



# HOOF PRINTS

## SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

### ISSUE 1

Dates to remember:  
8 – Meet the Staff BBQ 6-8pm  
13 – Parent Council Meeting 7-8pm  
16 – School photos and Terry Fox Run  
October Subway and Yearly hot lunch/milk order deadline  
28 – Hot Dog Day  
30 - Pancake breakfast and Pep Rally

### ÉCOLE INNISFAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF

#### ADMINISTRATION

Principal – Jay Steeves  
Vice Principal – Carey Collin  
Admin Support – Paula Spiller  
Admin Support – Leanne Stickland

#### GRADE 5 TEACHERS

Tina Chadwick  
Melanie Grant  
John Hand  
Tanis Klymyk  
Cody Pivert – 4/5 French Immersion

#### GRADE 6 TEACHERS

Jill Kenway  
Rosemarie Pierzchalski  
Drew Martin - French Immersion  
Tom Stones

#### GRADE 7 TEACHERS

Christine Chalaturmyk  
Ed Graff  
Dale Jensen  
Drew Martin – French Immersion  
John Pierzchalski  
Mike Walsh

#### SUPPORT TEACHERS

Pat Adams – Phys Ed  
Chris Bushell – Band

#### SUPPORT STAFF

Lana Kennedy – Family Wellness  
Heather Kuhn – Library Technician  
Constable Rick Buisseret – Resource Officer

#### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

Dusty Daines  
Trish Jenks  
Heather Kuhn  
Debbie Papp  
Debbie Penner  
Dawn Peters  
Sue Purcell

#### CUSTODIANS

Judy Gillespie  
Chrissie Morton  
Wilma Torres  
Bob Urch

When students arrived on Thursday, their classrooms were well organized, their learning materials were in place and the teachers were eager to greet them. We were delighted to tattoo each child with our mascot as they walked through the doors. Now that we are in year nine we will continue to build our school culture, programs and vision.

The **Meet the Staff Barbecue and Open House** held by École John Wilson Elementary, École Innisfail Middle and Innisfail High Schools on September 8<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Thank you to all families who came out in the beautiful weather to share your evening with us. Your donations to the Innisfail Food Bank totaled \$136.96. What a fantastic way to start the school year.

**This year students and staff at IMS will celebrate MUSTANGS PRIDE.**

**M** model citizens  
**U** unlimited potential  
**S** student leadership  
**T** trustworthy  
**A** active and healthy  
**N** non-judgmental  
**G** goal oriented  
**S** success for all



**P**ride in Yourself  
**P**ride in Others  
**P**ride in your Community



School Fees	
<b>Basic Fees:</b>	
Grade 4	\$60.00
Grade 5	\$60.00
Grade 6	\$60.00
Grade 7	\$75.00
Band Fee	\$15.00
Swimming Program	\$30.00
Agenda	\$ 6.00
Locker Lock	\$ 6.00
<b>Fee invoices will be sent home shortly.</b>	



## IMS Parent Council

Welcome back everyone and welcome new parents and students to the school. Hope everyone's summer was great!

Our first parent council meeting is on Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there. Regular meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

We would like to make a master list of volunteers that could be called on throughout the year to help out with hot lunches, fundraising, and school activities.

Any little bit that you can offer is greatly appreciated. If you would like to have your name on a list to volunteer at some point please call Janette Charlton at 403-227-6154 or email me at [jgcch4@gmail.com](mailto:jgcch4@gmail.com).

Thanks

Janette Charlton

Chair of parent council

## School Photos

Individual and class photos will be taken by Platinum Photography on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see information at the end of this Newsletter.

**Parents are welcome in our school any time. Please remember to stop by the office and announce your presence. This is a safety measure.**

Hoof Prints, our Newsletter, will come home on the first Friday of the month so look for it in your child's backpack. The Newsletter is also available on our website at [www.innisfail.middle.ca](http://www.innisfail.middle.ca). If you wish to receive this electronically please go to the Newsletter Subscription portion of the website and put in your email address.

Please read over the Information section of the Student's Agenda. It clearly outlines the discipline procedures, dress code, bell schedule and other pertinent information.

## Nutrition Break

Each morning the students are given a nutrition break. At that time, they are to eat a healthy snack. We firmly believe the body must be fueled in order for the brain to operate. Be sure your children are bringing nutritious snacks to school.

Nutritionists write that high sugar snacks play havoc with the students' ability to *concentrate* and with their ability to control their *mood* swings. If children are dining on pop and high sugar snacks, they experience a sugar high which will give them instant energy but what happens after the high, is a feeling of lethargy and moodiness.

Children, who have not "fueled" their bodies with nutritious food, will have more challenges concentrating.

## Lunch Time

IMS has a closed campus during the lunch break which means the children are expected to eat lunch here and to take part in the noon activities. If your child is going home for lunch, please send a note.

