

February, 2012

Chinook's Edge School Division #73



River Valley School

What happens at RVS during cold weather?

Bus Route Delays and Cancellation Information

CESD cancels buses when the air temp hits -35°C , or when the wind chill hits -40°C . We also know that some buses simply refuse to start at temps above -35 so individual routes may be cancelled on some days.

The only reliable public information about school bus cancellation is the Chinook's Edge website.

<http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Route%20Delays%20and%20Cancellations%20-%20Sundre.php>

If your child's bus has been cancelled for the day, the driver will notify you by phone. During times of cold weather, rumours are plentiful. We often make an attendance safety check phone call in the morning to parents who are surprised there is school because they had heard through the grapevine that school has been cancelled or that no buses were running when all buses were on the road.

On days when there are no buses, RVS is still open and we encourage students who can make it safely to school on those days to do so. We will provide meaningful learning opportunities to students, no matter how many are here on a given day. Depending on how many students are in a class, teachers may have a normal day and introduce new material, do some review, or small group reinforcement activities. If your child phones home to say that "nothing is happening," or "no one is here," please give us a call.

FOUND

A Camcorder and case. They were left at the Kindergarten and Grade 2 Christmas Concert in December. Please contact the RVS Office.

During cold weather days, we recognize that students are likely not getting outside, so we will make an effort to get all students in the gym for some exercise. We recognize the importance of students getting fresh air and exercise at recess, but it is not always possible to get kids outside. Our guideline for indoor recesses is -20°C but this is influenced by wind, sun and other factors.

Please ensure your child is dressed to go outside in winter conditions.

Mr. R. MacLean

Principal, River Valley School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2012—2013

January 23th—February 29th

8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Child must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2012

To ensure that your child gets into the Kindergarten Program for September,

Chinook's Edge School Division requires you to bring:

Birth Certificate/Passport (Proof of Age)

Legal Land Description (Rural Area) - example- NW-32-33-04-W5

Physical Street Address (Town) - example - 310 Centre Street N

Mailing Address (Rural and Town) - example—Site xx Box xx RR x



River Valley School Council will be amending its by-laws. Proposed changes affect the timing of the election of Council officers. This will be done during the meeting scheduled for **3:30 pm on March 13, 2012** in our school library. All School Council meetings are open to all parents of students attending RVS. We hope to see you there.

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

River Valley School will be having a Science Fair on Friday, February 3rd. Students will set up their experiments from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Friday and will meet with one or more judges sometime during the morning of the fair. First Place, Second Place and Honorable Mention will be determined by 1:00 p.m. During the afternoon, classrooms may come and view the projects. Parents are welcome to come view the entries between 3:00—5:00 p.m. The winning students will be invited to go on to the Mountain View Science and Technology Society, County Science Fair on **February 25th** in Didsbury at Westglen School. Please contact Miss Hansen or Ms. Lowes at the school with any questions or concerns.



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL SKI CLUB NEWS

The club will run Tuesdays and Thursdays

Cost is:

\$30.00 per student and

\$40.00 per adult

Plus anyone can rent skis for \$10.00 per set per day.

This program is for Grade 4's to adults.

Come out with your child(ren) and have fun during the winter months.

If you have any questions please contact Everett Bourgonje at 403-638-3939.



★ **Orange & Grapefruit Sales** ★

★ Students went out in the community Tuesday, January 17th to Tuesday, January 24th selling fruit as part of our 27th Annual Orange & Grapefruit fundraiser. The money raised supports playground equipment, field trips, guest speakers, performers and student activities. ★

Pick Up Fruit

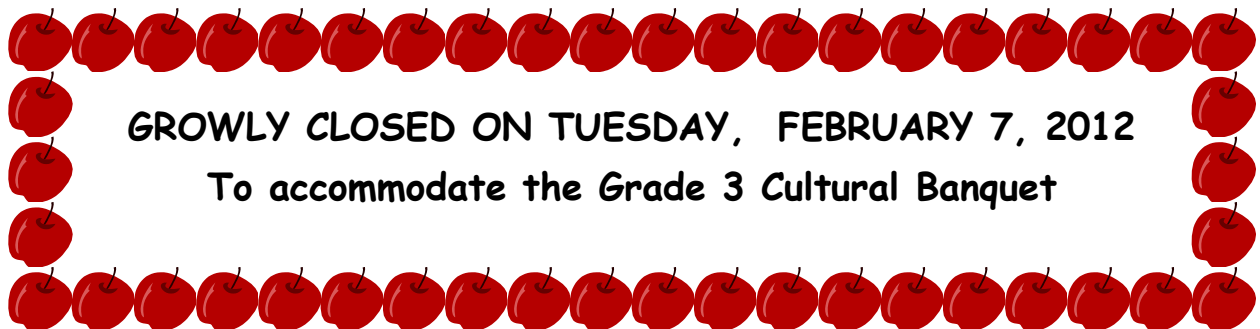
at the OLD entrance of the school

(east facing doors to RVS Parking Lot)

Tuesday, Feb. 14th— 12:00 p.m. —7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15th—8:45 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16th—8:45 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.



