



OYEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

EAVESDROPPER



January 28, 2010

From the Principal's Desk

Oyen Public School along with New Brigden and Bindloss schools were treated to a great musical performance today from the Saskatchewan Express. They are a group of musical performers who exposed us to different kinds of music from all areas- in all styles. There were 9 singer/dancers and their repertoire included pop, dance, Disney, Broadway/movie, songs for young people, and Canadian and Saskatchewan songs. OPS would like to thank Mrs. Sherry Bamber for helping organize the event. Alanna Holland, Bethany Mitchell, Jade Stober, Selena Smigelski, Jeremy Dick, Dawson Dick, Brendan Logan and Bryce Hittel for helping serve Wednesday's supper. As well we had many families who opened their homes and billeted the performers. Thanks to the Polk family, the Pearan family, the Derie family, and the Beynon family.

There was a parent council meeting on Monday. Attendance was very low at the meeting, and at this time we would like to encourage you to attend the next meeting on Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM. At this meeting we will be talking about fundraising in the school. If you have some ideas about this issue please attend and voice your opinion.

Mrs. Machell has started to run a choir program at school. The program runs on Wednesday and Thursday at noon. We look forward to hearing the choir sing at upcoming events.

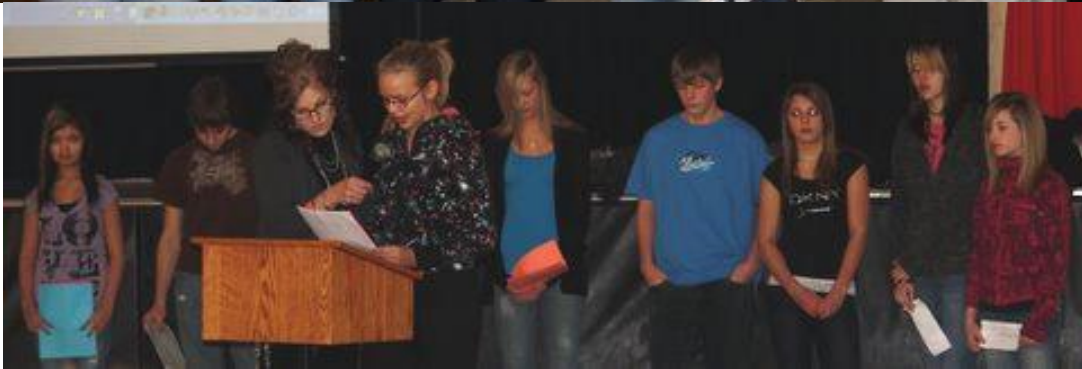
Mrs. Sanderson along with a number of junior high students have started a group at the school called Hearts for Haiti. This group has presented their presentation at a staff meeting, to the elementary grades, junior high grades, the high school, and also Assumption school. The staff at OPS is very impressed with the initiative of the students to start a project which helps others. This shows the empathy, compassion, and the great leadership skills that our students have in OPS. The superintendent, Mr. Nicholls, watched the group perform at the parent council meeting. He was so impressed with the group that he asked them to do the same presentation at the next board meeting. The students were very excited to hear this great news. Your group will make a difference in our community and the lives of the people in Haiti.

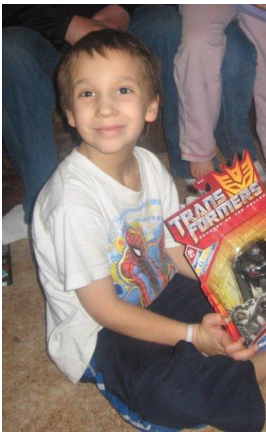
Yours in Education,

Mr. Jason Duchscherer



Oyen Public School is proud of our Hearts for Haiti group. Thanks for all the effort you have put towards this very worthwhile and necessary cause. The group will be doing more presentations in our community and will be fundraising through the Oyen Public School Students Union. If you would like to donate to this heartfelt cause or have an event where you would be willing to promote this group please contact the school.





2nd Trek for Tourette's

Important weather update:
Snow, Sleet, Hail, Rain, Fog,
Clouds, Sun is expected.



Since **Tourette Syndrome** is unpredictable,
the TS event of the year is, too.

