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Newsletter



HJ CODY REMEMBERS

HJ Cody School will be holding their annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony which will begin at 10:45 sharp in the gym.

CONGRATULATIONS LAKERS!

The Lakers Football team won the league championship this past Saturday, with a huge win over Hunting Hills to capture the league title. A 37-10 dismantling! They now we move on in Provincial competition against St. Mary's from Calgary on Saturday. Lets all be there to cheer them on.
GO LAKERS!



Dates to Remember

Nov 9 ~ Get Real

Nov 10 ~ Get Real

Nov 10 ~ Remembrance Day

Ceremony @ 10:45 a.m.

Nov 10 ~ Report Cards

Nov 11 ~ No SCHOOL

Nov 23 ~ Grade 9 Immunization

Nov 25 ~ No SCHOOL

Dec 5 ~ Grade 9 Party Program

Dec 6 ~ Grade 9 Party Program

Dec 8 ~ Christmas Formal Dance

Dec 9 ~ No School

Dec 22—Jan 4 ~ Christmas Break

Jan 5 ~ First Day Back

Lakers Curling Team

Practices run every Monday/Wednesday from 4:00 - 5:30. Anyone interested in joining the LAKERS curling team, please talk to Senora Buyks.

LAKERS 4th Annual Curling Bonspiel: Nov. 26th
Free food, prizes and fun!

Principal's Message

Well, here we are in the first week of November and there is snow in the air and on the ground. Yuck!

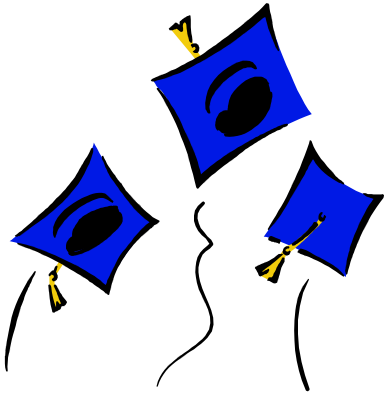
The year is moving quickly and we find ourselves getting ready for the first set of report cards on November 10th. I know some schools have eliminated sending a paper copy home and are trusting that parents will use the parent portal login to stay on top of their child's learning. We still believe in a two pronged approach. The parent portal is a great way to keep regular tabs on your child's class updates. However, it is also one of our responsibilities to make sure you are getting a snap shot of their attendance and achievement in a more formal way. Please watch for your child's first report card to come home on the 10th!

Attendance has a huge positive correlation to achievement! Our Hawaii FIVE-0 challenge (students are challenged to attend the first 50 days of school) has been a monumental success. 165 students have made it through the first thirty days and have received their T-shirts. A huge thank you goes out to our T-shirt sponsors, the Trilliant Realty Group. Establishing great habits with regards to attending is a skill all of our students will use to their benefit (and their employers benefit) after High School.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."- Margaret Mead - Our student leadership group aptly named the "Cody School Initiative" or CSI is making a huge difference around our school. Ask your child if they have had the chance to witness an IMPACT award or visited the new Cody Store? We have a dedicated group of students who are striving to make our school a better place to learn and attend.

Dave Elwood

The Sylvan Lake Family Violence & Bullying Coalition is sponsoring the presentation 'The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children' by Ian Wheelicker, Executive Director of the Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter . The presentation is taking place in the Fine Arts room at Ecole Fox Run School on Thursday, November 24th at 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The presentation is free of charge but donations to CAWES will be graciously accepted. For more information, call Brad at 403-887-2412.



GRAD 2012

... 232 days & counting...



GRAD 2012 — DATES

Wednesday, June 27th @ 10:00 am Pier Photo followed by
Grad March to Multi-Plex

Wednesday, June 27th @ 11:00 am Ceremony @ Multi-Plex

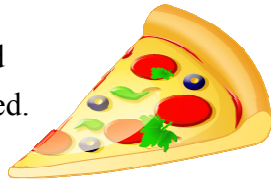
Wednesday, June 27 @ 6:00 pm Banquet @ Parkland Pavilion

GRAD FUNDRAISING

PIZZA SALES

Participate in pizza sales @ the Canteen for credit towards banquet tickets.

Sign-up with the Grad Committee if interested.



CHRISTMAS FORMAL



Mark your calendar for Dec 8th for the H.J. Cody Christmas Formal. Funds raised will support the 2012 Graduation.

GRAD CHOCOLATES

At the end of the year the costs of Graduating can be huge. Would you like a chance to ease those pressures? The Grad class of 2012 have an opportunity to earn 1 grad banquet ticket (a \$30.00 value) for every case of chocolates they sell. The chocolates sell for \$2.00 each and there are 30 bars/boxes in each case. Bring \$60.00 to Mr. Payne, receive your chocolates, sell them and earn back the \$60.00 but have a banquet ticket in the meantime. Easy! Get your \$60.00 to Mr. Payne and start selling ASAP. There is a limited number of cases available.

Got a Craving?

Chocolates can be individually purchased at the office for \$2.00.



Any student taking Biology 20 in either the first or second term are welcome to go on the Biology 20 Field Trip to the Calgary Zoo on December 12. The cost is \$30. See Ms, Round if you have any questions.



Helping Our Students Achieve Success

A Message from the Superintendent

By many measures, our students are enjoying a strong level of success. The most recent provincial achievement tests show very strong results in Grade 3 (students placed at or above the provincial measure at both the acceptable and excellence levels) and Grade 6 (above acceptable in all four subjects and good results at the excellence level).

