

# ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

#### Welcome to April everyone!

March was a busy month with basketball playoffs, badminton, Kindergarten registration for 25/26, and so much more. Congratulations to the Senior boys' and girls' basketball teams on capturing the City League Championship banners to cap off a great season for both teams. We also want to give all of our students a shout out for not only exceeding, but beating, our attendance goals each month. Congratulations students for exceeding February's attendance goal of having over 90% attendance this month! April will be another exciting month at O.M. Irwin. Badminton, Parent Teacher Conferences, the Scholastic Book Fair, and preparing for track and field along with much more will keep the students busy.

Take care everyone and please do not hesitate to contact either of us at any time if you have any questions. We wish you all the best for a great month of April!

**Hoo Haa Ice Rocks!** 

Best Regards, O.M. Irwin School Administration Team Mr. Kohlman and Mr. Horn



# **Important Dates**

**April 1 - Toast Tuesday** 

April 1- May 27 - Kids in the Kitchen

**April 5 - Babysitter Training Course** 

**April 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences** 

**April 14 - Scholastic Book Fair** 

**April 15 - SCC Meeting** 

**April 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences** 

**April 16 - Scholastic Book Fair** 

**April 16 - Pizza Meal Day** 

**April 18 - Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)** 

**April 21-25 - Easter Break (NO SCHOOL)** 

April 30 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:15

April 30 - Assembly @ 12:30





May 3 - Home Alone Course

May 6 - Toast Tuesday

May 9 - Fire Drill

May 12 - Fire Drill

May 13 - Kindergarten Fluoride Varnish Program

May 13 - Kiwanis Middle Years Conference

May 15 - Fire Drill

May 19 - Victoria Day (NO SCHOOL)

May 20 - Burger King Meal Day

May 20 - SCC Meeting

May 21 - Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting @ 6:30 in the Library

May 26 - Kindergarten Orientation Day NO SCHOOL for Ms MCWillie's class

May 28 - Assembly @ 2:00

May 31 - Burger King Meal Day





### SCHOOL REMINDERS

We are asking parents and guests - if you are able - to please remove their boots/outside footwear prior to entering the gym for any events.

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 for upcoming events.

\*\*\*Please be sure to send a water bottle and cutlery, if needed, to school with your child.

The Irwin Ice Hut is available to kids in Grades 5-8 during the a.m. break!

Grades 5&6 on Days 1,3 & 5 / Grades 7&8 on Days 2, 4 & 6

Students are NOT to be dropped off or picked up in the staff parking lot!

To ensure your child's safety, please use George Street for pick-ups and drop-offs.

We appreciate you calling the school at 306-778-9270 when your child/children are going to be late or absent.

Please leave a voice message if you are calling before or

after school hours.

#### Thank you!

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Happy March, Irwin Families

One of the priority action-items for Chinook Schools this year is improving and celebrating positive student attendance. As such, at O.M. Irwin School, we are currently doing a 3 month attendance initiative for all of our students. For the months of January, February and March we have developed the following goals and positive rewards:

January - 88% School-wide attendance and students will earn an icy treat.

February - 90% School-wide attendance and students will earn a candy bag and class movie.

**March** - 92% School-wide attendance and students will earn a DJ Darby Atten-Dance-Party.

UPDATE: CONGRATULATIONS to our O.M. Irwin Ice students for successfully meeting or exceeding our attendance goals for the months of January, February & March! Watch for details on a well-deserved DJ Dance Party!!

Our goal is to both celebrate the positive attendance trends we see at O.M Irwin School, and to make an impact in increasing school attendance. If your family has barriers, or is struggling to get your child to school regularly, please reach out to any of the following staff members so we can support you: your child's homeroom teacher, our school counsellor, Michele Gurski, or either of our school administrators, Mr. Kohlman or Mr. Horn. We are here to help and support all of our families and students attend school on a regular basis.

Thank you for already encouraging your child to attend school and the partnerships we have developed between home and school. We love seeing each and every one of our students' smiling faces; they are one of the biggest reasons our staff loves coming to work!

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.



Dolly Parton

# Mental Health Matters

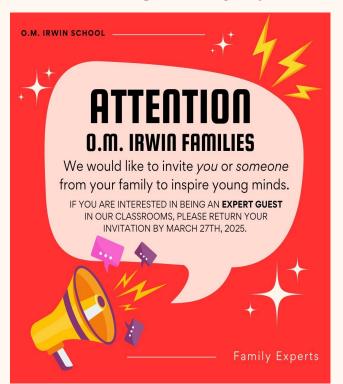




# O.M. Irwin School / SCC "Family Expert Program"

Please note the following information regarding our "Family Expert Program!"

We have extra forms in the office and would be happy to answer any questions, if you are interested in becoming a "Family Expert" and want to share your talents, careers and hobbies with our students!



