






Administration Message



Happy May!



With only two months left in the school year there is a lot to pack in before the end of June: finishing badminton, starting track and field, some year-end field trips and, of course, lots of learning. With April wrapped up we wanted to give a huge shout out to all of our students, parents and staff for meeting all three of their monthly attendance goals for the Spring; great job, everyone! In the world of new items O.M. Irwin School is also looking forward to some family experts joining our classes to share some learnings about their unique interests, careers and knowledge areas. A big thanks goes to our S.C.C. for facilitating this wonderful opportunity. Also in May, we will be welcoming the new K students and parents for the 25/26 school year for our K-Orientation night.



Have a great month, everyone!



Geoffrey Horn
Vice Principal



Important Dates



May 3 - Home Alone Course
May 6 - Toast Tuesday
May 9 - Subway Meal Day
May 9 - Mrs Potter's Grade 2's Field Trip to the Museum
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 - 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 30 - Burger King Meal Day

June 3 - Toast Tuesday
June 3 - OSAC Presentation
June 4 - Early Dismissal @ 2:15
June 12 - Excellence Awards & Grade 8 Farewell
June 17 - Grade 4 - 8 Track & Field Meet @ SCCHS
June 17 - SCC Meeting
June 20 - Pizza Meal Day
June 20 - Grade K-3 Track & Field
June 24 - Farewell Assembly @ 10:20 a.m.
June 26 - Year-end Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.
June 26 - Last Day for Students :)
June 26 - Report Cards sent home with students ○
June 27 - Report Cards Posted





UPCOMING ASSEMBLY DATES

Please mark your calendars for our final 3 assemblies
of the 2024/2025 school year.



May Assembly: **Wednesday, May 28th @ 2:00 p.m.**

June Farewell Assembly: **Tuesday, June 24th @ 10:20 a.m.**

Year End Assembly: **Thursday, June 26th @ 9:00 a.m.**



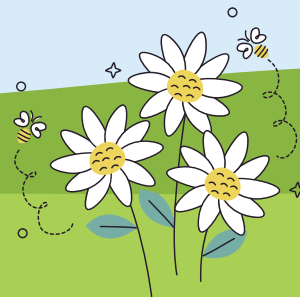
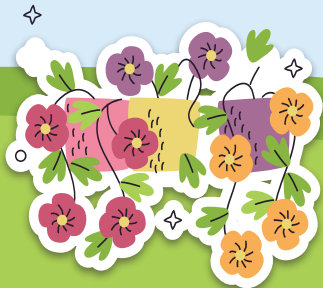
2025/2026 Kindergarten Orientation Information



O.M. Irwin School Kindergarten Orientation for the 2025/2026 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 26th.

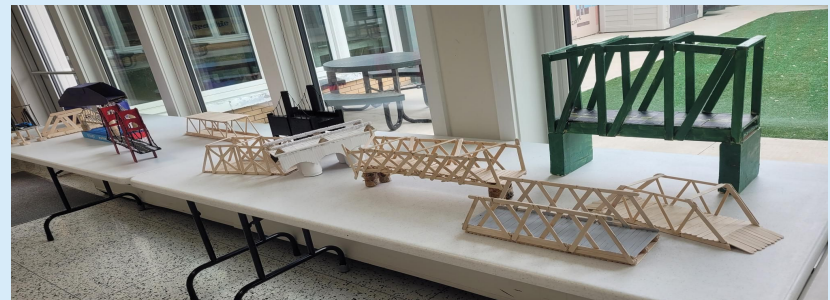
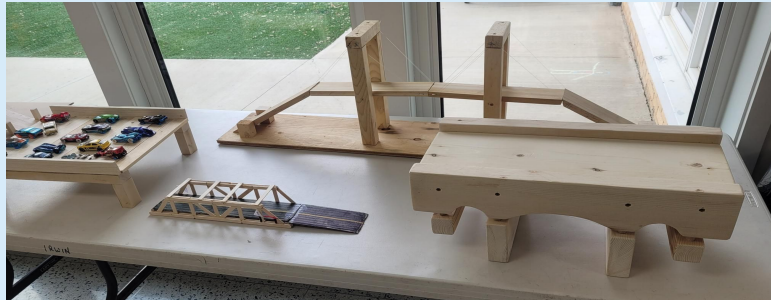
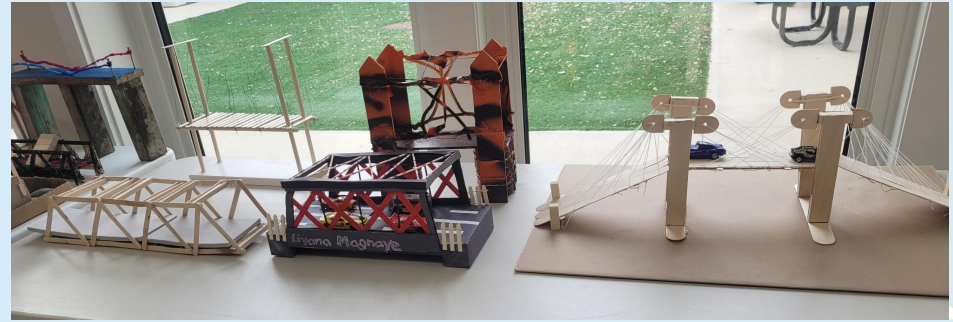
Students will attend school from either 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **or 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

