



OYEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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March 16, 2010

From the Principal's Desk

Oyen Public staff and students would like to congratulate Miss Gardner on being chosen as the Edwin Parr award winner for the Prairie Rose Division. The Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Teacher Award is designed to provide recognition to the most outstanding novice teacher in the province. She was nominated for the award, along with three other teachers in our division. These teachers went through an interview process with the Board of Trustees, and last Thursday it was announced that Miss Gardner is the top first year teacher in Prairie Rose. It is now off to the zone level where she will represent our division. One person out of the zone will be announced as the winner in May, and they will continue on to represent the zone in hopes of receiving the Provincial award. Great job Miss Gardner and good luck!

The parent council meeting was held last Monday, March 8. Thank you to all parents, staff, Mrs. Westguard, and Mr. Nicholls for attending. It proved to be a very productive evening. The next meeting is set for Monday, May 10.

Report cards will be coming home on Wednesday. This is a great time for parents and students to share the successes that have been achieved over the last term. As well, it is a time when parents can talk to their children about areas that need some improvement. If you have any questions on the report card please feel free to phone the school.

Thank you to our junior high basketball coaches for all their hard work with their teams this year. Mr. Simmons was the girls coach and Mr. Eric Santos was the boys coach. We appreciate the time and commitment that goes in to coaching these teams! We have now moved on to Mini-basketball and badminton season. The mini basketball tournament dates are set as Tuesday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 30. The girls tournament will be held at OPS on the 23rd and OPS will host the boys tournament on the 30th. Badminton practices are under way and it looks like we are going to have an excellent team this year. Tournament dates set so far are Friday, March 26 with the grade 7s at Eagle Butte. The grade 8 and 9s will be at Eagle Butte on Saturday, March 27. As well the team is booked into the Jenner tournament on April 13/14. There will also be the divisional tournament in late April and the zone tournament at the beginning of May. The staff will be involved in two professional development days on Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19. As a result students will not have school those days. Hope you enjoy your long weekend, and good luck to all students playing in Provincial hockey tournaments and attending dance festivals.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Jason Duchscherer



NO School April 2nd - April 11th Easter Break

Girlsø Basketball Zones

On the weekend of March 5th and 6th, our girls traveled to Brooks to compete in the Zone Championship. Our first game was against Alcoma. We had a great first half but came up short in the end, losing 48 to 25. Jade Stober had 8 points and Kaylee Dick had 5.

Our second game was against Calgary Waldorf. Again we had a great first half but came up short losing 49 to 34. Jade Stober and Kaylee Dick each had 9 points followed with Michelle Marleau with 4.

This put us in the Consolation final against Olds Koiniona. In this game we started out extremely slow. By half time we got the lead and held on to it. The finish was wild. We won 42 to 38. Kaylee Dick had 12 points, Jade Stober had 10, Michele Marleau and Tanya Dick scored 6 points, Avalon Hauck had 5 and Jordyn Thomson had 4 points.

Thank you goes out to all the parents who drove to Brooks to watch, to Mrs. Shannon Hauck for driving the bus, and to Mrs. Mitzi Dick for supervising.

Our record for the year wasn't great, but every player improved and had fun and I enjoyed coaching this group of girls.

South Central High School Hosting Grade 10 Registration Night Wednesday, March 31st @ 7:00pm Library Extension of SCHS

All grade 9 students should have received a registration booklet from Mrs. Rolheiser. At registration night, students and parents will meet the teachers and will review the registration booklet. At the end of the evening, students will receive a registration form which they will fill out and return to the SCHS the next time they attend Shop/Home Ec. All grade 9 students who will be attending SCHS in the fall of 2010 you are strongly encouraged to attend.

Date changes for Oyen Public School

June 11th – Grade 9 Farewell

June 28th – Jr. High Award Night



Courses/Seminars offered by CHADS Behavioral Program Medicine Hat, Alberta



NEW: *ADHD Information Seminar for Parents:*

"ADHD Information Seminar for Parents" (Two 3-hour sessions)

Are you bombarded with conflicting advice, confused and worn down by the daily frustrations of caring for a child with *Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*? Please remember that ADHD is not caused by "poor parenting", and arm yourself with the facts.

This parent information seminar will examine the myths and causes of ADHD, its' prevalence, identifying diagnostic criteria, assessment and treatment methods, behavioral interventions and child behavior management strategies. All interested parents/guardians are invited to contact CHADS Behavioral Services to place your name on a Wait List for this course. (Phone: 403-502-8257)

"ADHD in the Classroom" Professional In-Service (Two 3-hour sessions)

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder remains one of the most talked-about and controversial subjects in education today. Hanging in the balance of heated debates over medication, diagnostic methods, and treatment options are children, adolescents, and adults who must manage the condition and lead productive lives.

