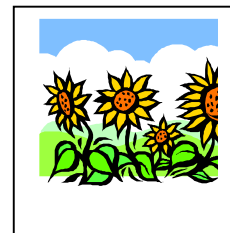




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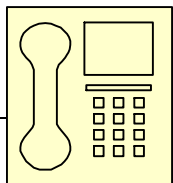
OPS Eavesdropper



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TITLE	EXTENSION NUMBER
Library	3013 Mrs. Diakow
Preschool	3002 Mrs. Getz
ECS	3020 Mrs. Beynon EA Mrs. Evens
Grade 1/2	3017 Mrs. Robertson EA Mrs. Riehl
REAL Prog. Coordinator	3019 Mrs. Machell Mrs. Roxanne Smigelski
Grade 2/3	3018 Mrs. Cox EA Mrs. Molzan
Grade 4	3022 Mrs. Berg
Grade 5	3021 Mr. Meekins
Grade 6	3023 Mrs. Senkiw EA Mrs. Polk
Grade 7	3003 Mrs. Coates EA Mrs. Stammers
Grade 8	3006 Miss Chmilar
Grade 9	3005 Mr. Simmons
Gym Office	3009 Mr. Simmons
Music Room	3004 Mr. Orr
Spec. Ed.	3015 EA Mrs. Sanderson EA Mr. Beynon
Classroom Support	3016 Mrs. Smigelski
Secretary	3000 Mrs. Peterson
Principal	3001 Mr. Duchscherer

OPS School Pledge

We, the people of Oyen Public School,
Promise to follow the %Golden Rule+:

We promise to be helpful and kind,
And see that no one gets left behind,
To accept everyone for who they are,
As each of us is truly a star.

Respecting others at work and play,
We will bring light into each other's day.
We will make our school a healthy space,
And change the world to a better place.

We will not run away or hide,
But stand up for each other with pride,
Allow everyone to have a say,
And let them do things in their own way.

Like a friend, a sister or brother,
We will care for one another.
Wed try to give to all those in need,
And earn a gem for an extra good deed.

Thinkers and doers, mighty and strong,
We know what is right and what is wrong.
Learners today and leaders tomorrow,
We have many ideas that others may borrow.

What we leave behind when we are gone,
We hope others will choose to carry on.



From the Principal's Desk

What a year at OPS! The 2010/2011 school year is wrapping up and there were many highlights at OPS during the school year as well as some challenges. The thing that remains the same at OPS year after year though is the great parent support we have in the community. We have many volunteers who come in and help our school and students throughout the year. This includes coaches for sports teams, parent council members, hot dog workers, hot lunch workers, fundraising committee members, farmers' market workers, drivers for trips and the list goes on and on. From the staff at OPS we greatly appreciate your contribution to the school.

Highlights of the 2010-2011 school year at OPS include: Q91 back to school pancake breakfast, Steve Harmer magic show for elementary students, Carla Macleod women's Olympic hockey team presentation, start of the GEMS program, awesome Remembrance Day ceremony, great volleyball seasons with both the boys and girls teams advancing to zones, "Light in a Darkness" give a family a Christmas project, a unique Christmas concert with no power for the evening performance, the junior high banquet, great basketball seasons with both teams advancing to zones, drumming session with AADAC, 100th day of school celebration, "Magic With Reading" for the elementary students, Pink day for anti-bullying, great mini basketball season, terrific elementary and junior high curling season, badminton with many students qualifying for zone competitions, an author visit from Donna McNaughton, BLAST workshop for the junior high students, Dwayne Peace and the Dare to Care program for junior high students and parents, the Kaleidoscope of Arts where many of our students did awesome with their fine arts skills and art work, zone track and field where many of our students achieved personal bests, and the drama performance of the XYZ files. What a busy year full of great activities.

The biggest challenge of the school year proved to be the budget. As the year progressed our budget also improved. Thank you to all staff, parents, and community members who lobbied for an adjustment to the original budget. As well, thank you to the parent council, parents who attended parent council meetings, parents who phoned with concerns and suggestions, teachers, and all support staff with their patience and understanding during some difficult times. No matter what happens in the budget, we are determined to always provide quality education for the students of OPS. This is due to the dedicated teachers and support staff we have working in the school. Our results on achievement tests always rank very high in the province and it is directly due to the work and preparation of the teachers in OPS.

