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Mrs. Thornton News

The Fundraising committee has a new president—We would like to thank Sarah Hagens for stepping up to take on this role! Also a big thank-you to our previous president Kathy Bouvier for putting in all your time in the past. The fundraising committee is looking for a new secretary to attend meetings. Please contact me if you can help out! Thanks so much

May 4 – Badminton Zones in Brooks
   - Newsletter!

May 9 – Grade 9 PAT Test LA

May 11 – Family Fun Hour 2-3pm
   - Grade 6 PAT Test LA

May 18 – Newsletter
   - Jump Rope For Heart (Parents welcome to come and skip outside with our students or turn ropes!!! Gr 1 & 2 and junior high (volunteers) will jump from 1:00-2:00pm and grades 3-6 from 2:00-3:00.

May 22 – No School

May 23 – SI Day NO SCHOOL
   - Jody Carrington Parent Presentation at FCSS from 5:00-6:30pm

May 24 – Track & Field at Assumption School (Any Volunteers would be appreciated)

May 26 – Grade 9 Field Trip

May 30 – Track & Field Zones

June 1st – Grades 3-6 History in the Hills Field Trip!

June 2nd – Grade 9 Farewell

June 8th – Kindergarten Grad @ 6:30pm (This date did change so make a note that it is now June 8th)

June 12th – Grade 2 Field Trip! Parent Drivers needed
   - Orientation for 2017-2018 Kindergarten/Grade 1 students
   - Last Day of Kindergarten

June 19th – Grade 6 PAT Test LA

June 20th – Grade 6 PAT Test MATH

June 22nd – Grade 6 PAT Test Social

June 23rd – Grade 6 PAT Test Science
   - Grade 9 PAT Test Science

June 26th – Grade 9 PAT Test Social

June 27th – Grade 9 PAT Test LA

June 28th – Grade 9 PAT Test Math

June 28th – Last Day of School
Staffing 2017-2018: the outlook for next year’s staff is about the same as what we ended up this year which is approximately 9.4 fte. Over the next few weeks I will be putting things into place for next year for the new principal.

Support Staff: we won’t know support staff hours for several weeks so our EA’s won’t know about positions or hours until we get that from Central Office.

Grade 9 Field Trip: Mrs. Coates has arranged the grade 9 trip which is to Elkwater on Friday May 26th for 2 outdoor programs. The morning will be spent canoeing and the afternoon will be spent geocaching. We have secured the Handi-Bus for transportation with me driving and acting as the supervisor. The forms will be out within the next week with full details. There is projected to be no extra cost to students for this trip.

Grade 6 & 9 Achievement Tests: please check on the PAT dates for grades 6 and 9 that Mrs. Thornton has put under Important Dates in the newsletter. If students are absent on the regular test day they write upon their return.

Grade 9 Farewell: don’t forget that the farewell date has been set permanently by the School Council for the first Friday in June which this year is June 2nd.

High School Drama Production: thanks very much to Mrs. White and CHS for inviting the 3-9 students to their drama production. It was well done and enjoyed by all.

5-6 Ukelele Club: several students are interested in staying after school on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:00 to spend time playing the ukulele. I have agreed to supervise this: if your 5-6 child wants to stay they will need to commit to be there and hand in a signed permission form.

Elementary kids are excited about their new water fountain! Hope to get a new one for Jr Highs in the future!
NOTE DATE CHANGE:
Kindergarten Grad will be Thursday, June 8th @ 6:30pm. I am looking for parents to decorate the gym Wednesday, June 7th. If you can help out please let me know!

IMPORTANT DATES:
May 11th: Greenhouse fieldtrip And family and friends hour 2-3pm
May 23rd: SI Day - No School for students
June 8th: Kindergarten Graduation 6:30pm
June 12th: Kindergarten and Grade 1 Orientation

If you are looking for some great apps check out Starfall and abcmouse!
We have finished our alphabet notebook and it was sent home this week!

