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Mrs. Thornton News

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - are next week - if you did not receive a scheduled time and would like to book one please call me :) 

- Grade 2 (Pandas) ...Drop in time with Mrs. Smigelski/Beynon
  5:00pm-6:00pm Tuesday
  3:15pm-4:15pm Thursday

Feb 2 - Curling Divisionals
Feb 3 - SI Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 7 & 9 - Parent Teacher Interviews
Feb 8 - OPS Curling after school Grades 3-6
  - Basketball Game WPS vs. OPS Mixed
Feb 10 - Pizza for Hot Lunch
Feb 15 - Ski Trip Grades 3-9 ...please see next page for details...
Feb 17 - Country Singer Ryan Laird Performs 10:30-11:30 - All Parents Invited
  - Pink Shirt Day!
Feb 20-24 - NO SCHOOL
Feb 28 - Mar 1 - Fundraiser for Casino!

After School Youth Dates.....
REAL will now be running the afterschool programming Monday - Thursday 3:15-5:00 at the School.

Shinny Hockey Dates....
FEB 6, 13 - Shinny Hockey 3:45pm-4:45pm
SKI TRIP INFO!!!!

⇒ Meeting at School @6:45am....returning around 7:30pm to the School
⇒ Students can bring Ipads/Ipods on bus but it is their responsibility to look after them
⇒ Each student will require a bag lunch or money to purchase their lunch AND supper at the ski hill.
⇒ Please remember proper clothing for your child - ski pants, toque, and mittens
⇒ When we arrive at the ski hill students will watch a quick safety video then get in line to grab their equipment - after that the students will be assessed and put into proper lessons according to their skill level!
⇒ This is such a fun day for the kids and we are excited that the Assumption school is tagging along! See you bright and early on Feb 15th!
Mr. Shields

We have a very busy couple of weeks ahead of the February Family Day holiday and subsequent break. Between parent-teacher interviews, the ski trip and the Ryan Laird concert the students and staff will be really hopping!

Grade 9 Science Fair
Dr. Peter Wallis of Medicine Hat paid the Science 9 class a visit on Monday to look at the data the students have gathered. We have tentatively scheduled the fair for the morning of March 7th. He has recruited some judges and there will be cash prizes for first ($100.00) second ($75.00) and third ($50.00.) We will have an open house for other students, teachers, and parents to have a look at the projects on judging day.

Dr. Wallis was very happy with the projects thus far and is keen to have a number of them go to the Regional Science Fair in Medicine Hat on Saturday April 8th, 2017. Prizes are similar for that fair and winners can go on to Nationals in Regina. Prizes at the high school level at Nationals total to be just under a million dollars!

Ski Trip
There may still be a few empty seats on the bus so call Mrs. Thornton to get your name on the list.

Bus Students
A reminder to bus students that either they or their parents need to know if they are not going to be on the bus. For elementary students the agenda is a perfect place to write us a note so we don’t have to track you down while the buses are waiting. Telling the bus driver directly is by far the best option but calling the secretary is also acceptable.

SI Day Friday February 3rd: No School for students!
IMPORTANT DATES:
Feb. 6th & 7th: Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Interviews—see schedule sent home in your child’s folder.
Feb. 20-24th: NO SCHOOL
Mar. 13th: Second Report Card
April 4th: NO KINDergarten
April 17th-21st: EASTER BREAK

Panda Bears - LA 2

Parent teacher interviews are next week. I will be available for grade 2 on Tuesday, February 7th from 5:00-6:00pm and Thursday, February 9th from 3:15-4:15pm. If you would like to see me please phone Mrs. Thornton to schedule a time during these hours.

Letters we have been focusing on this week include L and K. Please review these letters and sounds with your child.

The Kinders have been making some wonderful winter art! Make sure to check them out on our bulletin board during interviews.

Literacy Tip: Some great websites to check out to help with letter identification and sound recognition include Starfall and abcmouse!

Happy Birthday to Koby whose birthday was January 31st!
Important Dates

Library - Thursdays

Show and Tell
Feb. 7

Interviews
Feb 7, 9

100th Day of School
Feb. 15th

Birthday
Brandt– Feb. 18

What We’re Learning

Math: We have completed our unit on measurement. Our new unit will focus on numbers to 100. Please review counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s with your child.