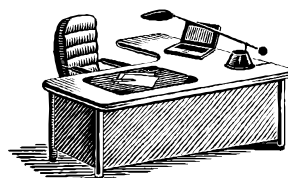
The staff of OPS would like to wish our graduating grade 9 students the best of luck in high school and whatever path life leads them on after school. Thank you for the memories you have provided us with over the years. We know you will do well in the high school, and don't forget the staff at OPS loves to hear from former students so please keep in touch.

The last day of school for students is Tuesday, June 28 with the elementary participating in tabloid day, and the junior high awards ceremony is set for 12:30. The homeroom teachers will be in contact with parents of the students who are receiving awards. As well a **reminder to junior high parents and students to turn in their permission forms if they are planning on leaving the school after their exams are finished. Also could the students in grade 6, 7, and 8 please return their option sheets for next year.**

On behalf of the staff of OPS we hope you have a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break and we look forward to working with you in the 2011-2012 school year.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Jason Duchscherer



RELAY FOR LIFE



Friday, June 17th, 2011

6 pm - 6 am in Alsask

Opening Ceremony at 7pm - followed by the Survivor Victory Lap

Luminary Ceremony at 10 pm - candles are lit around the track in honor and in memory of loved ones who have fought cancer

To purchase a luminary, make a donation, or for more information, contact Cheryl Getz

664-3733 ext 3002 or 664-2675

CAPS OFF FOR KIDS

100% of the proceeds raised through this initiative will help support the **Rainbow Society of Alberta**, an organization that grants wishes to Alberta children with chronic or life threatening illnesses. Plastic caps are being recycled in more than 218 Depots, schools, offices and private homes across the province that have embraced this program and contributed to the tremendous success. The result is greater diversion of waste from landfills, improved safety of their operators and funds to grant wishes to the Rainbow Society of Alberta.

The **Oyen Bottle Depot** is an ongoing participant in this program. Thank you in advance for your support!

Big Country Community Adult Learning Council

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, June 22 at the Adult Learning Center.

4:00-4:30 - Video Conference - See what we can do

4:45-5:00 - Employment Center - Helping with the job hunt

5:30-5:45 - Adult Education - Lifelong Learning is what we do

6:15-6:45 - Adult Literacy - English Language Learning (ELL), Adult Basic Literacy, Essential Skills, General Education Diploma (GED) - So much more than learning to read

We will have food and beverages through the evening and a draw for a terrific prize.

FCSS SUMMER FUN LEADERSHIP CAMP



\$75/PER CHILD & WEEK

\$175/PER FAMILY (3 OR MORE)

WITH THE EXCEPTION WEEK 5 (AUGUST 2ND-5TH)



CHYNNA TRAUB
(SUMMER FUN COORDINATOR)

MATTHEW NORRIS
(SUMMER FUN ASSISTANT)



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Registrations
Available At:
Oyen FCSS Office
(Dental Building)
FCSS
Community Centre
Town Of
Oyen Office



JULY—2011

Week 1 July 5th-7th
Flyin' Bob Circus Camp

Week 2 July 11th-15th

Week 3 July 18th-22nd

Week 4 July 25th-29th

AUGUST—2011

Week 5 August 2nd-5th
(Cost for this week is \$60/per child & \$140/family
due to short week)

Week 6 August 8th-12th

Card Making Party

at the
FCSS
Community Centre

PARENTS
bring your
children
and help them
make
end-of-the-year
cards
for their
TEACHERS



Tuesday, June 21st at 7 pm

Thanks to Wanda Molzan for her help!



The REAL Deal



Our final DEAL of the school year! I would like to thank all of the parents, students, and staff for their support over the past year as we got our project off the ground. We are having a planning session next week with many community partners. If you are interested, you are more than welcome to attend. It will be Tuesday, June 21 at SCHS in the library extension beginning at 10 am.