Graduation:
We are busy learning songs and poems for our graduation. Our theme is Disney. There will be a "When I grow up" section of the graduation where students will dress up in what they want to be when they grow up. Please start getting a costume together for this and when ready you can send it to school in a bag with their name on it.
If you have any questions let me know!
Grade 1
Classroom News
May 4, 2017

Important Dates

Family and Friends Hour
May 11
Show and tell
May 16

Library - Thursdays

No School/SI DAY
May 22/23

Birthdays

Isla - May 22
Kaedyn - June 19

Thanks to Jesse for bringing in his new pet, Scaly the lizard, for Show and Tell. It took a lot for some of us to be brave enough to touch him and some of us even let him crawl up our shirts! We also learned many interesting facts about lizards.

Literacy Tip: kidsa-z.com, abcmouse.com, starfall.com, spellingcity.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 May homework calendar.
Mrs. Tami Cox

The students were very excited to see how much our classroom garden has grown since we planted it before the Easter break. Some tomatoes and peppers are ready for transplanting soon. Thank you to Mrs. Berg for giving us a few more seeds to try.

Last week, the Sharks were given the assignment of designing and building a boat at home. The boat and assignment papers are due this Friday, May 5th.

We are so excited to have David back with us. David and his family went on a family trip to China in April. David kept a journal of his trip and shared it with the class. He also brought me a bag of coffee candy and a pretty toothpick holder!

Today was ‘Hats Off For Mental Health Day’. Many students wore a hat or green to support this important day. Mrs. Petersen gave us a presentation on Mental Health. We joined the rest of the school and the High School kids and marched through town today.
Mrs. Beynon News

Grade 2 Math  We are working on strategies for adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. We have also had some fun with 3-digit numbers. The students enjoyed the activity where they worked in groups, threw paper balls, measured the distance in centimeters (cm) and added to find their total. We are practicing word problems - figuring out what operation to use and showing an equation and writing a sentence for the answer. We are also working on surveys.

Grade 3 Math  After our Fractions test next Mon., May 8th we will be moving on to Geometry. The students are using their textbooks and workbooks to study and they have a test guideline sheet. Keep practicing multiplication up to 5 x 5 and look at the related facts to figure out division too.

Grade 7/8 LA  Mrs. Booker has been reading and discussing the novel, Touching Spirit Bear. The students have been answering questions for each chapter as well as participating in some opinion activities. We will have our Unit 16 Wordskills (final unit) test on Friday, May 12th. Final Wordskills exams will be in May, dates TBA. I am working on Fountas and Pinnell benchmarking with the students.

Happy Spring and "May the "fourth" be with you!
Mrs. Berg’s News

LA 3/4: The students are finishing their final draft for a story they wrote about being invisible for a day. We have started a novel study on the book called “How come the best clues are always in the garbage?” by Linda Bailey. The story is about a grade 6 girl named Stevie Diamond who must solve a mystery of some stolen money.

Science 3/4: The last building project completed by the students was building a truss bridge design. They had about 6 different designs to choose from and had to work together cooperatively to build the bridge. We are now starting our last unit of study, which is Animal Life Cycles.

Soc. St. 3/4: We are currently taking a look at services that are available in the countries of Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine, and India. We are constantly comparing the services offered in those countries to services offered in Alberta.

Math 4: We finished our unit on division with a unit test last week. We will now move on to the next unit on measurement. This will include concepts such as reading a clock, calendar dates, and measuring area.

Phys. Ed: The class is just starting to get outside to practice for the track and field meet coming up on May 24th. They are excited to try out high jump, running long jump, standing long jump, ball throw, discus throw and races.
Senkiw’s Scoop

Social 9 - We have wrapped up the unit on Consumerism and we are now working on chapter 8 - Canadian Social Programs and taxation.

Math 6 - The students just finished writing their unit test on Geometry and Measurement. We are in the process of reviewing units from 1-6, and on Friday I hope to dive into Transformations.

Math 5 - The class is working on Geometry. They have been learning and using words such as perpendicular, parallel, intersecting lines, quadrilateral, faces, edges, and vertices. We should be wrapping this unit up early next week, so be ready for a test to follow.

Social 5/6 - We are finishing up our unit on the Arctic Region. The students are learning many things about the Inuit and their traditional as well as modern ways. Next week the students will be working on an Inuit artifact paragraph.

L.A. 5/6 - The class has been reviewing adjectives and we have been using them in our writing. The class was also reintroduced to other types of figurative language such as onomatopoeia, alliteration, personification and hyperbole. The class continues to write their own pieces of poetry.