The Kindergarten Parent meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21st in the O.M. Irwin School library at 6:30 p.m.



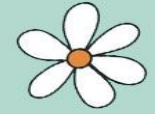
GRADE 3 NEWS

The Grade 3's just completed their “Structures & Materials” unit. For their at home project, the students all designed and built their own bridge!



Mental Health Matters

your mind is a garden.
Cultivate positivity,
and let the flowers
of joy bloom.



Kindergarten Spring Party!

Our Grade 7 students showed kindness and leadership by supervising stations during the Kindergarten Spring Party!
Everyone had a fantastic time!



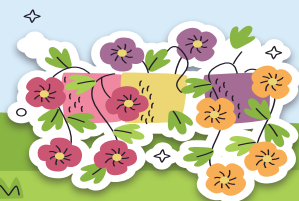
Get ready to dive into the vibrant world of agriculture with the Chinook Board of Education... we are thrilled to announce the **CHINOOK AGRICULTURE CONTEST!**

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.



Chinook Board of Education AGRICULTURE CONTEST



Choose a category



Submit a short video



Win great prizes!



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

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!



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 and staff are dressed appropriately.

If in the opinion and professional discretion of a staff member a student is dressed inappropriately, he/she will be asked to put on their Phys. Ed clothes.
Parents may also be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school.

ENJOY THE WARM WEATHER!



Library News!

O. M. Irwin School had a *fabulous* Book Fair!

Every purchase helped put new books in our main library and classroom libraries.





Message from Michele


Things to Say to Your Anxious Child



1. I'm here with you. *You're* safe.

☆ 2. Do *you* want to do some dancing or running to get rid of the worried energy?

○ 3. Tell me about it.



4. What would you like to say to your worry? What might your worry say back? Then what?


5. Let's draw it.

6. What does it feel like in your body?
Where is the worry? How big is it?

7. Match your breaths to mine.

8. Let's think up some endings for what could happen (anxious ones, goofy ones, **AND** realistic ones).

9. What's something we could do to help you feel better.



Support for School ATTENDANCE Issues:



Does your child give you a hard time about coming to school? Does your child say, “I don’t want to go to school” or take too long getting ready in the morning? It’s a common problem! Here are some tips to help curb the bad habit before it turns into a serious concern.

- First, make sure you understand the importance of your child being at school on time every day. Even a few lates really add up! Say your child is only 10 minutes late each school day. Not a big deal right? Well, that adds up to 1,750 minutes = almost 30 hours of school missed in one year! **THAT IS A BIG DEAL!**
- Determine any school or home barriers that are preventing your child from coming to school. Are they prepared? Do they connect with their teacher? Do they feel safe at school? Do they have a routine for bedtime and morning at home?
- Communicate with your child’s teacher, school counsellor, or principal to help your child feel better about coming to school.
- Once any simple barriers are removed, make it a priority to get them to school on time. Do not make or accept any excuses!
- Routines are key. Bedtime should be consistent to ensure enough rest. Most school aged children need between 8-10 hours. Adults should set the bedtime.
- Develop a morning routine that works. If you or your child is constantly rushing to get out the door, everyone needs to get up at least 15 minutes earlier. Rushing is not a good way to start the day.