Here are some more of the questions and answers from our Easter hollow eggs:

Mental illness affects: *one in every five families*, one in every ten families, one in every twenty families, half of all families.

Which of the following occurs more often in females? Bullying, alcohol and drug abuse, *eating disorders*, peer pressure.

Which of the following is NOT a mental illness? schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, *Down's syndrome*, obsessive compulsive disorder.

Some of the seeds have already sprouted in our garden! With the rain, we should see more interesting developments next week! Roxanne and the summer program kids will be looking after the garden through the summer.

More about gardening and mental health (from: [Garden Your Way to Peace+](#). online blog):

Just half an hour in the garden assists in toning and strengthening the physical body. But it is the mental benefits which have scientists most excited at the moment. A study conducted by the Tennessee State University found that people who garden regularly believed that the greatest benefit they received from the act of gardening was not a yard filled with flowers and vegetables. Surprisingly, it was the significant reduction in general stress they felt in their lives. Further studies at Iowa State University concluded that the actions of digging, pruning, cutting, and mulching alleviated stress and tension levels in the body. ...

Research in the field of environmental psychology demonstrated that gardening utilizes the non-thinking right side of our brains (the side that is responsible for worrying, intrusive thoughts) and uses mainly the right side of the brain, which is responsible for handling our more creative aspects, including our senses. In short, gardening will help us stop worrying and start focusing on the "here and now".

Here's some good news about anxiety. Kids with anxiety problems CAN master the skills needed to manage symptoms for the rest of their lives. One of the treatments that has been shown to work in well-controlled scientific studies is something called Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). Medications also work, but CBT is better in the long-term, and is the first line of effective treatment.

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy is a form of psychotherapy that emphasizes the important role of thinking in how we feel and what we do. Through this therapy, one can change the way one thinks to feel and act better even if the situation doesn't change. A quick summary: Anxiety disorders are highly prevalent, usually get worse without treatment, but are probably the MOST treatable of all mental health concerns.

REMINDER: There will be a bike rodeo on June 27. The grades 1 to 3 will go from 10am to 11:30, and the grades 4 to 6 from 12:15 pm to 1:45. Please bring in your child's bike and helmet for these times. We are trying to arrange for extra bikes and helmets in case some students don't have them. If you can help with this, please call the school.

We had our last Taco Salad day of the school year on June 15th. Thanks again to Shirley Holland and Carley Thornton for their help. Also to Nick for his help with cleanup.

Until the fall

REALLY yours,

Patti Machell



Grade 1-3 10:00 to 11:35
Grade s 4-6 12:15 to 1:45
- Students need a bike and a helmet for this day.

Book Club News



Book Club is finished for the year and what an exciting year it has been. Our library classes were a combination of stories and crafts related to the stories. In grades 1-3 we focused on four authors, Barbara Reid, Dr. Seuss, Beatrix Potter and to end the year Phoebe Gilman, since Christmas. We had many craft projects associated with the different stories. We have had popcorn movie afternoons, we had a visit from the Cat in the Hat, and we made mobiles, handprint flowers, Easter crafts. We finished the year with Phoebe Gilman and her stories. Something from Nothing was our last book and the students were able to make something from nothing by making a tie quilt. Since this was a very popular activity we have extended our quilt making to all the elementary classes. I would like to thank Mrs. Brenda Sanderson for donating the material used for making the little quilts, and all her ideas to help make the book clubs run smoothly.

In Grade 5 and 6 the students read longer novels we read Copper Sunrise, Hero at Large, Wolves of the Beyond, Incredible Journey. These students also enjoyed a movie and popcorn. Word searches, crosswords, I Spy and various other activities rounded out their library time.

Grade 8/9 book club students have been reading Shane and The True Story of Lilli Stubeck. The students found these selections a little more difficult to read as these books were out of their area of interest. We ended our book club with the Movie Shane.

I would like to remind the students to please return all their library books ASAP. Text books need to be turned in as soon as they are finished with them. So start checking bedrooms, closets etc. as there are a few students who have more than one text book signed out. Students will be billed for any books not returned to the library.

