

COALHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL N E W S

January 10, 2011



Coalhurst Elementary School: Success for Every Child

A January

Thank You:

- **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make December's food drive such a success!!!
& to **Coalhurst St. Vincent de Paul Society** for organizing food hampers for our local families.
- **All of you** who contributed to our food and sock drive. C.U.P.E. collected over 6000 socks. Thanks for caring!

Student Recognition for the month of December:

1/2M: Hanna D., Payton G., Indra G.
1/2N: Naziim G., Kiara H., Chapel I.
1/2S: Dainen L., Kayla K., Cole L.
3/4F: Ryan M.
3/4M: Addesyn I., Nicholas F., Samuel J.
3/4P: Cameron L., Tenille C.
5/6B: Tyson P., Greg D.
5/6H: Meghan O., Cole H., Sheila E.
5/6P: Dylan H., Cody W.



Reminder:

- **Please, make sure your children DO NOT arrive at the school before 8:25 a.m. School does not actually start until 8:35 a.m. The doors to the school are not unlocked until 8:25 and there are no teachers on supervision until that time. The time before 8:25 is used for the teachers to prepare for the day!!!**
 - Please call the school if your children are going to be absent from school. You can leave a message before 8:15 am on the schools voice mail.
 - **Please be certain that your child has proper footwear at school when they wear their boots to school.**
 - There are still classes for students when the busses are not running. Town children should be in attendance.
 - ***Please remember the street in front of the school is reserved for bus parking. Please respect this rule and DO NOT park on the street, even if it is just to drop off students. We understand the problem we have with parking at CES. The best solution is to park in the back when dropping off or picking up your child(ren). Also please DO NOT use the handicapped parking spaces for parking or dropping off students unless you have a handicapped parking sticker.***
 - We are collecting wrapping paper rolls for camp, so please save them and bring them to the school.
 - **Our newsletter is also available online at our new CES website www.coalhurstelementaryschool.ca**
- We are encouraging families to sign up for this paperless newsletter. If you no longer wish to receive a paper newsletter please advise the office. Make sure you check out the site regularly as we are constantly updating it and adding new items.**

We appreciate all of the empty bottles & milk jugs that are being donated to the school. Please be certain to remove all lids, and rinse out any dairy containers. The bottle depot will not give us \$ for bottles with lids.

SPIRIT DAY FOR JANUARY

On **Thursday, January 27th** we will be celebrating "**Crazy Beach Day**". Wear your craziest beach wear to school and show your school spirit.

Mini-Basketball Update:

We started our mini-basketball program on January 4th. The final tournament will be held the evening on Thursday, February 10, 2011, starting at 3:30-8:00 PM. There will be a concession and a 50/50 draw, so be sure to bring some cash with you and cheer on your favourite teams.

Parent Council:

In this newsletter, there is a trivia question about an item in the newsletter. Parent Council will draw for a Harry's hot lunch for a student from all the correct answers received. The correct answer can be found by reading this newsletter. The entry form can be found in this newsletter. Please, only one entry per student. Bring your entry form to Miss Vos in the office by January 29th.

Minutes from each parent Council meeting are available for viewing on our CES website – follow this link <http://www.coalhurstelementaryschool.ca//School%20Council.php> This is an excellent way to keep informed of what Parent Council is planning for the future.

Parent Mornings: Are you new to Coalhurst or just want to get to know other parents in the community better? Come to Coalhurst Elementary School on Friday mornings from 8:30am-9:30am to enjoy a cup of coffee and a muffin and meet neighbors and friends. The **second** Friday of each month will feature a guest speaker. The rest of the Fridays will be more informal with time to connect with other parents. Watch the Town News and CES Newsletter for information about future guest speakers.

Friday, January 14, 2011

8:30am-8:45am General Arrival – Coffee & Muffins

8:45am – 9:15am -Guest Speaker -- Greg Pratt, Director of Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services. He will be providing information about the many services available to parents.

