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Upcoming Events:

- * Dec. 2 Super 8
- * Dec. 2 ADLC
- * Dec. 7 English Field Trip
- * Dec. 8 Celebration Meal
- * Dec. 9 Non Instructional
- * Dec. 20 Canyon Ski Trip for PE 20/30
- * Dec 22-Jan 4 Christmas Break.
Classes will resume on
January 5

Principal's Message Many Citizens, One Planet

In line with our goal to make school improvements by focusing on making the campus a safe and caring place to work and live, we are concentrating on developing an overall awareness of giving back to others as well. Service learning is a huge part of the Community of Caring concept that I have been working with for the past 8 years. Service towards others enriches all of us, not just the recipients of the kindness. When we give, we get: a sense of accomplishment, pride in ourselves for doing kind things, and an understanding that our actions do make a difference in the world to others.

We have a number of student programs that are designed around the idea of doing good things for the world around us. Students' Union has been giving of their time diligently around the school this year. As well, I know that Ms. Jessen's One Earth club is focusing on making a contribution to the Green Movement, which is beneficial for all of us.

One of the newest programs that we will have running this year is the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentorship Program. Our mentors will give time and energy to younger students, taking time over their lunch hour to play games, eat, and have a little bit of fun. At the same time, they will be passing on vital lessons in social skills and interacting with others, manners, and how to make and keep friends. We are really excited about this opportunity, and look forward to expanding it across Innisfail Campus over the next couple of years.

Finally, our male staff are working hard to make a difference in "Movember" by growing facial hair and raising money for Cancer research. Mr. Dale even donated his facial hair to the largest donor, allowing them to shave his beard and mustache. He will grow more hair, while collecting pledges to help fight Prostate Cancer (which impacted his life dramatically by stealing the life of one of his friends). Come check out the "Hair Raising" activities in our building.

While we always work hard to pass on the academic lessons our students need, our staff is also very aware of the importance of teaching and modeling service learning. Whether this occurs in a formal setting, like our Leadership options or Students' Union, or more informally like school dances, or Cancer fundraisers, our students and staff are working hard to give back to others in our rapidly shrinking globe. In this way, we make the world a better place to be and enrich our lives and the lives of those around us.

Thought of the Week

I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.
Maya Angelou

It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

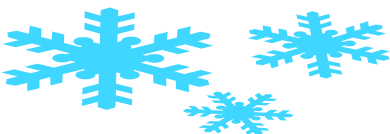
Leonardo da Vinci

Attendance in Action!

Just a reminder that we operate our attendance program daily in order to ensure that our staff know if students are excused when they are away. We know that attending school regularly is not only a law, but helps our students be more successful at school. Parents are asked to call the school at 403-227-3244 and follow the instructions to inform us when kids are going to be away. Or, if you are sending a note, please send it to the office and we will let the teachers know that the students are away.

As well, all parents can check their child's attendance and marks (daily if you like) through the PowerSchool program we are running. You can access this program through the main page of our website: www.innisfailhigh.ca. Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw at the office if you would like help setting up your PowerSchool access.

In this way, we can work together to keep our students safe and successful, and our parents informed. Thanks for your help in this matter.



Several of the IHS Teachers took on the Movember Challenge to raise funds and awareness for men's health and specifically for Prostate cancer. Mr. Dale challenged the students to bring in donations and whoever brought in the most got to shave his face-which has not been clean shaven in over 9 years. Aric Duffy was the winner.(?) Participating staff members are Mr. Dale, Mr. Bushell, Mr. Ramrattan, Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Pineau.

Movember



Our Senior High Home Ec Students enjoyed the opportunity to go and see the sights and smells of the culinary department at Red Deer College. This was a free hands on work shop in which students received information on the apprenticeship program, as well as constructing some beautiful looking cupcakes.



Community Discount Cards

Community Discount Cards supporting Innisfail Cyclones Football are still available for the price of \$20. There are many valuable discounts offered through out the community such as 2 for 1 deals at Subway, buy 1 get deals at A&W. Discount at a local car wash and discount off the Co-op food floor and hardware department.

Makes an excellent Stocking stuffer. All discounts available until next September (2012).

Call the school and talk to Mr. Wooff. 403-227-3244

Volleyball Wrap up

City Girls-made it to finals and finished strong.

CENAA Girls-Made it to playoffs with a great showing.

JV Girls-Just missed out on going to finals. They enjoyed many tournaments and had a great year.