This professional training seminar will examine the myths and causes of ADHD, its' prevalence, identifying diagnostic criteria, assessment and treatment methods, behavioral interventions and classroom management strategies. Interested School Administrators are invited to contact CHADS Behavioral Services to request this course be provided in-school to their school teachers and educational assistants. Or, all interested teachers, educational assistants and other school staff are invited to contact CHADS Behavioral Services directly to place your name on a Wait List for this course at a facility outside of the school environment. (Phone: 403-502-8257)

"123 Magic & Behavior Management Strategies in the Classroom" Professional In-service (Two 3-hour sessions)

Are you a teacher who is looking for an effective, easy to learn and easy to understand system of classroom management that will bring more order to your classroom? Teachers have used the 1-2-3 Magic child discipline system in the classroom for many years. In fact, many preschool, elementary and junior high schools are using the 1-2-3 system as the basic discipline system for their entire school. Interested School Administrators are invited to contact CHADS Behavioral Services to request this course be provided in-school to their school teachers and educational assistants. Or, all interested teachers, educational assistants and other school staff are invited to contact CHADS Behavioral Services directly to place your name on a Wait List for this course at a facility outside of the school environment. (Phone: 403-502-8257)

Presenter: Dr. Jill Ravanello, Psy. D., R. Psych, CPT, MFT
Children's Developmental Specialist
CHADS Behavioral Services
Alberta Health Services

Jill is the clinical supervisor of CHADS Behavioral Services in Medicine Hat. She is a *Registered Psychologist*, a certified *Marriage and Family Therapist (AAMFT)* and a licensed *Child Psychotherapist/Play Therapist Supervisor (CACPT)*.

Upcoming *1-2-3 Magic* parent training courses:

Wednesdays, April 7 & 14 @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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Mondays, April 19 & 26 @ 6:30 - 9:30 (Note: this is the intensive 6-hour course)

Tuesdays, April 20 & 27 (IN BROOKS)

Wednesdays, March 3 & 10 @ 9:00 a.m. - noon

Wednesdays, March 3 & 10 @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

These are parent training sessions. Professionals who would like to learn about the *1-2-3 Magic* method of discipline in order to support their clients are always welcome to attend too, for their professional development. A certificate of completion is provided to all participants who complete the full course. Registration is free for everyone.
Call 403-502-8257 to register.

Children's Groups

We continue to offer four children's groups: ***Kids in Between*** divorce group for 6-7 year olds, ***Kids in Control*** anger management group for 6-7 year olds, ***Kids in Control*** for 4-5 year olds, and ***Little Sparks***, a filial play skills group for 3-5 year olds. Any parents who may be interested in a group for their child should call our office at the phone number below for details. For descriptions of all our children's groups, visit our website at: <http://www.palliserhealth.ca/Team-Services.html>

Parent Resources

Information sheets on the effects of TV on children, and sleep deprivation in children and adults, as well as other topics of interest to parents and those working with children are available on our Alberta Health website: <http://www.palliserhealth.ca/Parent-Resources.html>

Southeast Alberta Children's Resource Guide, a directory of all children's programs and services in our area, developed under the leadership of the Palliser Child & Youth Network Committee, is now available as a booklet or on line. You can access the on line version at: http://www.sacyhn.ca/pdfs/SE_Children's_Resource_Guide_2009.pdf

"Sharing a Vision of Excellence"

Janice Eckert

Intake Worker

CHADS Behavioral Services

Alberta Health Services, Medicine Hat?

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Fax 403-528-8135

Penny Drive for Haiti ó Oyen Public School along with SCHS and Assumption School are collecting pennies for Haiti. March 1st ó April 15th. OPS collection jug is in the hallway in front of the office. The jug is already about 1/3 full and we thank everyone for your generous donations.

Thank you to everyone in grades 7,8,and 9 who have donated **bake sale** items and to everyone who has purchased items in support of Haiti!

If any students are interested in bringing in baking, that would be greatly appreciated. However, this is optional and students only need to bring items if they choose.

Bake Sale Dates and classes asked to donate will be:

March 17, 2010 - Grade 5¢ and 6¢

March 24, 2010 - Grade 4¢

March 31, 2010 - Grade 3¢

April 12, 2010 - ECS, Grade 1¢ and 2¢

ATTENTION ALL MALE BASEBALL PLAYERS 12-14 YEARS OLD



Are you interested in playing provincial ball? There are a few options that we can look at this year.

