

* Administration Message *

Congratulations to Paris K. and Zoey B. for raising the most money (nearly \$2000.00 between the two of them) for the school's recent Terry Fox Run Campaign.

The reward for students raising the most money was to be the “Principal for the Day”. Paris and Zoey did a great job as “Principals for a Day” on Oct. 24th.

Special thanks to Chinook SD Director of Education Mr. Benesh and Deputy Director Ms. Hermanson for visiting Paris and Zoey.

Pictured - Paris (Gr. 1) and Zoey (Gr. 8) w/ Director of Education Mark Benesh and Deputy Director of Education Angela Hermanson.



Important Dates:

Nov 2 - Home Alone Course
Nov 5 - Toast Tuesday
Nov 5 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 6 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 6 - Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30 a.m.
Nov 8 - **No School** in lieu of P/T Conferences
Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - **No School**
Nov 14 - Shelter-in-Place Drill
Nov 18 - Fluoride Varnish Program - Kindergarten
Nov 18 - **Nov 21** - Grade 6 Swimming Lessons
Nov 25 - **Nov 28** - Grade 6 Swimming Lessons
Nov 19 - Fluoride Varnish Program - Kindergarten
Nov 19 - SCC Meeting
Nov 24 - 30 - Education Week
Nov 26 - Muffin & Read Morning
Nov 27 - Early Dismissal @ 2:15
Nov 28 - Duck-Cover-Hold Drill
Nov 29 - Burger King Meal Day
Nov 29 - Assembly @ 2:00

Dec 5 - Grade 6-8 Gym Blast
Dec 12 - K-3 Christmas Concert
Dec 18 - Pizza Meal Day
Dec 19 - Grade 4&5 Christmas Concert
Dec 20 - Assembly @ 10:20
Dec 20 - Last day of classes
Dec 23 - **Jan 5** - Christmas Break
Jan 1 - Happy New Year
Jan 6 - Classes Resume



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

O.M. Irwin School's annual Remembrance Day Service will be held on *Wednesday, November 6th at 10:30am.*

Families are welcome to attend.

We will continue to build upon our Virtual Wall of Honour presentation that we do every year. This presentation features our loved ones who have served, or are currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Photos that were sent in previous years will be used again this year. If you wish to include a loved one in our presentation, please send a digital copy of a photo, along with their name and the name(s) of the student(s) they're connected to.

Send submissions to cthompson@chinooksd.ca before November 4th.

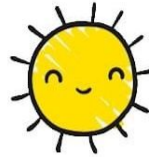


Message * from Michele

Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own
feelings to
encourage
self-awareness.



Find social groups
that help them feel
like they belong.



Set aside time for
low-stress or
solo activities.



Focus on
articulating
feelings.
"I am angry."
"I am sad."

Encourage
journaling
and diaries.

Practice self-care
for yourself to
set the standard.



Encourage your
child to focus
on the moment.

Establish a
self-care
routine.



Recognize toxic
stress events.

BlessingManifesting

Cultivate interests
and hobbies.

School Information



The front doors of the school will remain open. If a student is arriving late, please ask them to stop by the office and check in before heading to class.

If dropping something off for a student, please bring your item into the main office and we will make sure your child gets it!

Please DO NOT drop off students in the staff parking area on the west side of the school! To ensure your child's safety, we ask that you use George Street for all drop-offs and pick-ups.



Irwin School is on Facebook! Please visit our school's Facebook page for all the exciting things happening in and around our school, and to check out upcoming events.