If your child continues to give you a hard time about coming to school, try using logical consequences to help them change their own behavior and learn responsibility. Here are a few examples for dealing with frequent problems:

- Your child fusses and fights each morning or refuses to get ready. Immediately implement an earlier bedtime of at least 30 minutes. Explain to your child that their behavior shows that they need more sleep. When they can show better behavior in the morning consistently, they can earn back a later bedtime little by little.
- Your child doesn’t care if they’re late. However many minutes of school they miss, they spend doing extra homework after school. Or, they go to bed a minute earlier for each minute they miss school.



Grade 2 Earth Day Activities

Earth day took place on April 22.

To recognize this day and our commitment to it as a class, we hosted Emma Murdoch, a student at SCCHS who is passionate about the environment, to our class. She shared some important facts and information with us about how humans impact the Earth.

Following her presentation, she led us in a collage activity where we wrote our commitments to the environment on scrap paper and used magazine clippings to create collages.

Thank you for the experience Emma!



O.M. Irwin Ice students earned some fantastic rewards for meeting or exceeding our attendance goals this winter.

In January they received ice cream treats, in February they were treated to an afternoon movie and their final reward for March was a School Dance Party featuring the one and only DJ Darby! Way to to Ice!

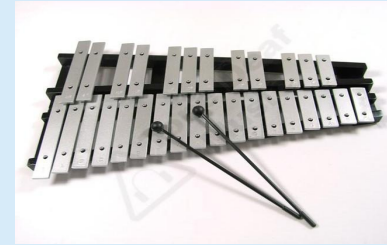


Dance Party

Featuring DJ Darby



Band News!



**The O.M. Irwin Grade 6-8 Band Concert will be held on June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Hope to see you there!!**

Our spring band trips are coming up quickly.

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

Please email mjersak10@chinooksd.ca to volunteer!

CYPRESS ADVANCED SERVICES LTD.



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

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
\$70.00
per child

TIME: 9:00am to 4:00pm

2025 Dates

February 1
April 5
June 7
August 6
October 4
December 6

First Aid Kit
\$10.00



Please bring:
Paper
Pen/Pencil
Healthy Snacks
Beverages
Lunch

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capable
punctual
baby-sitting
reliable
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.



STANDARD FIRST AID BASIC or INTERMEDIATE & CPR-C/AED COURSE



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

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

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.

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

AED Training is included with all courses

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





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Thank you to the Southwest & Area Filipino
Association for your monetary donation!



Faith Evangelical Mission Church

Thank you, once again, for your generous
Walmart gift card donation.



*Your thoughtful donations are very
much appreciated and will be used for
our school's Breakfast Program!*



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. Let's encourage our kids to get outdoors and be active. Go for a walk, play a game of catch, visit a playground, play a game of soccer, or take a bike ride.

The City of Swift Current in partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Kiwanis Club of Swift Current will be hosting the annual Bike Safety event on Wednesday, May 14 at Riverdene Park from 4:00 – 6:30 pm. There will be bike and helmet inspections, safety awareness, fun cycling activities and great prizes! Watch for upcoming promotions.

For more information, contact us at (306)778-2787 or visit swiftcurrent.ca/play



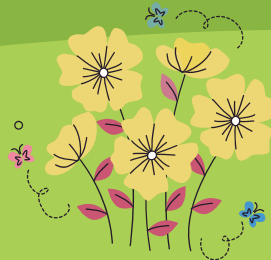
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JUNE 10**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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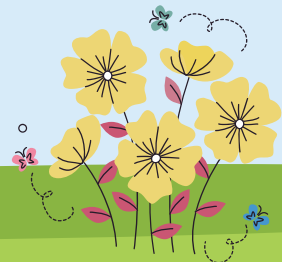


Irwin School has an ongoing fundraiser with
Mabel's Labels! These are waterproof,
laundry and dishwasher safe labels in fun
designs that make it easy to label all your
student's items that come to school!
Get ready for back to school by ordering
early! Shipping is free, and items are
delivered to your address!

Click the link to access our fundraising page:

[www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)

and then enter **OM Irwin** into the search bar
to support our school!



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