1. Alberta Baseball Bantam Competitive League . All 1995 and 1996 boys. Starts May or June. If we start in June we will not get a chance at Tier1. 5-7 weekends could be anywhere in Alberta. Ends the last weekend in July. We need 11 players to make a team.

2. Little League Junior Team. May 1/95 . Dec 31/97 birth dates. Starts mid June and ends August long weekend. 3-4 weekends primarily in southern Alberta. Again need 11, max 12 players for a team.

Please call Cal or Tracey by March 21 and let us know so we can get registrations in by due dates. Thanks! Call 403-664-2584. As with the last 2 years this letter will be sent to surrounding communities and try-outs will be advertised and held if needed.

KIDS COOKING CLUB

Starting April 14th, Grade 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the "Cooking in the Classroom" program. The objective of the program is to get kids involved in planning and preparing healthy snacks and meals. They will learn about food safety, how to prepare food, measuring, and choosing nutritional meals.

The program will take six sessions to complete. Each session will take about 1 ½ hours. For the program to be successful we are in need of parent volunteers who will assist and supervise the kids as they prepare the food. We also need you to pick up the grocery supplies for each session. If you are interested in helping with the program please call the school and let Mrs. Cox know ASAP.

Thanks,

Mrs. Tami Cox

If you are able to help please let me know by March 29th.

ECS UPDATE

Report cards are being sent home today. If you have any questions please call me.

Thank you to Mrs. Evens and Ashley for all their dedication to our program. Their ongoing work is very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to making Ukranian Easter eggs today. Thanks to Mrs. Coates for organizing this for us.

Our teddy bear picnic was awesome. We all got dressed up, took a walk in the woods, and discussed what we saw and heard. We enjoyed our orange juice and club soda mix and our friendship (trail) mix. Remember the friendship mix rules of good friendship.

We had 105 teddy bears in our room of all shapes, colors and sizes. We put them in order from smallest to largest. We also sorted them into color groups and recorded the results on a chart. We also painted a picture of our favorite teddy bear. We listened to "The Teddy Bear Picnic" song and did "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear" with actions. Come and look at our bulletin board to see our work.

Wow, what a green day so many good ideas for St. Patrick's day. We recorded how many green items everyone was wearing and we'll graph it next week. We learned a little bit about St. Patrick's day and read a leprechaun story.

I will be away next Thursday on another course! Sub - TBA

Please return Scholastic orders by Thursday March 26th.

Skills and Drills Baseball and Softball Camp

Notre Dame Academy will be hosting the 2010 Skills and Drills Camp on April 6, 7, and 8, 2010.

Notre Dame Academy is located in Southridge at 646 Spruce Way SE. in Medicine Hat.

This camp is open to all boys and girls who play baseball or softball and are 5-14 years of age.

ACCA Youth Camps

These camps are designed to give young people the opportunity to develop the necessary skills and confidence to participate effectively in groups, clubs, etc. These 7 day programs take place at Goldeye Centre, located near Nordegg, AB.

More information available on the website: www.acca.coop/youthcamps.html or talk to Mrs. Vicki Duffield at OPS.

July 2 - 8	Pre-Teen Seminar Ages 11 or 12
July 8 ó 14	Teen A Seminar Ages 13 or 14
July 20-26	Teen B Seminar Ages 13 or 14
July 26 ó Aug. 1	Teen C Seminar Ages 13-14

Badminton Season

Badminton Fees are now due \$45/player

Practices:

Mondays 5:00 . 6:30 All Players

. Cereal area students can practice at the CJP Centre in Cereal.

Wednesdays 3:30 . 5:00pm . Doubles Players

Thursdays 7:00 . 8:30am . Singles Players

Tournaments:

March 26th – Grade 7 Eagle Butte

March 27th . Grade 8 & 9 Eagle Butte

April 13th . Doubles and Mixed in Jenner

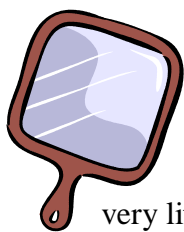
April 14th . Singles in Jenner



Tune in to Q-91 Radio at 7:45am on Wednesday, March 17 and listen to Shelby Oates talk about what OPS junior high students are doing with BLAST this year.

Thank you to everyone who ordered hanging baskets from the students at OPS. Your support is greatly appreciated. These baskets will be delivered to the school during the last week of May.





Machellø Mirror

It is now the 118th day of school. Zero the Hero, and Decimal Dot should come again on Monday!

The water is now gone from three of our test containers, and a fourth has very little left. The graduated cylinder has only lost 13 mL of the 125 mL put in at the start. We have been exploring water drops on wax paper and on newspaper, and have discovered that water is very attracted to itself, and oil acts completely different. The children have been experimenting with the effect of a keel and pontoons on a boat. Both help to stabilize it, and pontoons add buoyancy. The children did an excellent job of graphing the amount of water that different fabrics absorbed. We figured out these amounts by subtracting using interactive base ten blocks on the SMART Board.

