



Calendar At a Glance

December

- 6, 8 & 9—OKCS Drama
6:45 pm each night
- 7—Elem Christmas
Concert 7 pm
- 23– Jan. 7—Christmas
break

January

- 8—back to school
- 10—KG in as well this
Wednesday
- 12—Social 30 A
- 24—Social 30 B ; Social
9 PAT
- 25—Science 9 PAT
- 31—No school for stu-
dents



may you know
the comfort & joy
of God's
presence this
Christmas
season & always!

OKCS Newsletter

December 7, 2017



OKCS Drama Presents...

Anne of Green Gables

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TEN THOUSAND
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Merry Christmas



The WE group will be holding a Ten Thousand Villages Christmas sale at the school from December 8 & 9. The shopping area will be set up in the hallway during the OKCS Drama Production and during intermission. This is a great opportunity to buy stocking stuffers and other amazing Christmas gifts.

Ten Thousand Villages is the oldest and largest Fair Trade organization in North America, selling artisan-crafted personal accessories, home decor and gift items from around the globe.

Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit program of Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC), the relief and development agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches in North America. Ten Thousand Villages has its roots in the work begun by Edna Ruth Byler in 1946.

Ten Thousand Villages is a member of the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO), a coalition of handicraft and agricultural producer organizations, and Fair Trade organizations from both the North and the South.

Elementary Christmas Program 2017

Students are to meet in the Elem. Music room at 6:50 pm



On **Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.**, the students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be celebrating the joy of Jesus' birth through song and narrative in the musical "The Colours of Christmas".

All students in Grades 1-6 are asked to meet in the Elementary Music Room at 6:50 p.m. (Please note that all classrooms and the Elementary Gym will be locked.)

All students in Grades 1-6 are asked to wear their Sunday best for this occasion (no blue jeans, please).

FOR GOD SO LOVED the world THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON SO THAT WHOEVER Believes IN HIM SHOULD Not Perish BUT HAVE eternal LIFE John 3:16



ELEMENTARY GIFT EXCHANGE on DECEMBER 22ND

On December 22nd, the students in Elementary will be having a gift exchange as part of their Christmas class parties. Each student is asked to purchase a \$2.17 gift for this activity and bring it to school by December 22nd. Please write your child's name on the outer wrapping of the gift.

Jr. ATB Presentation for Gr. 6 Parents & Students

Apple Cider and "Junior ATB" presentation Thursday December 7th 5:45 pm in the Gr. 6 room for all families of Gr. 6.

All grade 6 students and their families are invited to hot cider and presentation by Tanya Schooler from the Alberta Treasury Branch. The grade 6 class will be managing an operating a fully functioning Junior ATB branch in the new year. This exciting program gives students the opportunity to learn the value of saving money as they set up and deposit their money into a savings ac-

count. Training will include financial literacy activities, a tour of the branch in Olds, applying for a job and work experience in the position for which they have been hired.

The program will be facilitated by Ms Hopfe and Mrs. Evans and meets several health and math curriculum objectives. We look forward to sharing more details of the program and answering questions



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Superintendent's Message

Sharing the Spirit of the Holidays as Compassionate Global Citizens

During this season of giving, it is easy to see the impact of Chinook's Edge students and staff as they reach out to others. Their efforts during the holiday season make us particularly proud, as they share our caring culture by gathering donations for the Food Bank, singing at community events or filling hundreds of boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact an entire community, our students and staff are modeling what great citizenship truly means. Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Do you have bottles/cans you would like to donate? The OKCS Grad Class has a bin at the Olds Bottle Depot. If you would like to support the Grad Class of 2018, please feel free to drop them off.

They thank you in advance for your support.



Royals Sports Concession

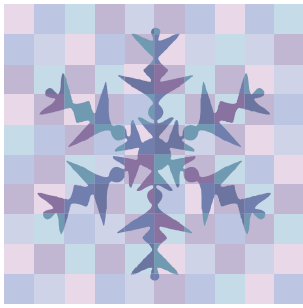
The OKCS Grad Class of 2018 will have a concession available at most Sr. High Basketball games hosted here at OKCS. Come out for great sports and for the food!



GO ROYALS GO!

Local piano lessons available from Maria Bartel. If you are interested, please call 780-235-4010





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.

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 some options are for you is to check the OKCS website or listen to the Olds radio station 96.5—Olds & area. Bus families should also receive bus information through the School Messenger system from the school division. **OKCS may also send out communication to all families through the same system.

Procedure for OKCS only:

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 **may be** closed for the day. If the building will be closed, you will receive a message through the School Messenger system and you can check the OKCS website for school closure information. 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.**



PLEASE BE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION

—PHONE NUMBERS & EMAILS. If there have been changes, please be sure to let us know. Thank you.