We are excited to introduce our O.M. Irwin Family Expert program! The Irwin School SCC is working with the school staff to identify family members who have careers, hobbies, or talents they would like to share with students. Areas could be anything from construction, baking, hairdressing, and storytelling to pottery, music, farming, dentistry and everything in between. YOU are the EXPERT!

Wondering how this works?







4. Teachers can look through the resource and choose to invite Experts into their classrooms for special presentations.

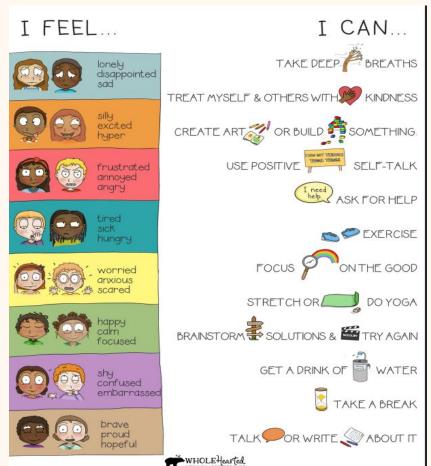
We cannot wait to welcome Experts into our school!

Thank you to our SCC for all their hard work in developing such an engaging and meaningful program.

We are looking forward to all of our O.M. Irwin "Family Expert" presentations!

# Message from Michele





# **Grade 3 Parade of Cultures**

The Grade 3 classes have been working hard in Social Studies creating their floats for our Parade of Cultures! Each student did a research project on a country of their choice and created a 'float' to represent the different aspects of that country's culture. We did the parade during the March assembly, and the floats will be on display in the Library for the next week.







# Parade of Cultures Cont'd









#### **BABYSITTER \* HOME ALONE \* CPR COURSES**



#### 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 \$50.00 per child

TIME: 9:30am to 12:00pm **OR** 1:00pm to 3:30pm

#### **2025 DATES**

January 11 March 1 May 3 July 9 September 13 November 1



First Aid Kit \$10.00

Please bring: Paper Pen/Pencil Healthy Snacks Beverage

CLASSROOM Neufeld Auction Building 616 Cheadle St W



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



#### Babysitter Training Course

Program geared to

children

Course Cost

\$70.00

per child

Please bring:

Paper

Pen/Pencil

Healthy Snacks

Beverages

Lunch

The course focuses on five main areas: **Business Skills** Leadership Child Care Injury Prevention First Aid/CPR

10 years and older

TIME: 9:00am to 4:00pm First Aid Kit

> 2025 Dates February 1 April 5 June 7 August 6 October 4

December 6

\$10.00

CLASSROOM Neufeld Auction Building 616 Cheadle St W



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.



STANDARD FIRST AID

#### BASIC or INTERMEDIATE & CPR-C/AED COURSE



BASIC FIRST AID/CPR-C

One day (8 hours) First aid course

For employees working in low risk

environments such as customer service, daycares, education

INTERMEDIATE FIRST AID/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.

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

> 2025 Course Dates January 18 & 19, R 20 February 5 & 6, R 7 March 8 & 9, R 10 April 14 & 15, R 16 May 12 & 13, R 14 June 21 & 22, R 23 July 14 & 15, R 16 August 11 & 12, R 13 September 20 & 21, R 22 October 6 & 7, R 8 November 15 & 16, R 17 December 8 & 9, R 10

INTERMEDIATE FA/CPR-C/BLS Health Care students and employees

\*AED Training is included with all courses\*

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

#### Cost of Course

BASIC FA/CPR-C = \$125.00 INTERMEDIATE FA/CPR-C = \$175.00 INTERMEDIATE FA/CPR-C/BLS = \$185.00 Recertification BASIC FA/CPR-C - No Recertification INTERMEDIATE FA/CPR-C = \$175.00

INTERMEDIATE FA/CPR-C/BLS = \$185.00

Classroom Neufeld Auction Building 616 Cheadle St W

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



### **Grade 4 Field Trip**

Mrs Johnston and Mr Boyer's Grade 4 classes visited the Swift Current Museum in March. They explored the main exhibit, The History or Saskatchewan, and their temporary gallery, A Taste of Science.

It was a great afternoon!













### Staff vs Student Basketball Game

Once, again, the gym was buzzing for the annual "Staff vs Student" basketball game! The students gave the staff a run for their money, but the staff were able to pull off the W. Thanks to the Staff and Grade 8 senior players for some great basketball, a lot of laughs, and a super fun afternoon for everyone in the gym!









# BAND NEWS!

Grade 6-8 band students are performing in the Swift Current Music Festival on Thursday,

April 10 at Irwin School.

Please consider coming to watch your student perform that morning!



