



# River Valley School Newsletter

Chinook's Edge  
School Division

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## Message from the Principal:

Welcome back all students and staff!

The start of a new school year brings excitement for all of us. The entire staff has been buzzing around the building getting things ready for their new students. We are all looking forward to the opportunity we have to help your children meet the new challenges that await them in school this year. It is always great to see all those smiling, eager faces in the halls on day one. If you have any questions about what awaits your child this year, do not hesitate to call us here at 638-3939.

On behalf of the all the staff, I want to welcome you and your children back to school. By working together, we all help make River Valley School a safe and happy place to learn.

Rod MacLean, Principal

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This newsletter is available in electronic form at the new **RVS website!** We will increase our reliance on the website as a communication tool as the year progresses. Please check it out at:

<http://www.rivervalleysundre.ca/>





## Picture Days

All students will be photographed at no charge. Approximately 3 weeks later 2 separate proofs with package information and an order form will be sent home with each child. At that time you can make your selection and submit your order along with payment. Class pictures will be taken on September 27th and 28th as well.

**Tuesday**  
**September 27th**  
(Kindergarten & Gr. 1-4)

**Wednesday**  
**September 28th**  
(Kindergarten & Gr. 5-8)



## Growly Counter Volunteers

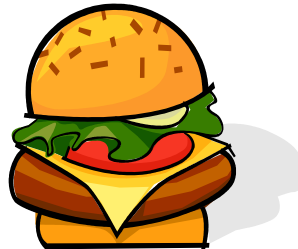
The Growly is scheduled to open Tuesday, September 6th. We are looking for parents to volunteer one hour per week in the Growly.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Shelly Matchett at the school. (638-3939). A big thank you to last years volunteers!



Chips—\$1.50  
Choc. Bars—\$1.50  
Creamsicle—\$1.25  
Ice Cream Sandwiches— \$1.25

**Prices subject to change**



## Growly Menu

(Some of the items)

Hamburger	\$2.00
Cheeseburger	\$2.25
Chicken Burger	\$2.50
Hot Dog	\$1.50
Pizza Pop	\$1.50
Chili/Bun	\$2.50
Soup of the Day	\$2.00
Nacho & Cheese	\$2.00
Veggie & Dip	\$1.50
Cup A Soup	\$1.50
Puffed Wheat Square	\$1.50
Cinnamon Bun	\$2.00

## Looking for resources to support your child?

LearnAlberta.ca

(<http://www.learnalberta.ca>) supports lifelong learning by providing quality online resources to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 community in Alberta. Students, teachers, and parents can use the site to find multimedia learning resources that are correlated to the Alberta Programs of Studies.

**Access: LA 08**

**Password: 2732**



## Sundre and District School Fair Friday, September 9th

Again, we are very excited to be participating in the longest continuously running School Fair in the province. Teachers collected students' school work throughout the last school year and will be judging that work the morning of the fair. The public is invited to view the students' work in the **RVS Gym from 1:00–4:00 p.m.** Come on out! Inspect the exhibits and share the excitement.

**Horticulture, Industrial Arts, Baking and Handicraft** entries can be brought to the Curling Rink, Thursday, 7:00–9:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00–10:00 a.m. Public viewing will be from approximately **2:30–7:00 p.m. at the Curling Rink.** Booklets, and listing categories are available at Sew Perfect and the Town of Sundre Library.

Come out and see what River Valley School students can do!!



**Km Club:** September 12th  
through to October 14th



## Welcome Back BBQ

- WHEN?** Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 -7: 00 p.m.
- WHAT?** Welcome Back BBQ and Information night
- WHERE?** River Valley School Gymnasium
- WHY?** River Valley School and Greenwood Neighbourhood Place are hosting an information and registration barbecue. Families will be invited to explore the many amazing opportunities the Sundre area has to be physically active and ways to get involved in the community.
- WHO?** All Sundre Students and Families
- HOW?** Come on out and check it out!
- Buy a Hamburger and see what Sundre has to offer!**
- (Money raised goes to the Renaissance Program)**

## BAND NEWS FOR 2011–2012

### Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011 -

Instrument Rental Night & Choir Sign-up - we will have a table at the Welcome Back BBQ that evening. **5:00–7:00 p.m.**

### Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 -

Demo Night & Sundre Band Parents Society Annual General Meeting - Chocolates Fundraiser begins - every gr. 6 - 8 band student needs to prepay for their case of chocolates that night (bring \$75) - **RVS Gym @ 6:30 pm**

### Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 -

Sundre Bands Christmas Concert -  
**Sundre High School Gym @ 7:00 pm**

### Wednesday, May 30, 2012 -

RVS Spring Concert - **RVS Gym @ 7:00 pm**



Library Notes from Mrs. Lenz:

The library is in great shape for another year of learning, literacy and building skills for the future. Please access the library homepage for free resources accessible for home use as well. This includes online subscriptions for picture books and chapter books, (including classics) on the Tumblebooks and Tumble-readable links. LearnAlberta provides many online encyclopedia links and homework helpers for all grades. Be sure to make good use of these options provided free for your use by Alberta Ed. RAZ KIDS is also linked as well as many other useful sites.

The link below takes you to the River Valley School Library Homepage. From there you can access many resources. Scroll down below the eagle to find the links. The catalogue tab at the top will give you access to the school library collection (books) and Webpath Express (on the left side) that includes internet links to subjects chosen by teachers for curriculum support as well as the library books. <http://destiny.chinooksedge.ab.ca/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home>

Library Notes

The library has booked it's Scholastic Book Fair again during Parent-Teacher Interviews from October 24-26 2011. Your past participation has benefitted the students through author visits, artist/student creative productions, furniture and technology and extra reading materials. Raising readers has always been our goal and your support has been tremendous. Thank

September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2
5 Labour Day Holiday	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Welcome Back Barbeque	8 Day 5	9 School Fair No Students in Attendance
12 Day 6	13 Day 7	14 Day 8	15 Day 1	16 Day 2
19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 PD Day No Students in Attendance
26 Day 7	27 Day 8 Picture Day K, Gr. 1-4	28 Day 1 Picture Day K, Gr. 5-8	29 Day 2	30 Day 3



## Beginnings

### A Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to another wonderful year in Chinook's Edge!

Over this past year, we have worked very hard to revisit our motto, our mission statement, and our vision for the future. I am proud to say that our motto, *Where Students Come First*, was strongly affirmed as the way we will continue to make decisions in this school division. Our mission and vision statements were reworded to reflect new research and to honour the priorities of the many people we engaged across Chinook's Edge. Our vision statement is designed to stretch all of us over the next few years to achieve student success that goes above and beyond anything we have accomplished in the past.

To achieve this, we need to not only support our teachers in their professional learning, but we also need to support our school based administrators as they focus on enhancing their instructional leadership skills. To this end, we are very fortunate to have Dr. David Townsend and Dr. Pamela Adams from the University of Lethbridge who will be working with all of our school based administrators and our central office leaders as we commit to a year-long focus on instructional leadership. Dr. Townsend and Dr. Adams are very highly regarded across Alberta for their expertise as educational leaders and researchers.

Ultimately, we are striving to provide learning opportunities that are designed to set our students up for a lifetime of success. We want all our students to feel safe at school, to be engaged in their learning, and to arrive each day looking forward to the time they will spend with their caring and committed teachers.

We wish everyone a meaningful year of growing and achieving in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Kurt Sacher**

**Superintendent of Schools**

**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.

**Working together for students:**

Our service-oriented staff at Division Office are there to support schools throughout Chinook's Edge. To facilitate this support, Liaison Superintendents have been assigned to each of our 42 schools. If you have any concerns regarding your child, we invite you to first contact your child's Teacher, and if you need further assistance your school's Principal. If you need to go beyond the school level for a solution feel free to contact your school's Liaison Superintendent Ray Hoppins. From there, if necessary, please feel free to contact Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools.

**The Chinook's Edge Leadership Team**

(accessible by calling Division Office at 403-227-7070 or toll free 1-800-561-9229):

**Kurt Sacher** (Superintendent of Schools)

**Wanda Christensen** (Associate Superintendent of Student Services)

**Dr. Lissa Steele** (Associate Superintendent of Learning Services)

**Ray Hoppins** (Associate Superintendent of System Services)

**Shawn Russell** (Associate Superintendent of People Services)

**Allan Tarnoczi** (Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services)