March 21, 2010 in Oyen, AB

If you would like to know more, make a donation or help/participate
please contact

Tracy Hudson @ 403-664-3098

Or by email labluegirl74@hotmail.com

Facebook Group - **Come Trek in 2010 for Tourette's in OYEN, AB**

February Birthday Wishes:

February 1st ó Daylen Robertson
February 8th ó Cheyenne Barrette
February 9th ó Jeremy Dick
February 12th ó Austin Garchinski
February 16th ó Melissa Scory
February 18th Mackenzie Duchscherer
February 20th Wayne Scarff
February 23rd ó Jillian Mundt



Girls Win Consolation

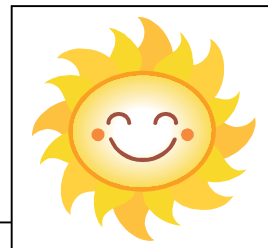
On the January 15-16th weekend, the Oyen Public girl's basketball team traveled to Brooks to play a basketball tournament in Bassano. The girls' first game was against Carbon, traditionally a strong basketball team. The girls came out very nervous, anxious, scared, intimidated. In spite of that, they played quite well overall. We were defeated 35-10. The score does not dictate how we played however. Lay-ups and fiberglass backboards, along with FULL length floor were our main obstacles. Scoring for Oyen were Jordyn Thomson (5 points), Mikayla Getz, Michele Marleau, Jasmin Reimer, Avalon Hauck, and Kaylee Dick (each had 1 point).

Our second game was on Saturday morning and we played a very strong team from Rolling Hills. Our girls played with emotion and character but we still lost 52-26. Scoring for Oyen were Jordyn Thomson (9 points), Tanya Dick (2 points), Jasmin Reimer (6 points), Avalon Hauck (2 points), and Kaylee Dick (7 points).

Losing two games put us in the consolation final against Dutchess. Our girls improved all through the tournament. In this game they came out aggressive and confident. We won the game 33-8. Scoring for Oyen were Jordyn Thomson (7 points), Tanya Dick (3 points), Hailey Hauck (2 points), Jasmin Reimer (3 points), Hayley Rosenau (4 points), Michele Marleau (4 points), and Kaylee Dick (10 points). Thank you to all the parents who came and watched and to Eric Santos for driving the bus. Our next tournament is in Rosemary this coming weekend (January 22-23), and we will be staying in Brooks at the Lakeview Inns & Suites once again.



Colored leaves decorate the mural tree in the hallway by the front office at Oyen Public School. Each leaf represents an act of kindness done by someone in the school during "Random Acts of Kindness Day" promoted at the school last week.



2009-10 Accountability Pillar Survey

Parent Information

You may have recently seen newspaper articles on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) or changes to the Grade 12 Diploma Exams. Both PATs and Diploma Exams contribute to the Accountability Pillar, a tool used by Alberta Education to evaluate how well the education system is meeting the expectations of parents and the public. All parents want to know that their children are receiving a quality education. Grades are important but there is more to it than that. A quality education helps all children make the most of their talents and abilities.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with this school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Mandarin, Cantonese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success. Your participation in the survey helps, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to jurisdictions in May 2010, and will be reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Conflict Management

Team Lunch

Tuesday, February 2nd

**Lunch will be provided in
the grade 5 room**

Thank you to Vincent, Darbi,
Simon, Lize-Mari, Hailey, Tanya,
Bryce, Brendan, Matt, and Avalon
for the service you provide!!!

Parent / Teacher Interviews

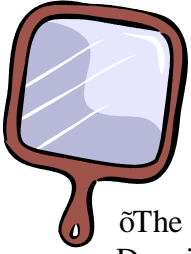
upcoming

February 2nd and 4th

- Junior high interviews will be
drop-in

- Elementary interview schedule
is attached to this newsletter.

Machell's Mirror



Yes, another two weeks has gone by! It is almost the end of February already, and it won't be long before we have another break. The 100th day of school is coming fast, and the children have plans to make for projects and outfits in honour of that special day. Today marks the 90th day of school, so there are only two weeks to go.

This week, we finished up our unit on "The Poles", and the children watched the video, "The Great Polar Bear Adventure" on Monday. Last week, the children dressed in white for White Day, in honour of the ice and snow at the poles. They brought in the coolers they had made at home. These coolers were tested with an ice cube. Charity and Xanel were our "coolest" kids, with their coolers keeping at least some of their ice cube until the end of the day. Everyone had their ice cube last until lunch, and Hayden, Treyle, Erica and Quinell had theirs last until the recess in the afternoon.

Last Thursday, the children made "ice cream in a bag" with the help of Mrs. Scory. When it was done, they all tried some, with sprinkles on top. They found out that salt makes ice melt faster, and that the mixture of ice, salt, and water was a lot colder than ice and water alone (more than ten degrees colder in fact).

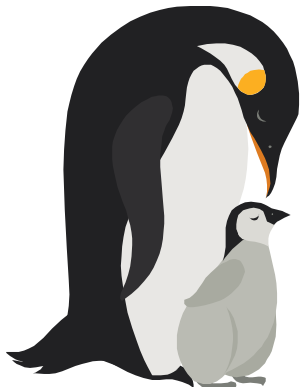
We have, sadly, finished "Mr. Popper's Penguins", a story enjoyed by all. Popper's Performing Penguins toured the United States performing in theatres across the country, staying in hotels, and travelling by train. With spring coming, however, they weren't doing so well. At the end of the story, Mr. Popper accompanies Admiral Drake with the penguins to set up a penguin colony in the Arctic.