<https://facebook.com/omirwin/>

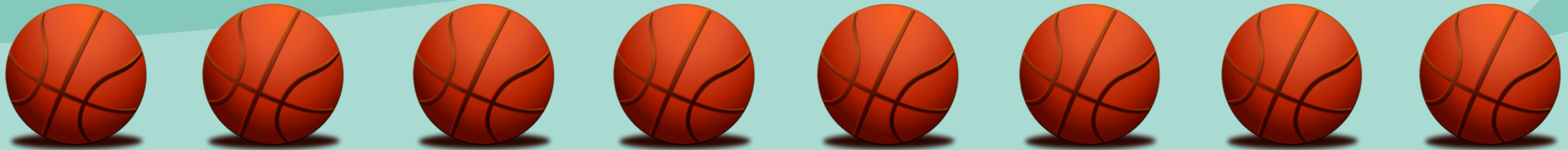
The Irwin Ice Hut Store will be open during morning breaks starting Tuesday October 11!

Grade 5 & 6: Days 1, 3 & 5

Grade 7 & 8: Days 2, 4 & 6

With the cold weather upon us, please send your children in winter gear and consider sending extra clothing with case their clothes get wet during recess.

Community Leaders



O.M. Irwin School is seeking a parent or community volunteer to coach our Jr. Boys Basketball Team.

The focus of Jr. Basketball is developmental and learning the basic fundamentals of the sport.

If you are interested, know someone who is interested, or have questions, please reach out to Mr. Horn: ghorn83@chinooksd.ca (or via the school phone).

Volunteers would need to complete their Respect in Sport and Making Headway online courses prior to helping out.

Thanks so much for considering this wonderful opportunity to help out our student athletes.

* Mental Health Matters



Plan for Winter/Cold weather



LABEL! LABEL!

Please send your child in warm, outside gear (toques, mitts, scarves, ski pants, boots). It is important that everything is LABELLED! We want our students to wear suitable winter jackets as well as hand and ear protection coming to and from school including those students who travel to school by bus.



Morning Emergency - Bussing Back-Up Plan

It is important to develop and discuss with your children a back-up plan should the school bus be delayed in the event of inclement/stormy weather on its morning route.

- * What would your child do if his/her bus did not meet its scheduled pick up time?
- * Is there someone at home to assist?
- * If parents leave for work and no one is home, does your child(ren) have access to their home to make a telephone call? If so, who would they call?
- * Is there a neighbor home to assist?

It is better to be prepared than to experience a potentially dangerous situation.

Please take a few minutes to arrange your back-up plan and discuss it with your child.



Severe Weather and Student Transportation

In the event of severe winter conditions, Swift Current city bus runs will be cancelled pending consideration of the following factors:

- If the morning temperature is -40 degrees Celsius or the wind chill is -45 degrees Celsius or below
- Adverse road conditions
- Limited visibility because of fog or blowing snow

When a decision is made to cancel buses it will be made by 6:30 a.m. Information will be relayed to the public through local media on all radio stations.

If buses do not run in the mornings, you will need to provide transportation for your child before and after school.



Cross Country Team

Our OM Irwin Ice cross country club had another successful season.

Students participated in The Riverside Run in Swift Current, the Eastend Scamper Run and then travelled to Fox Valley for SWAC meet

Congratulations to all our members who represented our school by showing their best effort and good sportsmanship.

The following members deserve special recognition for placing in their age groups :

Riverside Run:

Colby L won 3rd in the Grade 4 age group
Nixon L won 1st in the Grade 5 age group
Brooke L won 1st in the Grade 6 age group

Eastend Scamper :

Wyatt H won 1st in Grade 5 age group
Brooke L won 2nd in Grade 6 age group



O.M. Irwin School Volleyball



**Congratulations to Mr Grainger
and the Senior Girls volleyball
team for earning first place at
the annual Medicine Hat Dawg
Pound Tournament!**

Well done girls!

Go Ice!

Senior Girls Volleyball Team



Terry Fox Fundraising Update:

We held our annual Terry Fox Walk on Oct. 4th. *This year O.M. Irwin School raised \$12,710.60 for cancer research in Canada!*

Thank you to all of our students and community members who supported our campaign this year!

We had a number of fundraisers: Toonies for Terry Hat Days, Family Movie Night, Buy-the-Pie, Pizza Hut meal day, and t-shirt sales in addition to pledges collected online.