9:15am-9:30am -informal visiting and connecting time with other parents. **Children are Welcome We're on Facebook!**

Sign up to the CES Facebook group to keep updated on information and events happening at the school. Search Coalhurst Elementary School Council on Facebook to join.



PSIII Students:

CES would like to welcome to our school, Miss Shantel Mohrmann , in 5-6H, Miss Chelsea McNutt in 3-4M, and Miss Brandy Janzen in 3-4F. They are Intern teachers from the U of L, more information came out home with your child if they are in one of these classes. They will be teaching in these classes from January to April.

School Safety Patrol:

Now that the school patrol is up and running, parents have been asking how it works. When the patrollers put their hands out, it is to let the vehicles know they have pedestrians that want to cross. Like any crosswalk, we hope the drivers will stop. However, the patrollers will not let the pedestrians cross until the driver has come to a complete stop and they have made eye contact with them. They will then hold the stop sign out and allow the pedestrians to cross. I hope this helps to clear any confusion. If you are walking with your child to school please cross at the crosswalk where the patrollers are so they feel the time they are spending out there is worthwhile.

Safety Patrol will not run if the weather goes below -15 degrees.

Music:

Students in grades 3-6 will be playing recorders in Music classes during the months of January and February. Please ensure your student keeps their recorders in their backpacks, as "recorders live in backpacks" so students will always have them ready for Music classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Encourage your student to practice their instruments at home, using proper technique.

Hot Lunch Program:

When ordering Hot Lunch, orders with payment must be received prior to the first Hot Lunch day of the month. Orders will not be filled the **day of**, as we will not have enough lunches prepared. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

ECS News:

Skate and Helmet Donations

Both kindergarten classes will be ice skating on January 14 and January 21. There are some children who do not have the necessary equipment. The Kindergarten Local Advisory Committee would like to have several sets of skates and helmets that children could borrow. As a result, kindergarten is looking for donations of gently used skates and hockey helmets. If you have any small skates that may fit 5 and 6 year old children, please consider donating or lending them to our program. Thanks for your help!



Winter Clothing Drive:

Are you wondering what to do with those winter coats and boots that no longer fit? Please drop them off at Coalhurst Elementary School, **as soon as possible**, for our Winter Clothing Drive.

Suggested Items: Winter Coats, Snow Pants, Mittens, Scarves, Hats, Boots

Sizes: Infants to Adults

All items we receive will be on tables by the gym stairs from **January 17th until January 29th**. Take home as many items as your family and friends need to stay warm and cozy this winter.

Any remaining items will be donated to one of the Lethbridge charities at the end of the week.

Thank you, Warm Children Playing

Jump Rope for Heart:

CES students from Kindergarten – Grade 6 are invited to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart on **Thursday, February 6, 2011**. Check your child(s) agenda for more information to be coming home. This is a way for our students to both be active and help others.

Literacy Evening:

We invite you to come out to the school on **Wednesday, January 26 from 7:00 – 8:00** to learn more about how you can read with your child and make it an enjoyable experience. We will take a look at various reading strategies to help you help your child. This evening is intended for any adult who reads with a child.

Trivia Question Entry Form

Student Name: _____ Class Room: _____

Answer _____

Return to Miss Voss before January 29, 2011



January Counselor's Corner

Healthy Development

There are six core strengths that provide a strong foundation for a child's development. These strengths help prevent aggression, bullying, self-loathing and a variety of mental health problems.

