

OKCS

OKCS Newsletter

OCTOBER 6, 2011

OCTOBER:

10—
Thanksgiving—no school

11—School Pictures

20-21—ACSI Teacher's Convention—no school for students

28—Compressed Day. No School

31—PD Day—no school for students

NOVEMBER:

3—Newsletter

4—Elem. Colour dress up day

8—Gr. 1-12 Report Cards

11— Remembrance Day—no school

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

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A simple gift opens doors Operation Christmas Child is a project of hope, love, and joy which opens doors for many types of ministries. It is a tangible way for concerned individuals to encourage children around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. OKCS has been supporting



this project for many years.

Please take

the month of Oct. until Nov. 3 to fill a shoebox and bring it to your child's homeroom. 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 story book is offered to each child who re-

ceive 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.

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.

www.samaritanspurse.ca

**Boxes are due
November 3, 2011**

If you have questions please email Donna Reed at dreed@chinooksedge.ab.ca



the Greatest Journey™

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.

Attention Parents of Gr. 7-12 kids...

On October 13th, during High School Chapel, a member of the Olds RCMP will

present a session to our students. The content of the session will include:

Cyberbullying
Internet Safety
Sexting

We have never had a session like this for our students, and I believe it to be relevant information that many need to hear.

While I have not had the opportunity to see the presentation, agencies like the RCMP are careful in presenting to younger students. I have no concerns with the topics of Cyberbullying and Internet Safety. Sexting however, may be a topic you do not wish your child receiving information about. While the topic of sexting is a reality in society, I would understand that you, as a parent, may not be comfortable with that content.

Please contact the

school if you would like your child to be removed from any, or all of the topics covered in this presentation. We will have alternate arrangements available.

Thank you.

Mr. Brown



2011-12 Theme:
1 Tim. 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Steven & Olivia Blum (Elizabeth—Gr. 5, Noah—Gr. 2). Last week Olivia's father passed away suddenly.



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.

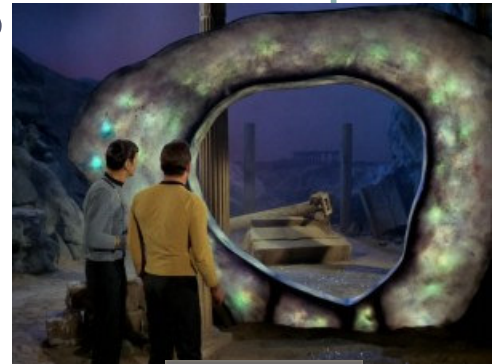
A letter has been sent home with your children with instructions on how to access the Portal along with their individual ID's and Passwords. It is imperative that you get these letters from each of your children.

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

OKCS Website

As many of you know from the email I sent the other day, the new website is up and running. It is far from perfect, but we will continue to work at updating it.

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.



T-Shirts for sale

Elementary OKCS Royals T-Shirts for sale— \$8.00 each. Sizes available are 14 - Youth Med; 6 - Youth Small. See Mrs. Reed in Gr. 5 if you would like to purchase one. Thank you.



Subscribe to the newsletter online at
www.oldskeinonia.com

Autism—a parent session



Karen Sudom will share her family's educational journey.

CESD will have a special guest speaker, Karen Sudom, who will be hosting a **parent session** on Oct. 31, 2011. Karen, and two of her three children, have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Her session description reads, "Do you parent a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Using humour and personal examples, Karen will share her family's educational journey." Her session will include time for questions, running from 9 to 10:30 am, gathering in the Olds High School ... and it is free for those interested. She comes highly recom-

mended! Please email Dwayne if you are interested in attending and he will add you to the guest list.

Green Certificate Program

From the Desk of the Off Campus Learning Coordinator...

For those interested in participating in the Green Certificate Program (Gr. 10-12 students), we will be having an induction meeting with Henry Czar-

nota from Olds College on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at the school. Henry will be presenting information and registering students in the pro-



gram. It is imperative for parents (trainers) and students to attend this meeting. If interested and unable to attend the meeting, please contact Mr. Rempel at the school.

grempe@chinooksedge.ab.ca

Thank you.



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. 15th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. which is Par-

ent/Teacher Interviews. We will only sell on the 15th and not on the 17th. 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



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



Superintendent's Message

Achieving success in our safe and caring schools

A Message from the Superintendent

Knowing that a school is safe is a key foundation for a quality learning environment. Chinook's Edge works very hard to create and maintain a variety of safety initiatives. For example, our Safety Manager has regular site visits at each of our schools to ensure staff, structures and processes meet the highest standards. Our staff are trained and comfortable with the division's Violence Threat Risk Assessment protocols, our Emergency Response Plan, and our proce-

dures for dealing with a variety of emergent situations.

Our commitment to ensuring that safety is everybody's business has helped to create a culture of caring and trust in our schools. Our most recent data shows that 92 percent of our students feel welcome at school, 89 percent state they are encouraged to do their best at school, 87 percent feel the school staff cares about them and 86 percent feel safe at school.

From breakfast programs to athletic leagues, and exciting

clubs to engaging classrooms, our students are well cared for from the time they arrive to school to the time they go home each day. Everyone at Chinook's Edge is working to bring our Mission and Vision to life by ensuring we are a school division full of safe, happy, healthy students and staff.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Classifieds

We are missionaries with Good-Seed, 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) - davensallyc@gmail.com
(H PH) - 403-224-2385

Looking for Accommodations Jan. 1st

I am a 39 year old single male, who is a missionary with Good-Seed 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. steve-helwig@goodseed.com (519)799-5540

Kittens to give away to a good home. Please call Rachel at 403-415-4556 or talk to Margi in the office.



I am looking for an aquarium or terrarium that could be used in our grade 3 class for our class pet. It needs to be at least about a 20 gallon size tank. I can handle up to about one meter in length. It is not for fish so does not have to be water tight. Please call the school and leave a message or email to mlappala@chinooksedge.ab.ca Thanks, Melanie Lappala.

Does anyone have a Wii console and controller that they would like to get rid of? We would be willing to take it off your hands if the price and condition is reasonable. We are wanting to get something we can stream Net Flix through to our television. Email angolabound@yahoo.com or call 507-2229.



Break of Day—
practical break for
single parent families.

Community Events

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 preferably
Call Cindy at (403) 556-6847 to RSVP for the cook

Jessica's Music Studio

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

Music Explorers

ages 3-5

Fall session SEPT. 21-NOV. 23, (10 weeks)
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

Fall session SEPT. 21-NOV. 23 (10 weeks)
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).
Fall session SEPT. 23-NOV. 25, 10 weeks
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

Imagine it in Writing
Presents
Creative Writing Course for Beginners
Wed. Oct. 12, 19, 26
Cost \$60
7-9 pm Didsbury
Municipal Library

Character Development Point of View & Voice
For Beginner & Intermediate Writers
Sat., Oct. 15
Cost \$40

To register contact the Didsbury Library at 403-335-3142

For more info, contact Laura Crowe at 403-518-5858 or
www.imagineitinwriting.com

West Zion Mennonite Church Fall Farmer's Market and Fair Saturday, October 22

West Zion will be hosting a Fall Farmer's Market and Fair.
The theme is "Homemade, Homegrown, Home Business".

For an opportunity to sell your wares, tables are being booked at \$10.00 per table. (Monies raised will be going towards the West Zion Building Fund project).

For more information, please contact the Church at (403)337-2020 on Wednesdays or Thursdays, or contact Heidi Grasse at (403)335-9151 or Karin Duguid at (403)337-3298