Here are some more daily jokes and riddles relating to the sea.:

What lives on the bottom of the sea, and is popular at Easter? An oyster egg.

What did they boy octopus say to the girl octopus on Valentineø Day? I want to hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand.

What do octopuses take on camping trips? Tent-acles.

What goes through the water but doesnø get wet? A ray of light.

What is the difference between a berry farmer and a pirate? The farmer treasures his berries; the pirate buries his treasure.

Gladys went swimming. She saw a big shark, but she wasnø afraid. Why not? Because it was a man-eating shark.

Why are there bridges over the water? So people wonø step on the fish.

In Math, we have begun sorting corks. We made a list of their different attributes, and each pair of students made two piles based on a single attribute (characteristic) or lack of it. We will be sorting these further, based on two and three attributes.

Our Student of the Week last week was Tyrell. Tyrell brought in a box he had received from Treyle for his last birthday. It was a kit. His mom painted helped him paint it orange, blue, and yellow, and they glued frogs and lily pads on it. Inside the box, Tyrell put a Calgary Flames ball cap (he likes the Flames), a butterfly (he likes bugs), a picture of him with his dad and brother (it looks like theyøre in a snow fort!), some Connex (he likes building), some Ukrainian money, and a little model soldier (he hopes to be in the army some day).

This week, Xanel is our Student of the Week. She brought in a ready-decorated box, and put a picture of a horse she had coloured on top. In her box, she put her øBreaking Groundø dance jacket, complete with 3 gold and one silver medal from the Coronation Dance Festival this weekend. She also included her tap dance picture from last year, and her sparkly eye makeup, her swimming goggles (she likes swimming), a picture of her with her cousin Lisa-Marie, and her Nintendo DS, which she likes playing.

Congratulations Charity for receiving her Gold Award for 100 Personal Effort Points earned. Melissa has earned her Rainbow Award, for 125 points! It shouldnø be long, and I should be able to announce more Gold Award winners.





March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Girls' Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Badminton Practice 5:30 - 7pm	2	3 Choir @ noon Badminton Practice 3:30- 5:00	4 Boys Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Choir @ noon	5 Hotdog Day	6
7	8 Girls' Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Badminton Practice 5:30 - 7pm Parent Council Meeting 7:00	9	10 Choir @ noon Badminton Practice Doubles 3:30- 5:00	11 Boys Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Badminton Practice Singles 7-8:30am Choir @ noon	10 Pizza Lunch	12
14 Daylight Savings time begins- Spring ahead	15 Girls' Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Badminton Practice All Players 5:00 - 7pm	16	17 Choir @ noon Second Report Card Badminton Practice Doubles 3:30- 5:00	18 NO SCHOOL Staff PD	19 NO SCHOOL Staff PD	20
21	22 Girls' Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Badminton Practice All Players 5:00 - 7pm	23 Mini BB Tournament	24 Choir @ noon Badminton Practice Doubles 3:30- 5:00	25 Boys Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Badminton Practice Singles 7-8:30am Choir @ noon	26 Subway Lunch	27
28	29 Girls' Mini BB Practice 3:30-5:00 Badminton Practice All Players 5:00 - 7pm	30 Mini BB Tournament	31 Choir @ noon Badminton Practice Doubles 3:30- 5:00	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Easter Break April 2nd ó April 11th </div>		

Mini-basketball 2010 Schedule

Tuesday, March 23rd Pools

Boys at WPS WPS1 NBS OPS1		Boys at ARC WPS2 ARC OPS2	
12:20	WPS1 vs OPS1	12:20	ARC vs WPS2
1:20	OPS1 vs NBS	1:20	WPS2 vs OPS2
2:20	WPS1 vs NBS	2:20	ARC vs OPS2
Girls at OPS			
12:20	OPS1 vs WPS		
1:20	OPS2 vs WPS		
2:20	OPS1 vs NBS		
3:20	OPS2 vs NBS		

Tuesday, March 30th Pools

Boys at NBS WPS1 NBS OPS2		Boys at OPS WPS2 ARC OPS1	
12:20	NBS vs WPS1	12:20	OPS1 vs WPS2
1:20	WPS1 vs OPS2	1:20	WPS2 vs ARC
2:20	NBS vs OPS2	2:20	OPS1 vs ARC
Girls at WPS			
12:20	WPS vs NBS		
1:20	OPS2 vs NBS		
2:20	OPS2 vs OPS1		
3:20	WPS vs OPS1		