Congratulations to Zoey Bocek and Paris Kirkpatrick who were the Top Fundraisers. Zoey and Paris were Principals for the Day on Oct 24th, and Mr. Kohlman got to spend the day being a student in Grade 1 and Grade 8!

Congrats to Mrs. Calabres' class who earned the most as a class! They win a Principal for the Day as their teacher!

Thank you to Mr. Grainger and Mr. Eltom who spent an evening camping out in the Irwin Courtyard because we exceeded our fundraising goal!

Thank you to Mr. Darby who dyed his hair because we reached our total from last year! Mrs. Calabres' class got to choose the colour as the top class!

Thank you to everyone who purchased ballots for Buy-the-Pie! Miss Gillanders and Mrs. Potter tied for the most votes! Both received a pie in the face at our October assembly.

Thanks to all staff who were such good sports with our incentives this year, and helped to make our campaign a huge success!

Terry Fox Update Cont'd:

Mr Darby's new look!



Mrs. Potter's Grade 2's

Mrs. Potter's Grade 2 students had lots of fun bringing their parents to school today for math games, shared reading and a family activity in our library!



Thank you to our Community for your thoughtful acts of kindness!



City of Swift Current

Thank you to the City of Swift Current Sunshine Club for your monetary donation that will be used to purchase groceries for our school's breakfast club!



Faith E M Church

Thank you to Faith Evangelical Mennonite Church for your generous donation and continued support of our school's nutrition program



O.M. Irwin SCC

Thank you to our SCC for organizing the "Local Love" Fundraiser. Our amazing community purchased \$30,000.00 in local gift cards, leaving Irwin with over \$5000.00 that will go towards swimming lessons for our Grade 2, 4 & 6 students, extra curricular clubs, teams and many more student activities.

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Kiwanis Club

Thank you to the Swift
Current Kiwanis Club
for donating boxes of
apples for our students
to enjoy! ❄️



Innovation Credit Union

Thank you to the
Innovation Credit
Union for your
donation of Wellness
Gift Bags for
our staff. ❄️



Swift Shoe

Thank you to Swift
Shoe for sponsoring
2 additional Toast
Tuesdays! ❄️

Classroom of the Month!



Congratulations to Mrs McCleary's Grade 3's for being chosen for "Classroom of the Month" and receiving a pizza party!

Thank you to our special guests: Chris Martens and Colin Powers from Golden West Radio, and SC Broncos Parker Rondeau and Jace McFaul for bringing pizza and joining the party!



Fire Prevention Week

Our K-5 kids had a blast with the Firemen and in the inflatable Fire House!

Congratulations to our Fire Prevention Week Winners

Rudy Giesbrecht - Fire Chief for a Day

Sophia Dunnigan - Ride to School in a Fire Truck

Natasha Heighton - \$50 Gift Certificate from
Sputtergotch Toy Company

Sonny Rempel - Cinema Twin Family Pack

Layton & Lyric Stanley - Pizza Hut Class Pizza Party



In Motion Commotion

Canadian kids spend an average of 6-7 hours a day in front of a screen. That's 4-5 hours more than recommended levels. Screen time is one of the leading contributors to inactivity among our children and youth. Here are some alternatives to screen time for your child:

- For ages 7-14, come have fun at the Welcome to Recreation program. Days, times, and activities change monthly.
- For ages 0-5 Welcome To Recreation Families & Tots. A new program this fall offered in partnership with the Early Years Family Resource Centre. Follow the City of Swift Current Facebook page for more details.
- Register for Fun Days when there is no school! Upcoming 2024-25 dates: Nov. 8, Jan. 31, Feb. 21, March 24 & Apr. 25. This free program is for students in Kindergarten–Grade 6 and is held from 9:00 am– 4:00 pm with lunch and snacks provided.

For registration and details on all of these visit www.swiftcurrent.ca/play

The City of Swift Current Community Services – Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in Our Community!



