Thank you for the work you do in providing such a solid education to Chinook's Edge students.

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

# Classifieds

We are missionaries with GoodSeed, having also served many years as missionaries with New Tribes Mission in Papua New Guinea. We have been renting a mobile home north of Olds but would like to relocate closer to our office in town. What we would like to find is an economical house to rent – either in Olds or nearby.

(Email) - [davensal-lyc@gmail.com](mailto:davensal-lyc@gmail.com)  
(H PH) - 403-224-2385

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## Looking for Accommodations Jan. 1st

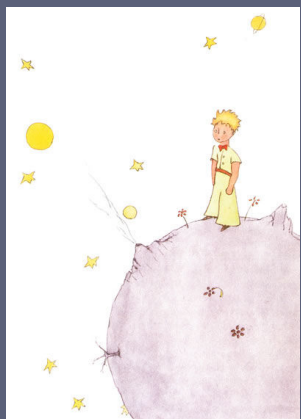
I am a 39 year old single male, who is a missionary with GoodSeed International based in Olds. I am looking for a one bedroom apartment, but would consider sharing accommodations with other males. I am looking to have a ministry with folks in the community so I need a place where I am allowed to have such people over to visit. I am very willing to do work or chores in exchange for reduced rent. Please contact me for more details. Sincerely,  
Steve Helwig  
[stevehelwig@goodseed.com](mailto:stevehelwig@goodseed.com)  
(519)799-5540



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Purebred Golden Retrievers For sale- \$500.00 Ready to go to new homes middle of November. Excellent family dogs! Call Rita @ 403-507-9325

# Community Events



The Little Prince—featuring our own Lauren deGraaf at Rosebud Theatre.

If you are interested, Lauren deGraaf (OKCS Grad) will be performing in “The Little Prince” at Rosebud Theatre. The performance dates are Dec. 1-22 Thursdays-Saturdays. All shows are at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$12.00 or \$10.00 for 10 or more people, \$8.00 (4-12 yrs). There is no meal included with this performance. Please call 1-800-267-7553 for tickets or check out the website at

[www.rosebudtheatre.com](http://www.rosebudtheatre.com). The show is listed under the tab ‘Tickets’ – ‘Studio Stage Tickets’.

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## Break of Day

Practical Break for the Single Parent Family  
Come Dine for free and Network with the Community  
Would your child appreciate some enthusiastic Homework Help after dinner?

Third Wednesday of every month 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 5005 - 53rd Avenue Olds, AB. West Entrance.  
Call Cindy at (403) 556-6847 to RSVP for the cook

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## Jessica's Music Studio

Offering instruction in piano, violin, choir and Orff style group classes.

## Music Explorers

ages 3-5  
Spring session JAN. 11-

APRIL 4, (10 weeks)  
Time: Wednesday from 10:45-11:30 Based on demand other class times may be available.  
Cost \$50 per session or \$75 for both sessions if registered by Sept. 21

## Music Explorers 2

ages 6-12  
Spring session JAN. 11-April 4 (10 weeks)  
Time: Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm. Cost \$50 per session or \$75 for both sessions if registered by Sept. 21

**Choir** ages 12 and up (parents are welcome to participate too).  
Spring session JAN. 13-MAY 4, approx. 14 weeks  
Time: Friday 4:00-5:00

Cost \$50 per session or \$75 for both sessions if registered by September 23. A reduced rate of \$25 is offered for the third, fourth child etc. who registers from the same family.

Location Didsbury  
2025 20th Ave

Please contact me if you would like more information.  
403-335-8132 or  
[music\\_girl5788@shaw.ca](mailto:music_girl5788@shaw.ca)

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## Imagine it in Writing Presents Creative Writing for Beginners

During this 3-session creative writing course, you'll learn about three essential elements of story-writing: characters, plot, and setting.  
Thursdays, November 10, 17, and December 1  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Didsbury Municipal Library

Please register at the Library (403-335-3142). Class size is limited so sign up early! For more information, contact Laura Crowe at 403-518-5858 or [www.imagineitwriting.com](http://www.imagineitwriting.com). Registration: \$60

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## Lofty Designs

invites you to their Open house  
“Christmas all through the Shop”

“Everyday Style” is our guest entrepreneur this year ENTERTAINING, COOKING, DECORATING & more by consultant Deb Marshall of Innisfail. Come see our new Christmas designs and gifts. Refreshments will be served. Fri. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Located 1.6 km (1 mile) east of the Olds overpass on the QE II and 1.6 km south on Range Road 10. Watch for the signs, 5<sup>th</sup> house on the east side of the road. #32477 Rge Rd 10 403 - 556 - 8796.