

# COALHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**May 3, 2011**

## **Stars for April:**

1-2M: Ashlee S., Heather W., Jonathan W.  
1-2N: William W., Jero R.  
1-2S: Eli E., Fayth C.  
3-4F: Brady H., Carissa J.  
3-4M: Aeden B.  
5-6B: Tyson W.  
5-6P: Avery E.

## **May Thank you's to:**

CES would like to thank Mr. George Herasmluk for keeping up the wonderful job of snow removal at CES. Hope we don't see you for at least 6 months.

## **Spirit Day for May:**

Our spirit day for May will be "**Backward's Day**", on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Show your spirit and see how creative you can be.

## **Camp Corner:**

Parent info night **Wednesday, May 4, 2011 @ 7:00 PM**, all parents are welcome to attend. Volunteer parents are requested to attend.

Know of any businesses that would like to sponsor our Year End Camp, donation letters are available in the office.

## **Friendly reminders:**

- Students who have hot lunch on Thursdays need to bring a snack with them.
- Please label your children's belongings.
- We strive to be a "NUT FREE" school, please help us to do this.
- Class picture day will be **Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>**, photo's will be taken outside on the playground.

## **Kindergarten Bacon & Burger Fundraiser:**

The Kindergarten Local Advisory Committee is holding its annual spring fundraiser. There are 5kg cases of bacon for \$45.00 per case, as well as pork sausages for \$30.00 per case. These items are perfect for camping and barbeques. Order forms are available from the kindergarten or orders can be placed with kindergarten families. Orders will be taken from **May 2 – May 12**. Orders will be ready for pick-up on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Trivia Question Entry Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Miss Vos before May 27, 2011

**Parking Lot:**

-There are 2 “handicapped” signs put up on the fence at the front of the school. Please do not park between these signs at any time during the school day. The special needs bus picks up and drops children off often during the day. We appreciate your cooperation.

-Parents please use caution when dropping your children off in the parking lots, there is a lot of traffic, and some children are difficult to see.

**ECS & PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:**

Registrations are being taken from now until September 2011 for ECS and Preschool programs for this fall. Programs can fill up, so register early. If you have a child/children who are 5 years of age or who will be 5 years of age before December 31, 2011, they are eligible for ECS. If you have children who are 3 years, 8 months of age as of September 1, 2011 they are eligible for Pre School. To register please call the school office at 381-3330 or just come to the school office during school hours, and please bring a **birth certificate to register. There is also a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee that must be paid before we can register your child.**

**Parent Council News:**

**SPRING CARNIVAL IS FRIDAY MAY 13TH!**

Even bigger than last year with all the carnival fun plus inflatables from AstroJump and Jump4Fun, Andi's Petting Zoo, and a chicken-coup-poop. We will still have a Silent basket Auction (we are looking for some more awesome donations again this year!) and M&M Meats will be back with hamburgers and hotdogs. Wristbands are \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door and children 3 and under are free.

We really need volunteers to make it all work!! If you can help in any way by working that night, helping with set up/clean up, donating a basket for the auction or donating baking for the Treat Walk, please call Michelle at 403-327-2343 and look for handouts coming home.

**Save the date, Friday June 10, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. CES will be hosting a farewell assembly for Mrs. Wilson. The entire community of Coalhurst is invited, as well as former students and staff. This will be your chance to bid farewell to an amazing teacher/principal and thank her for all that she has done for this school and community.**

**Counselor's Corner May 2010:**

## Having Fun Navigating the Teen Years

Session #1 Wednesday, May 18 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Session #2 Wednesday, May 25 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Session # 3 Wednesday, June 1 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Or an ALL DAY presentation (sessions #1 – 3)

Saturday, June 11 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Barons Eureka Warner FCSS 2012 – 18 St. Coaldale

A closer look at understanding why brain development, parent attachment and boundaries are so important during the teen years.

There is no charge for these workshops but pre-registration is requested (403)345-2455.

### **Music News:**

Congratulations to Mrs. Berberich, her baby boy “Quaid” was born on April 22, 2011.

Newsletter trivia Question: What day are class pictures going to be taken? Find the answer and the entry form in this newsletter. Return your entry to Miss Vos and you might win a Hot Lunch from Parent Council. April’s winner was Cole L.

### **Message from the Superintendent:**

Hello, everyone,

Normally the May long weekend marks the unofficial start of summer. This year, let’s just hope for the true arrival of spring!

This month also brings a first round of Provincial Achievement Tests for our Grade 3, 6 and 9 students. I know there’s considerable debate about the value of these standardized tests. For many students, I appreciate that these tests can cause some anxiety.

In Palliser, we’ve committed to gleaning as much information as we can from these provincial tests. Yes, they are just a snapshot from one test on one day. But in that snapshot, we can gain insight into areas of focus or concern in our classrooms. We know our students’ performance is much more than what can be measured in a single test. Instead, we look to the PATs and diploma exams as just pieces in the larger puzzle of measuring student performance and assessing learning.

Many of these measurements are summarized in Alberta Education’s Accountability Pillar, which includes surveys of some parents and students and our teachers.

We are partners in the education of Palliser students. It’s through real partnerships and regular communication that we can address areas of concern and celebrate our students’ and school successes.

Good luck to our students on their PATs and, soon, their diplomas. As the results come in, be assured staff and administration will be gleaning useful information from the results that will help us support our students to achieve their full potential.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent  
Palliser Regional Schools

# May 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	3 <b>BOOK FAIR</b> 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M  12:45 Assembly 1-2M	4	5	6  Parent Muffin Morning “Children’s Temperment”
9	10	11  <b>Running Club</b>	12	13  Parent Muffin Morning “Filling your Bucket”
16	17 <b>Grade 3 Language Arts PAT</b> (Writing)  8:45 Assembly Office	18 <b>Grade 6 Language Arts PAT</b> (Writing) <b>Class Picture Day</b>  <b>Running Club</b>	19  Spirit Day “Backwards Day”	20  Parent Muffin Morning “Transitions” (How to get your child to stop playing and get ready for bed)
23  <b>Victoria Day No School</b>	24  <b>PD Day No School for Students</b>	25  <b>Running Club</b>	26	27  Parent Muffin Morning “Youth Drop in Center”
30	31 12:45 Assembly 1-2SM <b>Grade 6 Orientation to CHS Grade 7 Parent Night @ CHS</b>			

# JUNE 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <b>Running Club</b>  <b>Last Day to submit Fitness Minutes!</b>	2	3
6 <b>School Council Meeting 5:00 PM</b>	7	8  <b>Running Club</b>	9  Spirit Day <b>Canada Day in June!</b>	10  <i>Farewell Assembly for Mrs. Wilson</i>
13	14  <b>P.A.T. Gd. 3 L.A. Part B P.A.T. Gd. 6 Social</b>  12:45 Assembly ECS & Preschool	15  <b>P.A.T. Gd. 6 L.A. Part B</b>  <b>Running Club</b>	16  <b>P.A.T. Gd. 3 Math Part B Gd. 6 Math Part B</b>  <i>Last Day for Preschool</i>	17  <b>P.A.T. Gd. 6 Science</b>
20	21	22  <b>Running Club</b>  <b>Camp Day</b>	23  <b>Camp Day</b>	24  <b>Camp Day</b>
27 Grade 6 Grad P.M.	28 <b><u>Awards Day!!!</u></b> <b>A.M. Assembly</b> Report Cards go home <b>Last Day of School</b>	29  *PD Day for Teachers	30  *PD Day for Teachers	1  Happy Canada Day!

Have a Great Summer!!  
First Day of Classes for students is  
August 30, 2011