Results at the Grade 9 level are more mixed, however, with average acceptable marks in certain core subjects below what we would like to see. Performance in diploma exams last year was also below what Chinook's Edge is accustomed to achieving. These results are providing an opportunity for our academic teams to re-examine and evaluate our methods of engaging students in our classrooms, so that we can work to improve our overall results. It is gratifying for us to see so many of our students meeting the standards set by Alberta Education, but we strive to deliver programs of excellence and we know we have work to do in some areas.

These standardized tests are just one of the ways in which we reflect on how well we are doing as a school division. Student and parent responses in the government's accountability pillar survey shows Chinook's Edge has increased significantly in citizenship. Our division also continues to achieve high results in the areas of safe and caring, educational quality, work preparation and school improvement. Working together to provide safe schools, creating access to technology, supporting artistic and athletic initiatives, and providing diverse opportunities for our students are other priorities we work to achieve each day in Chinook's Edge. I am proud the results show students and parents agree that we are succeeding in these areas.

Chinook's Edge students work hard and are surrounded by skilled staff, devoted parents and supportive communities. Thank you for your role in helping our students achieve success.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE



Forms were mailed home to update student information. If you haven't already done so, please check the information for accuracy, make any changes directly on the form and return it to the office. If you have not received a form, please call the office.

Students must have at least one emergency contact, other than mom or dad, who lives in Sylvan Lake.

VIVE LA FRANCE!

There will be a France Trip Meeting on November 9, 2011 at 7pm in Miss Tutkaluk's classroom, 128. We would like to have all travelers and parents at this meeting as we will be discussing the following trip details:

What's Included & What's Not

Passports & Medical Passports

Insurance: Medical, Baggage and Cancellation

Transportation to & from the airport

Plane Travel & Arrival - Day 2

TVG High Speed

Meals & Money

Supervisors & Free Time

Tipping & Extra Excursions

Packing & Prescription Drugs

Rooms & Appliances

Visiting the EF Website

France Trip Website

Fundraising

Highlights of the tour



If you are unable to attend the meeting please email Miss Tutkaluk or Shari Knowles as soon as possible in advance (if possible).

Thank you & hope to see you November 9th!

Coats for Kids (and their families, too)

Keeping Families warm from head to toe
Coats, scarves, mittens, toques, boots...



Mid-October—February

*Help yourself to winter clothing available
at the Sylvan Lake & Area Community
Partners Association Office.*



Campaign Partners:

*Community Partners Association
Crystal Clean Laundromat
Memorial Presbyterian Church*

*Kindercare Achievement Centre
M&M Meats*



Sylvan Lake & Area Community Partners
Association
4936—50 Avenue (across from the Town
parking lot)



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

November is upon us and with it brings a number of dates that are of interest to our students here at HJ Cody. For starters, there are a number of Open Houses being held on November 5th. These include the University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge and Grant McEwan University. On Monday, November 28th, the University of Lethbridge will be here to make presentations to our CALM students and any other students interested in Lethbridge. And finally, on Wednesday, November 30th, Olds College will be here to present in the same classes.

As of last week, I have completed the grade 12 interviews and have placed most of our grade 12 students on the MyBlueprint program that matches up students classes with a post-secondary profile. Next week I will begin visiting our grade 10 CALM classes with a presentation that will include a description of what post-secondary consists of, high school graduation requirements and Rutherford Scholarship requirements. As well, I will be previewing the MYBlueprint program for the grade 10's so they can get a feel for how the program can help them with their choices for post-secondary. Our goal is to have all of our grade 10-12 students onto this program by the end of the year. If parents are interested in getting to know the MyBlueprint program, please phone for an appointment and I can take you through it.

Last month we had Red Deer College do their application drive and 21 of our students took advantage of this opportunity. They not only made their application but were given conditional acceptance into the programs for which they applied. Five of these students were also eligible for the Building of Excellence Scholarship of \$1000.00 based on an 85% average on 5 grade 11 or 12 subjects. This was a nice bonus for these students.

Mr. Ken MacVicar

Sylvan Lake Community Engagement Site



Located in *HJ Cody High School*
4520 50 Street
Sylvan Lake, AB
Coordinator: Ramona Cooper
sylvanlakeces@hendaylearning.com



To register for any of our upcoming events please Contact your Sylvan Lake Community Engagement Site at least 1 week prior to the event as some courses require minimum participants.

The Law Series: Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 8:30pm \$5 per participant

Nov 9/Mar 7 Separation and Divorce

Nov 16/Mar 14 Grandparents, Grandchildren and Law

Feb 8 Information, Identity Theft and Law

Feb 15 Small Claims Court and How it Works

Nov 3, 10:45 -12:30 "Pathways of Children Who Have ODD or Disruptive Behaviour Problems" FREE

Nov 8, 10:45 -12:30 "Early Onset - The Real Impacts of Schizophrenia on Children and Youth" FREE

Nov 17, 10:45 - 12:30 "Collaborating with Peter to Care for Paul; Partnerships that Create Innovative Health Care Services for Street-Involved Youth" FREE

Nov 24, 10:45 - 12:30 "Comorbid Disorders in Autism and Other Developmental Disorders" FREE

Nov 29, 10:45 - 12:30 "The Joy of Sleeping: Creating Optimal Conditions For a Well Rested Family" FREE

Dec 1, 10:45 - 12:30 "Traditional Aboriginal Parenting" FREE