Junior High Exam Schedule	
Monday, June 20	Social Class Final
Wednesday, June 22	Language Arts
Thursday, June 23	Science
Friday, June 24	Math
Monday, June 27	Grade 9 Social departmental



ECS UPDATE

We have had a fabulous week! Our Kindergarten Year-End Celebration was Tuesday evening and the students performed wonderfully for a very supportive audience. They looked awesome in their royal blue caps and gowns and were proud to receive their diplomas. They walked in with a partner and made arches for each other to go through, to our theme song "Climb Every Mountain." The gym was decorated with large paintings showing ways to become physically fit made by the students as well as tissue paper feet – climbing the mountains! They introduced themselves with sign language taught to them by Mrs. Evens. Each child told his/her favourite Kindergarten activity. They performed an action song – "Clap! Stamp! Shake!" and sang "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" in English, French and sign language. Thanks to Presley's Mémé Bouvier for her assistance ahead of time. The children also showed off their movements with wrist ribbons and the parachute. It was awesome to see them dressed up for "When I Grow Up..." and they did well telling about their future. The Mums brought a delicious variety of lunch and everyone had a good visit and photo-taking session after the program. Special thanks to Mrs. Evens, the parents, Mr. Beynon, the Junior High students, Crosby and Kendrick for all their great help. If anyone has any photos of our special evening could you please email them to me nicky.beynon@prrd.ab.ca

On Thursday we ventured off to Smiley and Kindersley with George Munro as our terrific bus driver. The children were very excited to see the buffalo rubbing stone by Flaxcombe, the Wildman family stone house and stone barn and Stonewall Johnson's rock wall and sod house. After eating our lunch we had so many giggles while bowling! The students showed a lot of improvement during the hour. We finished off our day with an ice cream treat from DQ. Special thanks to Kathy Bouvier and Michelle Siegel who were our parent chaperones. Great appreciation goes out to George Munro and Val Evens also.

Thank you to the parents who helped their children greatly with their Social Studies project. Hopefully there will be more discussion at home about what it was like as parents and grandparents grew up – the children are so interested!

Our work for our final three days will include art with a jar, capacity/volume with water and beans, and patterns in our environment.

Our students really enjoyed their Grade One orientation on June 8th, and are so excited and ready for Grade One!

Huge thanks goes to Mr. Roger Bedwell for all his assistance this year, especially with getting rid of our unwanted furry visitors!

We are looking forward to our visits to the Crossroads Museum and the RCMP this week. We have had a terrific year and would like to send out an ENORMOUS thanks to all the OPS staff, especially Mrs. Peterson and the students as well as all the community members who have helped make our program successful.

All good things must come to an end and as unbelievable as it is, Kindergarten will be combined with Grade One next year. I am very disappointed to be saying farewell to my cherished career but I wish everyone well and hopefully I will enjoy my new challenges.

REMEMBER SWIMMING IS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD, 1-2pm – STUDENTS NEED \$3, BATHING SUIT AND TOWEL IN A SMALL BAG – PARENTS AND SIBLINGS WELCOME

Have a wonderful summer everyone and stay safe!

Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre 2011 Pool Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
8:00-8:30	Red Cross Swimming Lessons 8:00-1:00 PM Session I: August 2 - 12 Rentals 10:00-12:00					Public Swim 10:00-12:00			
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12:00-12:30	Lane Swim & Lil' Tikes Swim 6 & Under accompanied by Adult 14+ 12:00-2:00					Free Public 1:00-5:00	Family Swim 1:00-3:00		
12:30-1:00								Public Swim 2:00-5:30	Public Swim 3:00-5:00
1:00-1:30							Oyen Otters Swim Club		
1:30-2:00								Public Swim 6:00-8:00	Public Swim 6:00-8:00
2:00-2:30	Public Swim 6:30-9:00	Public Swim 6:30-9:00							
2:30-3:00			AquaFit	AquaFit					
3:00-3:30	Lane Swim 9:00-10:00	Adult Swim 9:00-10:00							
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Physical and Health Education Canada Presented Oyen Public School with the 2010 -2011 School Recognition Award for our quality physical education program. Oyen Public School has received the Canadian standard of quality education, as established by PHE Canada, with recommendations by the Canadian Medical Association. Out of the approximate 15,000 schools in Canada, close to 1,000 schools receive this award each year truly making Oyen Public School one of Canada's leaders in physical education.



