



Bon Accord
Community School



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JUNE 2010

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Principal Message:

Is it just me, or did this year fly by?

May and June are traditionally very busy months, and 2010 has proved to be no different. The classes are gearing up for the year end activities. Field trips, class activities, exams. There's lots going on.

As I look back on the past school year, I think the one thing that has been impressed upon me the most would be that it is nearly impossible to make a list and get through it in a day. There are always things popping up, making a schedule almost impossible to follow. It has been a year of lots of challenges and lots of learning. Hopefully the students have also felt the same thing, and experienced the same rewards that I have.

I hope our last few weeks of school are rewarding and filled with adventure for yourselves, your children and all you encounter.

Mr. Propp

From the VP's desk

Another year is rapidly coming to a close and I feel so very fortunate to have spent it with your children. Each and every child comes with their own unique learning style and talents. They are our future and it is so important that they are nurtured and guided to become responsible citizens.

Thank you to the parents whose support is invaluable. Take the summer to enjoy your children, read to them, hug them and tell them you love them.

Merry DeChamplain
Vice Principal

School Notes:

As Sturgeon School Division moves forward with its new division wide report card and our focus on assessment for learning, we recognize that parents need to be informed about the process and the changes. One part of this is understanding the philosophy behind some of the shifts in technology, teaching methods and learning styles that is occurring. David Warlick will be presenting at Cardiff Hall on August 31st.

David Warlick

7:00 - 8:30 pm

August 31st, 2010

Cardiff Hall

David will be speaking with parents around Literacy and Learning in the 21st Century. He will examine and define what literacy means in the 21st Century, and he will identify what today's students really look like when they are learning and what instruction in today's classroom should look like. He will also address the reasons for using technology in the classroom. His presentation will be followed by a question and answer period to clarify any questions parents might have.

Childcare will be offered at no cost to parents attending this event. Our head-start staff graciously offered their assistance in this area.

This session is primarily for parents, relatives and community members; however, parents are welcome to invite other folks they know who are interested in attending.

Further information on David Warlick's session will be available on the Sturgeon Website, www.sturgeon.ab.ca throughout the summer. Parents who wish to obtain more information on David Warlick should visit his website at www.davidwarlick.com

- On May 14, 2010 the grade four classes went to the Royal Tyrrell Museum and the Atlas Coal Mine. We had a wonderful time learning about Alberta's prehistoric history. They worked through a booklet at the Museum finding information about dinosaurs, flora and fauna of years gone by and how Alberta's history is so unique. The Atlas Coal Mine allowed the children to play the part of miners and learn about the hardships they endured and their way of life. Our parent chaperones were an immense help and we greatly appreciate their assistance. Just before leaving for home we celebrated our terrific day with hot dogs, oranges and a drink.

Many thanks to our PSS for making this a possibility.

- At the end of May, teachers begin thinking about the placing of students into the next grade level. Tentative "class lists" are started. The teachers try to create a "balance" in each of the classrooms. It is in their professional judgment that we rely on making the best decision for each of our students.

The following factors are taken into consideration:

- students' ability (high, average, low)
- students' behavior (active, average, withdrawn)
- the number of severe/ special needs students
- students who are dependent or independent workers
- the number of boys and girls

The Principal has the final responsibility for student placement. Class lists will be finalized at the beginning of September when we have a better idea of numbers.

What We Do

Roots of Empathy is an award-winning parenting program for elementary school children which has been bringing the wisdom of parents and babies into classrooms since 1996. The program helps children to learn about a baby's needs and development, and lets children see a loving relationship grow between parent and baby. Classes are taught by a certified Roots of Empathy Instructor trained to give lessons on how a baby grows, naming and talking about feelings, and thinking about the feelings of others.

What a Roots of Empathy Family Does

The heart of Roots of Empathy is the neighborhood parent and infant who join the Instructor in the classroom for Family Visits. There are 9 visits during the school year and each is about 30 minutes long.

Our program celebrates the power of the family in the development of the baby as a person. We will ask you to share with the students how it feels to be a parent and to talk about how your baby is growing and learning.

Students will have lots of questions about your baby and about what it takes to be a parent.

Our Commitment to You

At the start of the year, the Instructor will come to your home to talk about how the program will run and answer any questions you may have. The Instructor will call before each of the 9 classroom visits to talk about the theme for the visit. The Instructor will tell you about questions the students asked since the last Family Visit. Your baby will be loved by every student and be a star in the school and your family will be helping to build caring, peaceful, and civil societies.

Are you a proud parent with a new baby?