Science: We continue to discuss how plants, animals and the activities people participate in, change with each season. We are also having lots of fun learning about penguins!

Language: Thank you to everyone for listening to your child read each night. They sure are becoming fantastic readers! Please continue to record book titles in their reading log.

Literacy Tip: kidsa-z.com, abcmouse.com, starfall.com

Math Tip: play.dreambox.com/login/b2dt/oyenps, sumdog.com

Please remember to sign your child’s agenda book daily and sticker or star their February homework calendar. 100 day projects are due Feb.10th.
Grade 2 News—Mrs. Cox

This morning grade 2 discovered that Balzac Billy came out of his burrow and saw his shadow. Sorry folks, Billy forecasts 6 more weeks of winter. Together, we read a story about a groundhog and discovered they go by many names including whistle dogs and woodchucks. The class was intrigued to learn that he has a ‘potty’ room in his burrow.

The sharks have begun a book study of the children’s book ‘Flat Stanley’. Each day we are reading a chapter and following up with questions about the chapter and other activities with the book. Each student is currently making their own Flat Stanley who will soon go on an adventure with them.

In Science, the sharks are making a magnet game. Thanks for sending in the small boxes for this game.

In Social, the grade 2 class has learned that if you lived in Meteghan Nova Scotia, you can go whale watching or go clam digging as part of your daily life. Quite a change from Oyen.
Happy Groundhog Day - Bring on spring!!

**Grade 2 Math**  We are working on addition and subtraction basic facts. We are looking at many different strategies to help the students with adding. Practice at home would be beneficial. If you would like to see me during parent-teacher interviews please contact Mrs. Thornton to book an appointment. I will be available Tuesday and Thursday, February 7th and 9th on a drop-in basis when I don’t have scheduled interviews. I will be in the CST office or the junior high end.

**Grade 3 Math**  We are working on addition and subtraction basic facts. We are working on regrouping for adding 2 and 3 digit numbers. Practice at home would be beneficial. Any method is acceptable. If you would like to see me during parent-teacher interviews please contact Mrs. Thornton to book an appointment. I will be available Tuesday and Thursday, February 7th and 9th on a drop-in basis when I don’t have scheduled interviews. I will be in the CST office or the junior high end.
Mrs. Berg’s News

LA 3/4: Each student has been busy preparing a one-minute speech to present to the rest of the class. It was their choice to speak about something that interests them personally. I will be interested to hear about each student’s topic.

Science 3/4: Our new unit of study is “Building with a Variety of Materials”. I would like to thank all the parents for collecting the building materials over the last week but we are bursting at the seams so please don’t send any more thanks, unless it is newspapers or flyers. This is one of the student’s favorite themes in science because they get to build things. The first project that they are working on is a napkin holder that will hold 20 napkins. You will see various models that they have dreamed up.

Soc. St. 3/4: We continue to talk about Tunisia’s culture and traditions and compare them to our Canadian customs and traditions.

Math 4: The class did a fairly good job of memorizing their multiplication facts up to the ten’s times table. Now we are taking that knowledge and going further by learning double digit multiplication such as multiplying by a 10 or 100. The class had a multiplication bingo to celebrate.

Plastic Animals….made by grade 3/4
Physical Education

We have wrapped up our units on Curling and Basketball. We will be moving onto Gymnastics for the month of February.

Please put on your calendars:

**Grade 3/4** - Skating on Tuesday, Feb. 7th

**Grade 7/8** - Skating on Wednesday, Feb. 15th for those not going on the Ski Trip.

Important Dates

**Sports**

Feb. 4 – Junior High Girls Basketball Tournament in Consort

Feb. 6 – Junior High Basketball Practice

Feb. 8 – Junior High Basketball Game (OPS Mixed VS. WPS)

Feb. 13 – Junior High Basketball Practice

Feb. 15 – Ski Trip

Science 5/6

Our class has been constructing projects using electricity. Currently they are building vehicles that move using a motor. We will be doing some trial and errors with a final test on their projects next week.