BABYSITTER / HOME ALONE COURSE DATES



Babysitter Training Course

The course focuses on five main areas:

Business Skills
Leadership
Child Care
Injury Prevention
First Aid/CPR



Program geared to
children
10 years and older

Course Cost
\$65.00
per child

TIME: 9:00am to 4:00pm

2023 DATES

October 14
December 2

2024 Dates

February 3
April 6
June 1
August 7
October 5
December 7

First Aid Kit
\$10.00



Please bring:
Paper
Pen/Pencil
Healthy Snacks
Beverages
Lunch

CLASSROOM
Neufeld Auction Building
616 Cheadle St W

organised
responsible
caring
punctual
sharing
capable
reliable
baby-sitting
mature

To Register Email: cypressafas@gmail.com or on our Website: cypressafas.ca
BST Course fills up fast, to ensure spot register as soon as possible
with registration fee paid.



Home Alone Course

The course focuses on four main areas:



Responsibilities
Routines
Injury Prevention
First Aid

Program geared to
children
9 years and older

Course Cost
\$45.00
per child

TIME: 9:30am to 12:00pm

OR 1:00pm to 3:30pm

2023 DATES

September 9
November 4

2024 DATES

January 6
March 2
May 4
July 10
September 7
November 2



First Aid Kit
\$10.00

Please bring:
Paper
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To Register Email: cypressafas@gmail.com
Or visit our website: cypressafas.ca



BASIC or INTERMEDIATE & CPR-C/AED COURSE

Canadian Standards Association



CSA/First Aid/CPR-C/AED
TIME: 8:00am to 5/6:00pm

2023 Course Dates

September 16 & 17, R 18
October 16 & 17, R 18
November 18 & 19, R 20
December 4 & 5, R 6

2024 Course Dates

January 13 & 14, R 15
February 10 & 11, R 12
March 9 & 10, R 11
April 13 & 14, R 15
May 11 & 12, R 13
June 8 & 9, R 10
July 13 & 14, R 15
August 10 & 11, R 12
September 14 & 15, R 16
October 19 & 20, R 21
November 16 & 17, R 18
December 14 & 15, R 16

CSA/BASIC/CPR-C

One day (8 hours) First aid course
For employees working in low risk
environments such as customer service,
daycares, education

CSA/INTERMEDIATE/CPR-C

Two day (16 hours) First Aid course
For employees working in medium to high
risk environments such as oil field,
carpentry, mechanical, Coaches, etc.

CSA/INTERMEDIATE/CPR-C/BLS

Health Care students and employees

AED Training is included with all courses

Cost of Course

CSA/BASIC/CPR-C = \$125.00
CSA/INTERMEDIATE/CPR-C = \$165.00
CSA/INTERMEDIATE/CPR-C/BLS = \$175.00
Recertification
CSA/BASIC/CPR-C - No Recertification
CSA/INTERMEDIATE/CPR-C = \$165.00
CSA/INTERMEDIATE/CPR-C/BLS = \$175.00

BASIC - First day of listed dates
INTERMEDIATE - Both days
Recertification - R

Classroom
Neufeld Auction Building
616 Cheadle St W



To Register: Call 306.774.4885
Email: cypressafas@gmail.com Website: cypressafas.ca



ELECTION

Chinook Board of Education

NOVEMBER 13, 2024



NOTICE OF POLL 2024 Local Government Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

1. A poll has been granted for the election of:

COUNCILLOR: CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT

BOARD MEMBER: CHINOOK SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 211, SUBDIVISION NO. 8

2. Voting will take place on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling places:

<u>Polling Area No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	Trailview Alliance Church	298 Battleford Trail
2	InnovationPlex	2001 Chaplin Street East
3	Chinook Golf Course	663 – 6 th Avenue S.E.

3. I will declare the results of the election at City Hall, Council Chambers, 177 – 1st Avenue North East, Swift Current, Saskatchewan on the 15th day of November, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

Dated at Swift Current this 10th day of October, 2024.

Jackie Schlamp
Returning Officer

Halloween Recap