Will your baby be 2 - 4 months old in October?

You and your baby could be a Roots of Empathy family

Please phone 780-921-3559 and ask for Bonnie Hodge.

- Please be aware that our recycle bins are on school property belong to the school and should only be used by the school. Please refrain from using our bins for personal use. If you require information about Roseridge Landfill please contact them @780-939-5678 or email roseridge@sturgeoncounty.ab.ca
- **Kindergarten Registration** forms for 2010-2011 school year are available at the office. Please come and register your child and show your child the school that they will be attending in the fall.



We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten Executive for 2010-2011 school year.

President/Chairperson: Patricia Cherrington

Vice Chairperson: Nicole Roe

Secretary: Melissa Hewitt

Treasurer: Kathaleen Switzer
Roster Coordinator: Nikki Frank
Field Trip Coordinator:
Special Projects: Melissa Selinger
Literacy Backpacks:
KinderCooking: Patty Milligan

The children in the Kindergarten program as well as the parents, teachers and staff would like to thank The Bon Accord and District Ag Society and Amendex for their generous donations this year.

Bon Accord Ag Society for their donation of \$500 helped in the purchase of the Alphabet box program, this program has helped kindergarten children identify different objects that relate to everyday life!

Amendex donated a generous amount to the Kindergarten Association that helped fund the Fort Edmonton Park Field Trip. Thanks again to the members of our community who continue to make the Program a HUGE Success!

Kindergarten Immunization

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio Booster

Second dose Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccine

Immunizations protect your child from serious childhood diseases. Diseases spread more easily when children are together in a group. Ensure your child is protected from vaccine preventable diseases by having his/her immunizations up to date. Kindergarten immunizations are given at the Public Health Centres.

After their 4th birthday most children should have:

- A booster dose of DTaP-IPV (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio) vaccine,

- A second dose of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine,

If immunization is needed, call your local Public Health Centre for an appointment.

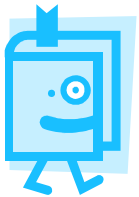
If you have any questions, please call:

- Health Link Alberta at 780-408-LINK (5465) or 1-866-408-LINK (5465).

The Board of Trustees

- Meet each fourth Wednesday of the month 4:30pm at the Board office in Morinville. Members of the public are invited to attend. Please note the next Board Meeting will be June 22.

Library News:



It is that time of year when the library does inventory of all their resources. There will be no books signed out of the library as of June 11 and we would like to see all **books returned by June 15** or shortly thereafter. Mrs. Hodge has to inventory all student books but also teacher resources as well. She needs the remaining time in June to check, repair and re-shelve the books so they are ready when we return in September. Please help us out by having your child return the books they have signed out along with their book bag which will be laundered and ready for the new term. Many thanks to PSS for supporting our library with the donation of our library book bags.

Important dates: June 15 return of all books and library bag.

Music Notes:



Thanks for a great year from the BACS Music Department. Keep singing all summer long. Good luck to those who do not return, and to everyone else... see you in September.

Music Teacher
Mr. Sales

Community Events:

Sturgeon Alliance Kids Kamp


August 16-20 9:00-12:30pm Sturgeon Alliance Church. Open to children 4 years of age up to grade six. For more information please contact www.sturgeonalliance.org.

June 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Divisional Track Meet Grade 4 	2	3 Rain out Day for Grade 4 Track meet Grade 5 Orientation	4 9:00am Assembly	5
6	7	8	9 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal @11:53 	10 Grade 2 John Janzen Nature Centre Ned Show	11 Kindergarten Fieldtrip	12
13	14	15 All Library Books Due Grade 3 PAT LA Part B	16	17 Grade 4 Bennett Centre Kindergarten Fieldtrip Fort Edmonton Grade 3 Math PAT Part B	18 Year end BBQ	19
20	21 Grade 1 Fieldtrip ACT Pool & Rundle Park Grade 3 Fieldtrip Telus World of Science	22	23	24	25 Last Day for Headstart & Kindergarten classes	26
27	28 Award Ceremony @9:00am Play Day @1:30	29 No Classes	30 Last Day of School Dismissal @11:53			

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September 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2 Full Day Grade 1-4	3	4
5	6 Labour Day no Classes	7	8 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal @ 11:53 	9	10	11
12	13	14 Meet the Staff	15 School Pictures KM	16 School Pictures KHS AM &PM,KT Grade 1-4.	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Kindergarten Society 5:30pm School Council 6:30pm PSS 7:15pm	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">2010</div>	

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