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FCSS Community Centre HAPPENINGS!

Flyin' Bob Community Circus 3-Day Camp

A must see and be event for youth 9yrs. - 15yrs. To acquire self esteem building skills through unique physical activity. At the camp they will learn to juggle, unicycle, wire walk, stilts, rola bola, balance and performance!

Flyin'bob 
One man, three ring circus!

Deadline June 17, 2011 Registration available at
Oyen FCSS Office (Dental Building) and FCSS Community Centre
For more information call 403 664-2255 or email: oyenfcss@telus.net

2011 Summer Reading Challenge

Rules:

1. Read and record minutes read from **July 1 to August 31, 2011** on the record sheet
2. Drop off or send in the record sheet at the Adult Learning office
113 2nd Avenue West
Box 667
Oyen, AB
T0J 2J0
3. Watch for winners announced at International Literacy Day events
September 8 or in the Oyen Echo

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Category: (circle one)

preschool elementary school
Junior high school high school adult

Date	Title	Minutes Read

June 24th – Safety Patroller Windup. Patrollers need your golf clubs and \$5

June 27th - Elementary Bike Rodeo all students grades 1 . 6 need a bike and a helmet. If you are in town and have an extra bike that you could lend to the school for use this day, that would be much appreciated.

June 28th . Elementary Tabloid in the morning

Free BBQ hotdogs and watermelon lunch starting at 11:30

Junior high awards start at 12:30

GRADE 6-8 STUDENTS - PLEASE BRING BACK YOUR OPTION SHEETS FOR NEXT YEAR



PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Orr will be returning to Oyen in September for private lessons.