JV Boys-Had a great building year and are looking forward to using their skills next year.

Senior Girls-finished third in our Zones. Congratulations girls what a fantastic accomplishment.



IHS would like to send a huge note of appreciation to our coaches and assistant coaches who helped out this season, running our volleyball program. Our students benefitted tremendously from their help and expertise, and we loved having your support in keeping our kids busy in a positive way.

City Girls-Jen Littke

CENAA Girls-Kaitlin Eyestone & Lindsey Denham

JV Girls-Lorraine Uloth & Chelsea Bradshaw

JV Boys-Glen, Amanda & Melissa Carritt

Senior Girls-Jeff Anderson

Senior Boys Basketball



The boys have been busy preparing for their first tournament on December 2 & 3 in Beaumont. The team then has a Chinook's Edge tournament December 9 and 10 in Red Deer. A home game schedule will be available in our January newsletter. The team consists of 12 players: Jeff Sebastian, Kreg Klymyk, Willie Mulligan, Donovan Pineau, Matt Reiersen, Nolan Lorenz, Brandyn Blain, Anthony Streit, Darcy Slager, Dawson Slager, Colten Webster and Cole Wallawein.

The boys are coached by-James Thompson, Mark Ballantyne and Kent Lorenz.

Good luck boys with your season!

Senior Girls Basketball

Senior Girls Basketball got underway in the month of November. The girls have been trying out and practicing for a few weeks now and are looking forward to an exciting season. The team kicks off the season December 2 & 3 with a tournament at Prairie Christian Academy in Three Hills. The team consists of Taryn Kramer, Haylee Morris, Kim Hanna, Courtney Meyer, Shae Thompson, Haley Weinrauch, Shayna Gagnon, Erika Leveille, Kendra Folkerts, Meghan McWhinnie, Sidney Daines, Rael Blain, Kaylee Leischner and Megan Parry.
Coaches: Mr. Whitehead & Mrs. Riddell-Fulton.

Vancouver or Bust

Several staff members at IHS are challenging themselves to walk to Vancouver-virtually. For every 30 minutes of exercise the participants are credited with 2.5 kilometers. We have until December 21 to reach Vancouver and we will track our hours through a website created by Ms. Jessen. Good Luck Staff!



Semester 2 Work Experience and Timetable Changes

All senior high students have received their semester 2 timetable. Students are encouraged to make any changes to their timetable as soon as possible.

Any students registered in Work Experience need to pick up their packages and book their meetings with Mrs. Harrington. Please have your packages filled out before your meeting. Meetings are being held from now until December 15 from 6-7:45 in Room 126.



**Be Ready for
Semester 2**

PowerSchool for Students

All students have received their user name and password to log onto their own PowerSchool accounts. Grades, attendance and the Daily Bulletin are available to review at any time. There is a direct link to e-mail your teachers so if you are sick this is a great way to find out what you have missed and get your homework.



Diploma Exam Schedule

English 30-1, 30-2	Part A Wed. Jan. 11	9-11:30
English 30-1, 30-2	Part B Thurs. Jan.19	9-11:30
Social 30-1, 30-2	Part A Thurs. Jan. 12	9-11:30
Social 30-1, 30-2	Part B Fri. Jan. 20	9-11:30
Biology 30	Tuesday, Jan. 24	9-11:00
Pure Math 30	Wednesday, Jan.25	9-11:00
App Math 30	Wednesday, Jan. 25	9-11:00
Chemistry 30	Thursday, Jan. 26	9-11:00



Grade 9 PAT Schedule

English	Part A Thurs. Jan 19	9-11:00
English	Part B Thurs. Jan 26	9-11:00
Social	Monday, Jan. 23	9-10:20
Science	Tuesday, Jan. 24	9-10:15
Math	Wednesday, Jan. 25	9-10:15

All students are required to stay in the exam room for the duration of the exam.

Dual Credit Courses

Next semester IHS and Olds College will be offering a few dual credit courses; you can earn both CTS credits and Olds college credits for taking these courses. Some of the courses take place at Olds College and some can be completed here in Innisfail. Courses are available in Fashion Marketing, Apparel Technology, Landscape Construction and Pre-employment Welding. There is also a 7 week apparel workshop where you will make hats and gloves (you will not earn college credits for this course, but you will earn CTS credits.) If you are interested in any of these opportunities please talk to Mrs. Harrington or Ms. Jessen as soon as possible, the application deadline is December 2nd.