In Math, the children are finishing up their analysis of our orange data by answering questions and writing number sentences about the graphs, and making pie charts of the data represented in their pictographs.

Our Student of the Week last week was Xanel. Xanel says that she has a good singing voice and sense of humour, is a day person, and always tries to help others. She describes herself as loud, daring, friendly, and active. Xanel's favourite movie character is Hanna Montana, because she sings well. Her favourite family activity is a pillow fight, because it's fun, and a lot of laughs. Xanel's wish for the world is that every child has food every day. If Xanel could go anywhere in the world, she would go to Mexico. When she grows up, she would like to be a doctor.

This week, Erica is our Student of the Week. She says that she has a good singing voice, is a day person, always tries to help others, and has a good sense of humour. Loud, daring, friendly, and active are how she describes herself. Erica's favourite movie character is Gabriela on High School Musical, because she has a good singing voice. Her favourite family activity is Movie Night, because it is very fun. Erica's wish for the world is that there were no garbage. If she could go anywhere in the world, she would go to Hawaii. When she grows up, she wants to be a skater in the Olympics, because it is cool.

The children chose a period of Free Time as their reward for all receiving their Copper Award. This they took advantage of last Friday. Congratulations to Hayden and Erica who have now received their Silver Award, for earning 75 Personal Effort Points.



ELEMENTARY CHOIR

Mrs. Machell, with the assistance of Mrs. Cox, is running an elementary choir after lunch during noon breaks on Wednesday and Thursday. So far we have around ten attending regularly, and would love to have more! We will be preparing a production with songs, poems, and multi-media entitled "We've Only Got One Planet", and hope to present this on Earth Day, April 22nd. The grade fours are assisting with this production. Mrs. Machell also hopes to incorporate the use of the hand bells!



ECS UPDATE

Another two weeks has come and gone in a flurry of activity.

Our family was glad to be able to attend the supper for The Saskatchewan Express performers and it was awesome to have two of the young men stay at our house. We are all looking forward to a fabulous performance. We wish them the best in their future stage careers. Welcome to Ashley Niwa from SCHS who will be our work experience student for this semester. Another little history-maker as her Mum Tammy was my work experience student a few years ago!

The students are doing awesome with their skating and we are so fortunate to have committed parents and grandparents for skate tying and other help. We will have two more skating times. During our last time on Tuesday, February 9th we will have a Mini-Olympics. The students may bring Valentine cards to exchange on Thursday, February 11th. The teachers have a meeting in the afternoon but we will fit in our exchange and a few other special activities beforehand.

Special thanks to Tera and Mona for cleaning and organizing our literacy backpacks as they will be sent out starting next week.

Great appreciation goes to Mrs. Foot and Mrs. Evens for keeping everything going in my absence.

Please ensure that you send cutlery and microwave-safe dishes in the lunchkits.

Keep up the awesome work on Home-reading and homework. Making learning fun and incorporating it into everyday situations is key.

The February calendar will be sent home today. NO

KINDERGARTEN MONDAY FEB. 8TH (because of attending for Saskatchewan Express today.)

Please Note: Kindergarten students are no longer allowed to use the vending machine in the school. Please get older siblings to purchase items for them.



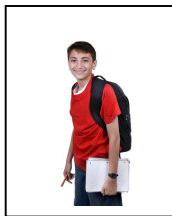
Do you need help with your homework??

Oyen FAD PAD is organizing a homework help day.

WHERE: OPS library

WHEN: Wednesdays, 3:30-6:00pm

WHO: Students grades 1-9



**Elementary Ski Trip
January 29th**



- Vehicles leave the school at 7:00am. Please arrive 10 minutes early to get organized.
- Students will have supper at the ski hill before returning to Oyen
- Helmets are mandatory!

Band and Music Class

CHANGE OF DATE

Music Recital

February 9th and 10th

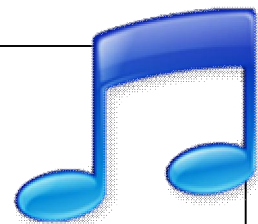
Mr. Orr is finalizing the details for this event and we will have a schedule out next week. Because of busy schedules students are unable to commit to a Saturday recital, so Mr. Orr has decided to invite parents to watch students perform during regular classes.

Esplanade Festival of Arts in Medicine Hat

May 28th and 29th

Students who are performing at this event will be asked to attend on Friday, May 28th.

Details will follow!