Next Thursday, May 11 the Grade 6 class will be writing their first PAT test. This is the writing portion of the Language Arts. The grade 6’s will have to write a newspaper article and a narrative story on Thursday morning. The grade 5’s will be writing a narrative story from a picture prompt that I will be giving them, while the 6’s are writing the PAT’s. For the PAT test schedule see Mrs. Thornton’s dates at the front of newsletter.

There will be class finals in Math and Language Arts near the end of June for both grades. I would encourage students to be doing extra studying at home in preparation for these.
Grade 9 Farewell! - A few reminders for students

* Bring in pictures (approx. 10) for the power point presentation ASAP. They can be brought in on a jump drive if it is more convenient. Pictures can range from baby right up to today. Candid shots are best.

* Bring in pictures for the individual posters which are to be done by May 29th for display in the gym.

* Those students who are giving speeches are to have them prepared by June 1st.

* Bring money for parents for the meal by May 29th.

* Inform family members of the program which starts at 7:00 pm.

* Hand in the student farewell info sheet ASAP.

⇒ Give parents the invitations.

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May 4th, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The annual Grade Nine Farewell will be held in Oyen Public School Gym, Friday, June 2, 2017. This occasion allows the Grade 9 students, their parents and many of their O.P.S teachers from E.C.S. to Grade 9, to gather together at the end of the students’ years at Oyen Public School.

This farewell banquet and program is very special, because it provides teachers and parents the opportunity to wish the students success in their approaching High School years. It also enables teachers and students to recall the events of their years together at Oyen Public School and to bid each other farewell. The banquet is closed to the Gr. 9’s and their parents, but the program is open to the public and will start at 7:00 p.m.

The evening’s program will include a Class History, Class Futures, Student Power Point and a number of toasts and speeches. In recognition of their years at O.P.S., all the students will be presented with certificates.

The Grade Nine Farewell is as follows: Cocktails (non-alcoholic punch)--5:30-6:00 p.m.
Banquet (catered)------------------6:00-7:00 p.m.
Program--------------------------7:00-8:00 p.m.

The Student’s Union assumes most of the expenses for this occasion. The meal is catered. The Student’s Union will pay for the grade 9’s meal, however we will require the parents to pay for their meal. We will let you know cost per plate as soon as caterer gets back to us. Thanks so much!

Dress for this occasion is semi-formal.
We look forward to seeing you at this special event.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Coates-Perreault
REAL UPDATE!

The REAL Project will be running the afterschool program Monday- Thursday at Oyen Public School from 3:15-5:00. **Parents NEED** to write **REAL** in your child’s agenda if they are attending REAL so we can plan accordingly – Thank you

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REAL is excited to be bringing back the Art Program and this year our community mentor will be Connie Heath. Connie will be mentoring students with a variety of art projects that will be excellent for beginners and the more advanced art lovers.

This program is open to students in Grades 2-9 and will run THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL. The After school Art Program will begin Thursday, May 11th and run to Thursday, June 8th. After School programming on Thursdays beginning next week will be for those interested in participating in the art program and a registration sign up and letter will be sent home with those that sign up.

Connie has a variety of art projects which will include, sculpting and hand building with clay, watercolours, Art in the Park, charcoal drawing and she will have a surprise week for us!
Mental Health Week:

Junior and senior High students enjoyed Trevor Stuart’s presentation on Resiliency and Motivation as he shared his journey on climbing Mount Everest!

Mental Health March included grades 1-11 students, RCMP, AHS, parents and staff. Students handed out Tea to lodge residents as well as community members and chanted Mental Health Matters!

Kind Kids for April: Nathan Kowal for his excellent mentoring skills in the peer to peer mentoring program and his willingness to lend a hand! Gabe Logan for his ongoing kindness to fellow students and assisting the younger students at recess!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART! - Please return your Jump Rope for Heart envelopes on May 18th! Gr 1 & 2 and junior high (volunteers) will jump from 1:00-2:00pm and grades 3-6 from 2:00-3:00. Anyone wanting to help turn ropes is welcome to join or cheer the students on! Our goal is to raise $1000.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, kids raising money for kids!
Be sure to check the website for coming events and information!

www.oyenschool.com