Denmark Exchange

This is a chance to see another country and experience a new culture with the comfort/safety of travelling in a group of students from your own school.

In addition to an experience of a lifetime, you can also earn high school credits!!!

Q: What does being part of the program entail?

A: You will have a Danish student that will stay at your home for some of the days they are in Canada and the remaining days they will be touring various areas such as Drumheller, Banff and Frank Slide.

Q: What will it cost?

A: There is plenty of opportunities to fundraise for the entire cost of the trip to Denmark. The fees associated with going to Denmark will be approximately \$1700 plus any additional spending money you want for souvenirs etc.

Q: What are the dates?

A: Late August- Grade 9-11 students will visit Denmark

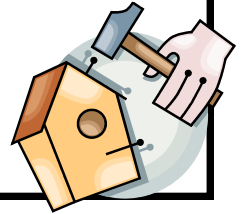
Q: How do I sign up?

A: Talk to Mrs. Mobley at 403-227-3244 or cmobley@chinooksedge.ab.ca

Aberdeen



Once again the grade nines pull off another environmental coup. Each grade nine shop student made a birdhouse for a Western Mountain Bluebird. Then on Wednesday, Nov 23, 2011, they installed over 40 of the houses onto fence posts leading to the Aberdeen Sweet Natural Gas compressing station owned and operated by Quicksilver Resources Canada. The students were taken on a tour of the facility and returned to the school to enjoy a treat. The staff and students at IHS would like to thank Quicksilver for sponsoring the trip. When they return next spring the bluebirds will appreciate the student's efforts.



DL Room Celebration

Come join us to celebrate student success in the DL Room.

When: Friday, Dec 2, Block 1 during TAG time.

Where: in the SGA

What: there will be a short presentation by ADLC and a chance to meet your correcting teacher. Food will be provided.



Phys. Ed. 20/30 students will have the opportunity to participate on a ski/snowboarding trip on Tuesday, December 20 at the Canyon Ski Hill.



Celebration Meal

As part of IHS foods program our students will be showcasing the skills and techniques they have learned this semester. Please join them in the SGA on Dec. 8 @ 5:30. Advance tickets are required by Dec. 5 for \$15.

Menu: Potato Bacon Soup, Cesar Salad, Chicken Fettuccini, Chocolate Cheese Cake and Swan Cream Puffs.

Next Celebration date: January 12

Events: Fill the Van

- Students' Union challenges each TA class to bring in the most non-perishable food items.
- Items will be collected on December 16. The TA class that brings the most food will get to select a prize...Sub Party, Treatza Pizza, Ice Cream Cake or a Pizza Party!



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Hockey Challenge Week Schedule of Events!

- Monday, December 12: Announce teams and determine bets.
- Tuesday, December 13: Hockey Shootout in S.G.A.
- Wednesday, December 14: NHL '12 competition in S.G.A.
- Thursday, December 15: Hockey Trivia in the S.G.A.
- Friday, December 16: Hockey Game Block 1 and 2.

The Magazine Fundraiser was a success; CSAL would like to thank everyone who participated. With your help, we raised a total of \$1500 which we will use to benefit the students of our school with fun and interactive events. Congratulations to the winners of the two \$50 gift cards: Jaycee Davies and Leland Nelson.

CSAL is working together with IMS to plan a celebration for the Rick Hansen Relay that is happening in March of 2012. More details of the celebration will be shared in the New Year. Stay tuned!

Just a reminder that December is Hockey Intramural month! Sign-up with a team of a minimum six players, or you can sign-up individually and we will add you to a team. Deadline for sign-up is this Friday, December 2 and the following Tuesday the games will begin! If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Uloth, Mrs. Eyestone, or Miss Littke; as well as any of the student members.

The CSAL Team

Superintendent's Message

Creating great citizens in our safe and caring schools

Our focus in Chinook's Edge is to provide high quality learning opportunities that will help our students achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens. Good citizenship is a distinctive element of an effective classroom and a thriving community. Everyone benefits when individuals commit to making positive contributions to their school, their community and their world.

During this season of giving, we can clearly see the influence of Chinook's Edge students as they reach out to others. Our students are making plans to collect items for the local food bank at their seasonal concerts, sharing their musical talents at seniors' homes and filling hundreds and hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact entire communities, our students are modeling what citizenship truly means.

We thank our students and everyone who supports them as they reach out to others. Thank you, also, to our staff and parents who facilitate and encourage this great generosity of spirit all year long.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