GROWLY CLOSED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

To accommodate the Grade 3 Cultural Banquet

Ten read-aloud commandments

Mem Fox's Ten Read Aloud Commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

CARNAVAL de SUNDRE



Madame Free has been hard at work for the past couple of weeks planning the 4th annual "Carnaval de Sundre" for all of the grade 4, 5, and 6 students on

Thursday, February 9th

Besides the regular activities such as snow and ice sculptures, singing and dancing, and a horse and wagon, she also has a couple of surprises up her sleeve! "Les Bûcherons" will be providing classroom workshops in the morning as well as a "Cabane à Sucre" in the afternoon. These two storytellers from Sherwood Park expose students to music, dance and stories about the French Canadian culture and Canadian history.

Madame Free would like to thank RVS' Fine Arts Committee for providing some of the financial support to bring "Les Bûcherons" to our students. Face painting is another of the popular activities during Carnaval and this year, Cynthia Spurrier is really helping out with our face painting station! A professional clown who prefers to go by the name "Little Smarty", she is a master of a variety of things from face painting and ballooning to magic. She does most of her clowning with Giggle Gang Clowning in Didsbury. Cynthia has kindly donated her time and resources this year to help Carnaval be the best it can be! Merci, Little Smarty!

More adult volunteers are needed to help Carnaval run smoothly this year. If you are interested in volunteering from 12 noon until 3:05 pm on Thursday, February 9th, please contact Kim Free at kfree@chinooksedge.ab.ca The more volunteers, the merrier!



**Carnaval
de Sundre**

Nutrition For Learning Corner

We hope that everyone had a relaxing Christmas break and that parents and students are eager to come back to school with healthy lunches that will give them the fuel they need to learn. NFL would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas bake sale before the holidays.

Nutrition Nuggets: Have supper for breakfast! Who says breakfast has to be cereal, toast or a muffin? Leftovers from dinner, especially if they involve veggies, and lean protein like chicken or salmon are a filling, satisfying, nutritious way to start your day. Plus, there's no preparation needed; just heat it up in the microwave and go!

There are still quite a few more lunches that you need to make for your kids before the end of the year. Kids get bored with their sandwiches too. Switch things up by varying the kinds of breads & buns. Try a different flavour of spread, mustard or mayo. Boost nutritional value and crunch by adding tomato, lettuce, sprouts, pickles, peppers or other vegetables.

Nutrition For Learning is pleased to present

A Valentine's Dinner & Entertainment Fundraiser

Featuring the velvet voice & music of
Melony Gibbs & Christina Szulikowski

February 10th at the Elks Hall

Doors open @ 6pm

Tickets are \$30 & can be purchased by calling

Angela @ 638-7921 or

Georgina @556-9562

Surrounded by Chinook’s Edge Values

A Message from the Superintendent

Teachers and staff in our schools work very hard to ensure quality learning and to provide opportunities for our students to develop new skills. As importantly, we work to build meaningful relationships and nurture a safe and caring culture where each student feels a sense of belonging. We recognize the uniqueness of every single child in our care and we know we don’t just help students learn. We have the ability to help them change their lives for the better forever.

From their first day of Kindergarten to the time they graduate from high school, our students are surrounded by values that guide our every effort in Chinook’s Edge. Our division’s new Mission and Vision statements bring to life the values that we can all be proud of.

Mission

Chinook’s Edge School Division will engage every student
in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging
and believing in them.

Vision

Chinook’s Edge School Division will be universally recognized
as a collaborative learning community where learning is
personalized for all students to achieve success as
compassionate and innovative global citizens.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Calendar for February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Day 2 Pizza Day	2 Day 3	3 Day 4
6 Day 5	7 Day 6 Grade 7 & 8 Ski Trip Grade 3 Cultural Day Growly Closed	8 Day 7	9 Day 8 Grade 6-8 Dance Carnaval de Sundre— Grade 4-6	10 Friday Off No Staff or Students in Attendance
13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 Pizza Day	17 Day 5
18 Family Day Holiday	21 Day 6	22 Day 7	23 ATA Convention No School	24 ATA Convention No School
27 Day 8	28 Day 1	29 Day 2		