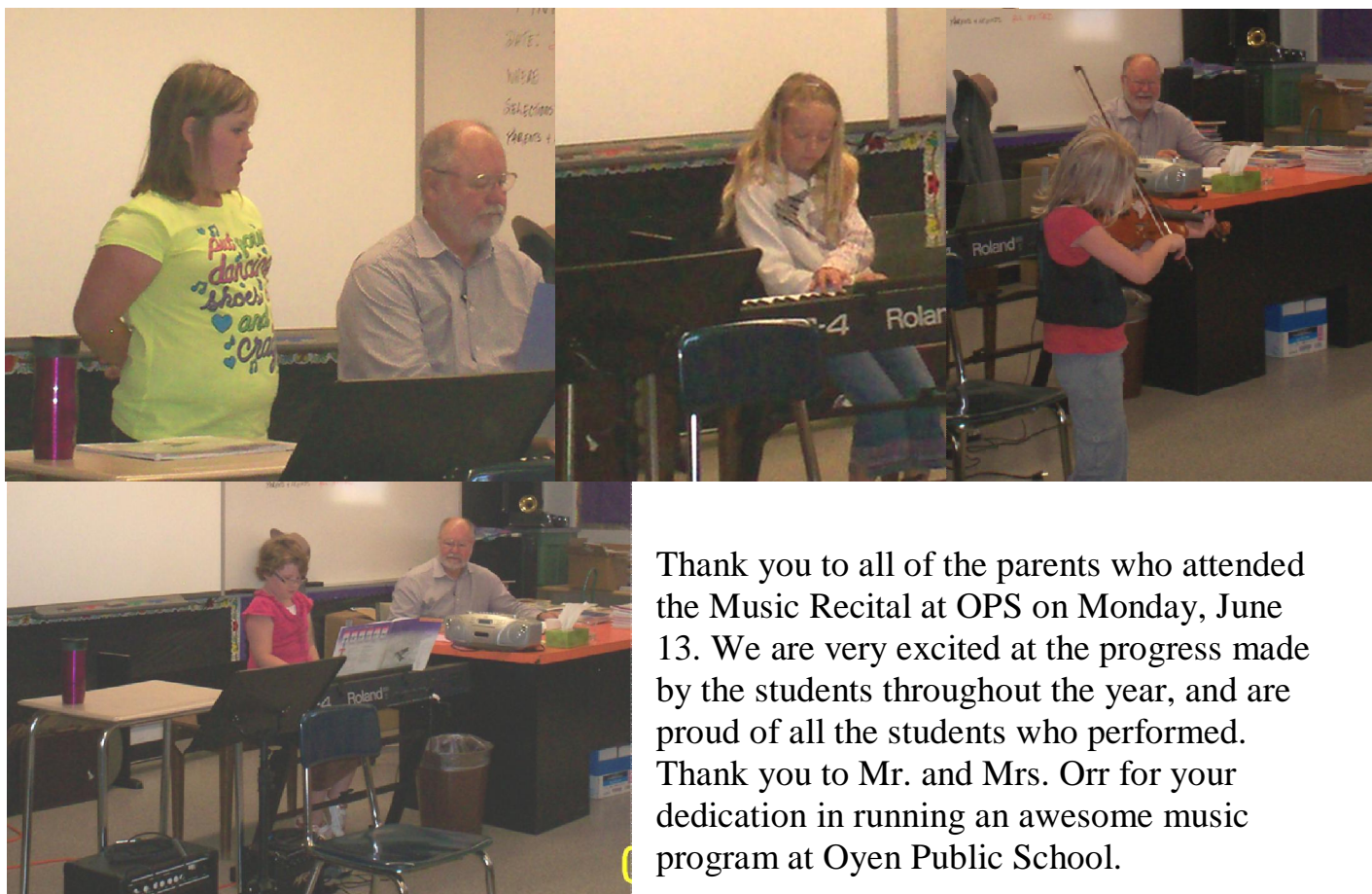
Day: Saturdays only

Place: Oyen Public School

Time: 10am ó 4pm



If you have questions or to register please contact Mrs. Orr
morin.orr@me.com or 403-488-5571



Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Music Recital at OPS on Monday, June 13. We are very excited at the progress made by the students throughout the year, and are proud of all the students who performed. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Orr for your dedication in running an awesome music program at Oyen Public School.

Social Skills Group

Summer 2011

Join other 'scientist' kids in the

FRIENDSHIP LAB!

We're investigating what it takes
to be a good friend.

- Conversation basics
- Handling emotions
- Thinking about others –
what are they thinking??!

July 11-15 or August 8-12
(identical content)

Come each day for 1.5 hours of
exploration and fun!

Drama Art Experiments!

We'll have sensory breaks and
a focus on strategy building.

For students with social skill
needs who have just completed:
Grades 1-3 (8:30-10 am)
Grades 4-6 (10:30-noon)
Grades 7-9 (1-2:30 pm)

Lead scientists will be Speech-
Language Pathologists.



Taking registrations until June 21st. For
more information or to register, call
(403) 528-8175.

June 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Zone Track and Field in Calgary	2 Farm Safety Grade 1-6	3 Hotdog Day	4
5	6	7	8 Gr. 1 and ECS Orientation	9	10 Grade 9 Farewell	11
12	13	14 ECS Celebration Grade 3 LA Achiev. Test Grade 6 Social Achiev. Test	15 Jr. High Drama Production 7pm Grade 6 LA Part B	16 Grade 3 & 6 Math Achiev. Tests Grade 7/8 Field Trip Grade 9 Field Trip ECS Field Trip	17 Grade 6 Science Achiev. Test Grade 9 Field Trip Hotdog Day	18
19	20 Grade 7, 8, 9 Social Class Final Grade 5 Field Trip	21 Grade 2/3 Field Trip Grade 9 Science Class Final	22 Grade 9 LA Achiev. Test Grade 1/2 Field Trip Grade 6 Field Trip	23 Grade 9 Science Achiev. Test Grade 4 Field Trip	24 Grade 9 Math Achiev. Test	25
26	27 Grade 9 Social	28 Safety Patroller Windup Last Student Day	29 Last Staff Day	30		