**February Friday
Lunch Schedule**

February 5th ó Hotdog Day

February 12th ó Pizza Day

February 18th ó No School

February 26th ó Subway Lunch



DARE TO CARE

Coming Event: Feb 8 at 7:00pm Parent Information Night at South Central High School. **Topic:** "Life's Challenges in Secondary School". **Presenter:** Dwayne Peace from Dare to Care. **All parents of students from Gr. 8 - 12 are strongly encouraged to attend.** Free of charge.

OYEN FIGURE SKATING CLUB

is proud to present



February 26, 2010

7:00 pm sharp

FREE ADMISSION

50 / 50 DRAW

Annual Carnival




Jordyn Thomson Going to the Olympics

Jordyn Thomson decided to enter the Atco Celebrating Excellence challenge for students in Alberta from grade 4-12 after her mom saw it advertised on TV. After seeing the ad her mom knew that she was qualified to participate and encouraged her to submit an entry. The Challenge was basically for students to write a 150 ó 650 word essay on how they pursue leadership and strive for excellence in sports, art, culture, education or community involvement. The top prize for this contest is two students, from each of Alberta's 83 constituencies, are being awarded a one day trip for two to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. As a winner of this contest Jordyn received a all inclusive trip for 2, tickets to an event and an award ceremony, as well as Olympic jerseys and gloves.

CONGRATULATIONS JORDYN!!



February 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Elementary Curling	2 Con. Manag. Lunch 12:00 Parent Teacher Interviews	3 SS Patroller Meeting @1:25 Be fit for life 10:30 3:30 Choir @ noon <i>BB games</i> <i>Boys @WPS</i> <i>Girls - By</i>	4 Parent-Teacher interviews Elementary Choir @ noon	5 Hotdog Day	6
7	8 Elementary Curling	9	10 <i>Winter Walk Day</i> Pizza Forms Due Choir @ noon <i>BB games</i> <i>Boys host YT</i> <i>Girls @ NB</i>	11 Choir @ Noon	12 Pizza Lunch	13
14 	15 FAMILY	16 WEEK	17 BREAK	18 Teacher	19 Convention	20
21	22 Elementary Curling	23	24 Subway forms Due Choir @ noon <i>Basketball</i> <i>Divisionals @</i> <i>OPS</i>	25 Choir @ noon	26 Subway Lunch	27
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Parent Teacher Interviews February 2nd and 4th

Time	ECS N. Beynon	Grade 1 V. Robertson	Grade 2 P. Machell	Grade 3 T. Cox	Grade 4 S. Berg	Grade 5 G. Meekins	Grade 6 S. Senkiw
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2010							
3:15							
3:30	Bodnaruk N.	Bouvier J.	IPP MEETINGS	Symes G.	Tanner T.	Smith B.	Ly S.
3:45		Dumanowski C	IPP MEETINGS	Smith J.	Ball G.	James D.	Symes J.
4:00	Walker V.	MacLean K.	IPP MEETINGS	Dumanowski D.	Dick V.	Caskey K.	
4:15	Burns B.	Caskey K..	IPP MEETINGS		Vanstone E.	Vanstone V.	Dumanowski D
4:30	Haag M.	Coates X.	IPP MEETINGS	Berg B.	Hogan N.	Olds D.	Hogan B.
4:45	Hogan Z.		IPP MEETINGS	Hogan J.	Scory M.	Berg D.	Hittel C.
5:00			Wright E.	Dick L.	Hittel D.	Materi P.	Scory N
5:15	Logan G.		Scory M.	Robertson S.	Dick B.	Snell J.	Mitchell A.
5:30			Logan C.		Hauck G.	Ford B.	Snell S.
5:45			Ford T.		Kolkman J.		Bouwer L.
6:00			Kulyk H.		Bouwer J.		Breum L.
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6:30							
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PLEASE NOTE: JUNIOR HIGH INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A DROP-IN BASIS FROM 5:00PM ó 7:00PM. TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENING.

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PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2010							
3:15							
3:30	Duchscherer	Trotchie P.	IPP MEETINGS	Holl B.			
3:45	Mundt J.	Duchscherer	IPP MEETINGS	Dziatkewich	Bamber B.		
4:00	Dziatkewich	Hudson J.	IPP MEETINGS	Duchscherer	Dick J.		
4:15	Kowal K.		IPP MEETINGS	Hudson C.	Mundt A.		
4:30	Wilson G.	Kowal N.	IPP MEETINGS	Mundt J.			
4:45	Barrette C.	Wilson B.	IPP MEETINGS	Kowal N.	Logan G.		
5:00		Logan A.	Logan Q.	Wilson T.	Kowal K.		
5:15			Holland S.	Pritchett J.	Logan B.		
5:30			Martin T.		Yanez L.		
5:45			Yanez D.		Martin S.		
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