



River Valley School Newsletter

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Provincial Achievement Test Results!

The results of last June's Provincial Achievement Tests are in. These tests are written by all Alberta Grade 3 students in Language Arts and Math, and all Alberta Grade 6 students in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. The tests provide information on how each student is doing and feedback to the teachers about the effectiveness of specific instructional strategies. This year, (as it has been for the last 5 years), more RVS Grade 3 and 6 students have hit the Acceptable Standard on these tests than the provincial average. Every RVS Grade 3 student who wrote the test hit the Acceptable Standard in Language Arts and all but one student hit that standard in Math. An AMAZING 40% of Grade 3 students reached the Standard of Excellence in Math! Well done staff and students!

Rod MacLean, Principal

River Valley School

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From the RVS Library:

Thanks to the volunteer spirit of the helpers at the Scholastic Bookfair: Angie Dube, Gerry Greschner, Diana Halladay, Lynn Bourgonje, Kathy McBain, Kayla Pearce and Angie Schmie-mann. Student Cheyenne Mearns also came every day to help out!

With proceeds from the bookfair we are able to take 60% of the profit in free books for the library. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Proceeds from this worthy fundraiser have allowed us bring in **Kevin MacKenzie** who will be storytelling to the whole school in three different sessions next Friday. Please stay posted for times.

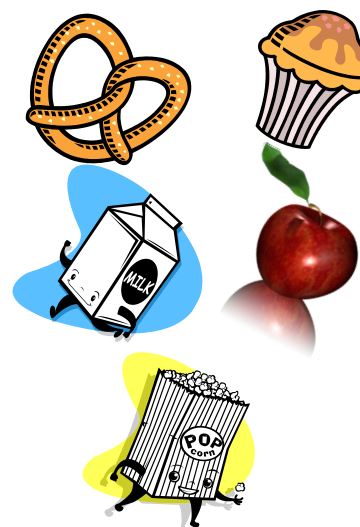
SPECIAL DATES IN NOVEMBER

- * **Nov 11—**
Remembrance Day
(No Staff or Students in Attendance)
- * **Nov 21—PD Day**
(No Students in Attendance)
- * **Nov 30 —Report
Cards Go Home**



NUTRITION FOR LEARNING

Nutrition for Learning has a website. Check out www.sundrepeople.com/NFL for all kinds of information on the program, lunch box ideas and fun things for kids to check out. If you have ideas or comments about the NFL website, want to know how you can get involved or to make a donation, call 638-1011 or 638-3939.



Science Fair at River Valley School is on Friday, February 3rd, 2012. Start thinking about your project and see Ms. Lowes or Ms. Hansen if you have any questions!



LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found Box is starting to fill up. Please ask your child to stop and take a look. Parents are also welcome to come in and take a look. There are many articles of clothing that would like to find their way home, they just need their owner to come and pick them up.

BUS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Parents are responsible for calling their bus driver the night before or before the driver leaves for his/her morning run if a student will not be on the bus. This would include the child not riding the bus home after school as well. If a parent picks up their child from school during the day, they need to contact the bus driver so a bus is not kept waiting unnecessarily.

If the parent has tried to contact the bus driver during the day and was unable to, please contact the school office and a message will be given out to the bus driver.

Check the CESD website for bus cancellations at

www.chinooksedge.ab.ca





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas.

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. (You may pick up a shoe box from Mrs. Tubb & Mrs. Fahrlander).

SUGGESTIONS

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or pencil crayons, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yoyos, skipping ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, Slinky®, etc.

Hygiene: toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: Candy (hard through the centre, in manufacturers packaging), T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, etc.

Do Not Include:

- Toothpaste (Due to customs regulations.)
- Liquids, or items that leak, melt or freeze (These can spoil boxes) shampoo, gels, paint, cream, lip balm, liquid glue, etc.
- Food Items - (Due to shipping regulations) chewy, soft-centered, crumbly, or unwrapped candy, gum, Rockets, Tootsie Roll etc.
- Used Items—(Due to customs regulations)
- Breakable Items - glass, porcelain, mirrors, etc.
- Items that can scare or harm a child - knives, war-related toys, toy guns, etc.

BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label shown above. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. (See Mrs. Tubb and Mrs. Fahrlander for Labels)

**Deadline for the Shoe Box Pick Up at
River Valley School is
Monday, November 21st.**

(There were approximately 75 shoe boxes made by
RVS staff and students last year)

HOPES AND DREAMS CAN COME TRUE

River Valley School Staff and Students are helping out with Santa's Anonymous Program again this year. The program will start on November 21st. For every nonperishable food item and/or new toy brought to the school, a STAR with your child's name will be placed on the display outside the Administration Office. Please help light up a less fortunate family's Christmas in our community and make their Christmas season festive and bright. Thank you for your generous donations.

Just a reminder that Santa Anonymous last pick up for the items at River Valley School will be Thursday morning, December 8th.

The Mitten Tree

Mrs. Lenz will have a Christmas tree in the Library again this year. Students, parents and staff are encouraged to decorate the tree with mitten, toques and scarves for families in need in our community.





Helping our students achieve success

A message from the Superintendent

Results from provincial achievement tests and diploma exams show Chinook's Edge is serving our students well in meeting standards set by the Government of Alberta. Provincial achievement tests, which are administered each year to students in grade three, six and nine, indicate Chinook's Edge is seeing an increase in several measures and we firmly believe the supports we have implemented are working. We still face challenges in results for certain subject areas at the diploma exam level, and we have specific supports in place to address those.

We are continually striving for improvement in our key outcomes. Good instructional strategies, a new education planning process, exam analyses, a focus on Quality Learning Environments and Instructional Leadership, and increased instructional collaboration – these are just some of the initiatives we have established as we continue working toward achieving higher levels of excellence. Because everyone at Chinook's Edge wants ALL students to achieve, we are very pleased to see our participation rates are above provincial average. Chinook's Edge is a division of hardworking students, skillful staff, devoted parents and supportive communities.

Our schools have detailed information regarding their specific results, and we invite you to take a look at what is happening in your school. Overall, the information shows high levels of satisfaction among students, parents and staff with the quality of education in our division. Thank you for the work you do in providing such a solid education to Chinook's Edge students.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Day 6	2 Day 7	3 Day 8	4 Day 1
7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Remembrance Day
14 Day 6	15 Day 7	16 Day 8	17 Day 1	18 Day 2
21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 PD Day (No Students in Attendance)
28 Day 7	29 Day 8	30 Day 1 Report Cards Go Home		