Science 2

This class is having a blast in their “Boats and Buoyancy” unit. We learned which objects float and sink and have now moved onto building boats. They are currently building boats with plasticine, and testing the buoyancy of these boats with marbles.
**Senkiw’s Scoop**

**Math 5/6**
The Grade 6’s are wrapping up their Angles and Polygons. A test will be next week on this unit. The grade 5’s are working on figuring out volume. Please keep practicing your basic facts at home for speed and accuracy. Just a reminder that we have "extra" math practice on Monday’s after school until 4:00.

**Social 5/6**
The class is starting their next unit on Interior Plains. For this unit they will not be having a unit quiz, they will be doing a powerpoint presentation on a national park.

**L.A. 5/6**
Novel Projects have been the buzz of activity in the classroom. On Monday we will be learning how to write Newspaper Articles. Using descriptive words and complete sentences will also be a focus.

**Social 9**
We are wrapping up the "Collective Rights" chapter with a test on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

**Junior High Curling**
There will be no practice on Thurs. Feb. 9, due to parent teacher interviews. Good luck to our curlers today who are participating in our annual bonspiel in New Brigden today.
Mrs. Coates News

Grade 7/8 - Unit 2 Science Exam - Wednesday Feb 8th

Options have been changed for Jr High and offer art/crafts, computer, wellness, nutrition, leadership, Hockey, baking, and science!

Jr high’s are going to be having a dance coming up—just working on a date

February 17th - Jr High Curling Bonspiel
Sharing Kindness is our theme for February!!!

**Shinny**
We have 2 more shinny sessions left! Special thanks to Dalton Dingman and Vance Walker for being excellent mentors in our program. Hotdogs and snacks will be provided on our last day - Feb 14th!

**Peer to Peer Mentoring Program** will begin Feb 6th and run for 7 weeks on Mondays and Thursdays during the lunch hour. We have over 40 mentor/mentee matches!

**Pink Shirt Day**
We will celebrate Pink Shirt day on Friday, February 17th this year and we will have a special presentation “Bigger Than That” from Ryan Laird from 10:30-11:30. This presentation is open to public, we ask that you wear pink to show your support! Check out Ryan’s new single “Wear Me Out”

After School Programming:
REAL will now be running the afterschool programming Monday - Thursday 3:15-5:00.

Book Club:
Book Club will run after school on Mondays.
REAL Afterschool PROGRAM

The REAL Project will be running the afterschool program Monday- Thursday at Oyen Public School from 3:15-5:00. Youth (age 5 & up) can join the REAL program anytime during the year (permission form required). The program offers youth an opportunity to connect with others in a fun and supportive environment. Each day we will be offering a variety of activities such as art, lego, games in the gym and baking. In the future, we will be collaborating with community partners to offer more specific programs like Music, Art and Knitting. You can keep up to date with programming by checking out our Facebook page, @realprojectoyen.

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Winter WALK!

On Wednesday Feb 1st our WHOLE school set out on the Winder Walk to support being ACTIVE in the winter!

Thank you to the RCMP for escorting us along the streets of OYEN!
Oyen Jr. Curling Bonspiel:

The 17th Annual Jr. Bonspiel was another huge hit this year with 12 teams competing for money and prizes. We had 7 elementary teams and 5 Jr. high teams, with a team coming from Jenner to participate for the day.

The elementary draw to the button was won by John Herron and the Jr. high skill of drawing through the port was won by Charity Logan.

We ran a raffle for a team basket and Cash Norris's team won that spectacular prize. Danica Woods was the other winner and she took home a new curling broom. Cynty and Bill Kolkman donated all of the lunches to the players during the day.

The prize table was loaded with donations from businesses and individuals from Oyen and the surrounding area. Rayla Andersen was the last person drawn out of the pick a prize and captured the $50 bill hanging on the wall. Mrs. Senkiw ran a checker tournament downstairs for all curlers interested in participating. The winner of the elementary side was Cash Norris and runner-up Evy Miller. The winner of the Jr. high side was Joylene Hogan with Cheyenne Barret second. I would also like
Jr. High Basketball

Junior High Basketball Schedule
Revised January 16th
All Games are at OPS start time 4:00

Jan. 18  WPS VS. OPS GIRLS
Jan. 25  WPS VS. OPS MIXED
Feb. 1   WPS VS. OPS GIRLS
Feb. 8   WPS VS. OPS MIXED
Be sure to check the website for coming events and information!

www.oyenschool.com