Performance schedule is as follows:

Grade 8: 9:30-10:00

Grade 7: 10:15-10:45

Grade 6: 11:00-11:30



Our spring band trips are coming up quickly.

Grade 7's are heading to Saskatoon on May 7-8, and the grade 8's are heading to Calgary on May 28-30. Chaperones are required for both trips.

Please email mjersak10@chinooksd.ca to volunteer!







JUNE 10



### **WARM WEATHER REMINDERS**

As warmer weather approaches, we would like to remind students, parents, and guardians that school is a formal environment, and it is expected that students are dressed appropriately.

If in the opinion and professional discretion of a staff member a student is dressed inappropriately, parents will be contacted and the student will be asked to put on their Phys. Ed clothes.

Parents can also bring appropriate clothing to school.

Let's have a fun and happy Spring!



# It's BOOK FAIR time!

April 14th and April 16th, 2025 During Parent/Teacher Conferences O. M. Irwin School Library

Hope to see you there!

COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE

Dates / Times / Place

Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! Woo hoo!

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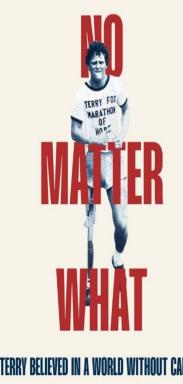


O.M. Irwin School raised \$12,754.58 for cancer research during our Terry Fox Fundraising campaign in the fall.

We are very excited to share the news that O.M. Irwin School has placed in the Top 100 schools out of the over 10,000 schools across Canada that participated in the Terry Fox Run this year!

We are also very excited to share that we are the TOP FUNDRAISING School in Saskatchewan for the third year in a row!

Thank you to all of our students and our school community for your support for all of our fundraising activities. We are looking forward to the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marathon of Hope in the fall of 2025!



TERRY BELIEVED IN A WORLD WITHOUT CANCER



# KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

The Spring session of Kids in the Kitchen is set to begin on April 1st and run every Tuesday after school until May 27th. (excluding April 22nd)

We are looking forward to working with another group of Kids in the Kitchen this Spring!







# O.M. Irwin School Spirit!

Our entire school surprised the Comp Colts and Ardens Basketball Teams with an awesome send off to Hoopla in March! Irwin students and staff lined the bus loop, waving banners in support of both teams as the Comp buses drove through so the Ardens and Colts could see all of their cheering fans!

We got a surprise, as well, when all of the Ardens and Colts basketball players got out of the vans and ran around the bus loop, giving us all high fives to show their appreciation for such a fantastic and unexpected send off!

Both schools showed such amazing school spirit!







# In Motion Commotion

Nature Play will be held Saturday mornings in the month of May for children in Grades 1-5.

Nature Play is a wonderful opportunity for curious minds to have some outdoor fun,
learning and adventure! Registration opens on April 14.

For more information or to register visit www.swiftcurrent.ca/play

Did you know that 65% of Saskatchewan parents with 5–17 year-olds report that parks and playgrounds are within half a kilometre of their home? This is definitely true in Swift Current! We have 20 parks and playgrounds as well as tennis courts, a skateboard park, horseshoe pits, soccer fields, basketball courts, beach volleyball courts and over 20 kilometres of Chinook Parkway alongside the Swift Current Creek. So go outside and have fun being active this spring and summer!













# THANK YOU!



Thank you to Faith Evangelical
Church for your monetary
donation and continued support
of our
O.M. Irwin School Breakfast
Program.

As always, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Peavey Mart for donating several boxes of school/office supplies they will no longer be needing due to their store closing.

Thanks, as well, to Austin's Courier for delivering the supplies!

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to Pioneer Co-op, Innovation Credit Union & the City of Swift Current for your generous donation to our school's Breakfast Program!



Pioneer Co-op, along with partners Innovation Federal Credit Union and the City of Swift Current are proud to announce that \$1500 was raised in support of the Chinook School Division Breakfast Club from this year's Family Skate event on Family Day! Thank you again to all of the kids and families who came out for a skate and bought a hot dog in support of such a worthy cause!

Get ready to dive into the vibrant world of agriculture with the Chinook Board of Education... we are thrilled to announce the CHINOOK AGRICULTURE CONTEST!

Join us as we celebrate the rich heritage and boundless potential of agriculture. Students can submit entries in an individual or classroom category for a chance to win great prizes! Check out contest details and sponsor information on the Chinook website.

### THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

Chinook will be recognizing each of our prize sponsors throughout the contest on social media, on our website, and on posters displayed in school communities.





The Chinook Board of Education is dedicated to **honouring the invaluable role** agriculture plays in shaping our lives.



Let's cultivate a deeper appreciation for agriculture and **inspire a new generation** to carry its legacy forward!

Submission deadline: May 2, 2025

Contest details: www.chinooksd.ca