1. **Making Relationships:** This is the ability to form and maintain healthy emotional bonds with others. Building a healthy, nurturing and connected relationship with your child is key to his ability to become a good friend and have positive relationships with others. This begins when parents hold and cuddle their children from infancy through childhood.
2. **Controlling Impulses:** This is the ability to control feelings such as frustration, anger and fear. Putting a moment between an impulse and an action is an essential skill. This is a strength that must be learned – we are not born with it.
3. **Being part of a Group:** This is the ability to join others and contribute to a group. Human beings are social creatures – we are biologically designed to live, play, grow and work in groups. A family is a child's first and most important group, glued together by the strong attachments to parents and other family members. In school classmates and friends are important social experiences.
4. **Being aware of Others:** Recognizing the needs, interests, strengths and values of others is part of the maturing process. Children learn about the needs and complexities of others by watching, listening and forming relationships. They need guidance to begin to understand the perspective of others.
5. **Accepting Differences:** This is the capacity to understand and accept how others are different from you. It is natural and human to be hesitant about the new and different. To become tolerant a child must first face the fear of difference. This can be a challenge because children tend to associate with others based on similarities in age, interests, families or cultures. You can model how to accept differences in others so your child can value what makes each of us special and unique. Intolerance leads to bullying, teasing and aggression toward others.
6. **Finding value in Differences:** This is appreciating the worth in yourself and in others. Respect grows from all the former strengths. An aware, tolerant child with good relationships and the ability to control/calm their intense emotions acquires respect naturally. This is a lifelong process yet its roots are in childhood. Learning to listen, negotiate, compromise and cooperate are important life lessons.

These core strengths provide a child with the framework for a life rich in family, friends, and personal growth. Helping children gain these core strengths gives them a gift they will use throughout their lives. They will learn to live and prosper together with people of all kinds – all bringing different strengths to create happy healthy world.

(Taken from "Six Core Strengths for Healthy Child Development" by Bruch D. Perry M.D., Ph.D.)-

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Newsletter Trivia Question – How long will our 3 PSIII students be teaching at CES this school year?

JANUARY 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 First day back after Christmas holidays.  WELCOME BACK! School Council 6:00 p.m.	4 Boys 1-6 Choir 1 st recess Girls 3-6 Choir – 12:15 Mini-Basketball	5 Mrs Higginson's Handbell Group 1 st recess Port-A-Four Practice Last Recess Running Club	6 Girls Gd. 1-2 Choir 1 st Recess Mrs Berberich's Handbell Group Lunch Recess Harry's Hot Dogs Mini-Basketball	7 Bookmobile 1-6 PM
10 Mrs Higginson's Handbell Group 1 st recess	11 A.M. Assembly Boys 1-6 Choir 1 st recess Girls 3-6 Choir – 12:15 Mini-Basketball	12 Mrs Higginson's Handbell Group 1 st recess Port-A-Four Practice Last Recess Running Club	13 Girls Gd. 1-2 Choir 1 st Recess Mrs Berberich's Handbell Group Lunch Recess Harry's Hot Dogs Mini-Basketball	14 Parent Muffin Morning 8:30 AM -9:30 AM
17 Mrs Higginson's Handbell Group 1 st recess	18 Boys 1-6 Choir 1 st recess Girls 3-6 Choir – 12:15 Mini-Basketball	19 Mrs Higginson's Handbell Group 1 st recess Port-A-Four Practice Last Recess Running Club	20 Girls Gd. 1-2 Choir 1 st Recess Mrs Berberich's Handbell Group Lunch Recess Harry's Hot Dogs Mini-Basketball	21 Bookmobile 1-6 PM Parent Muffin Morning 8:30 AM -9:30 AM
24 Mrs Higginson's Handbell Group 1 st recess	25 Boys 1-6 Choir 1 st recess Girls 3-6 Choir – 12:15 P.M. Assembly Hosted by 3-4P Mini-Basketball	26 Mrs Higginson's Handbell Group 1 st recess Port-A-Four Practice Last Recess Parent Info Night 7PM Running Club	27 Girls Gd. 1-2 Choir 1 st Recess Mrs Berberich's Handbell Group Lunch Recess Crazy Beach Day Mini-Basketball	28 Parent Muffin Morning 8:30 AM -9:30 AM
31 PD Day No school for students				