## Hot Lunch and Milk

IMS offers a milk program as well as lunches from Subway, Boston Pizza, soup and salad catered by the Innisfail High School cafeteria as well as hot dog days.

With the exception of Subway these orders can be made for the entire year or by the month. Attached to this Newsletter are forms to order for the year. If you wish to order by the month please watch for forms in future Newsletters or have your child pick up order forms in the office. Also attached is the Subway order form for October.

## Complementary Subjects

Complementary Subjects capitalize on the innate curiosity of young adolescents, exposing them to a range of academic, vocational, and recreational subjects for career choices, community service, enrichment, and enjoyment. The topics include intramural sports, health, clubs, technology, independent study projects, drama, music, art, outdoor education and several other special areas.

The Complementary Courses will take place daily for one hour. Some of the courses such as band have an additional cost attached to them.

## Community School Resource Officer

**We are fortunate to have Constable Rick Buisseret as our Community School Resource Officer. Constable Rick is working in the Innisfail Schools. He is offering numerous programs including DARE (drug abuse resistance programs) and many other youth related programs.**

## Library News

Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30-8:40 am

3:15-4:00 pm

Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program

This will be our 3rd year collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Southern Alberta. The money raised from the recycling of the pull tabs goes to the support that the Ronald McDonald House offers to families of sick children. You can drop them off at the IMS library. Last year we came in 3rd place! Thank you to everyone that brought their pull tabs in and please continue to help us help them!

**Phys Ed at IMS** The gym is in full swing. We have a large number of students in shooting baskets every morning.

**Terry Fox Run** – Our Terry Fox run will be held on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. IMS would like to invite anyone interested in joining the students and staff for a walk around our “block”. As in the past all participants are welcome to donate a loonie or toonie to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Our **extracurricular teams** are also up and running. These teams are open to any student at IMS. We encourage any student who is interested to come out and play, even if you can only make it to one of the practice days. There is a spot for everyone and it does not matter if you have ever played before. Just come on out and have some fun.

#### **Cross Country Running**

The first X-C team will be coached by Ms. Chadwick. The first meeting was held on September 6<sup>th</sup>. If you missed the meeting you are still welcome to join. Practices for the X-C team are held at lunch recess each day. All students are welcome. IMS is hosting the K-6 Run for CESD on October 6<sup>th</sup> and we are looking to have lots of our students out and running on that day. The first run for grade 7s will be the CENAA run on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Sundre High.

#### **Volleyball**

A meeting for anyone interested in Volleyball will be held at lunch on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The girls practice day will be on Monday, the boys practice on Tuesday and Thursday will be the house league game night. Practices for all teams start right after school and end around 4:30 to 4:45. Our coaches are:

Girls – Mr. Steeves, Ms. Kenway and Mrs. Kuhn

Boys – Mr. Collin and Mr. Hand

#### ***Some hints to help you do your best in P.E. this year:***

1. **Participate and have some fun.** The more that you get involved the more fun you will have ... it is just that easy.
2. **Have a gym change.** Tight clothing can limit your motion during active exercise. Your body cools itself better if your clothing fits loosely
3. **Wash exercise clothing regularly.** Clean clothing is more comfortable.
4. **Dress in layers when exercising outdoors.** This allows you to remove layers as you warm up and put them back on as you cool down.
5. **Wear proper socks and shoes.** Sport socks provide cushioning and help absorb perspiration and prevent blisters. A good pair of “multipurpose” exercise or sport shoes is the best place to start. Try the shoes on before buying them. The shoes should not feel too heavy. Shoes do not have to be expensive.

#### ***After School Support...***

Many students have busy lives and find it challenging to complete homework in the evenings. Our goal is to set the students up for success so we offer after school support for your children to work on their homework. During this time students may finish any work that they did not complete during their school day, work on projects, or get individual help with assignments. This time is for town and bus students as long as bus students have made arrangements with family members to pick them up at 4:00pm. Support will be offered Monday thru Thursday from 3:30 – 4:00pm as well as Wednesday from 11:55am to 12:15pm.

If you feel your child could benefit from this program please contact your child's Teacher.

### **Community News**

#### **Let's Get Organized! Setting Your Child Up for Success at School and at Home**

Participants will learn what organizational skills are and why they are important for learning. Possible causes for difficulties or a lack of organizational skills will be discussed, as well as indicators that may be observed in a child struggling in this area. Strategies for supporting your child and facilitating improved organizational skills at school and at home will be provided.

This workshop is being offered September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:55-12:30 at the Henday Association for Lifelong Learning #2 4407-49 Street (just behind the co-op mall). To register please call 403-227-2866.

#### **Middle School Photos Have “Gone Green”**

#### **Platinum Photography**

On **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, each student will have **three unique poses** taken in front of a green screen background. You will receive your proofs in about 5 days, printed on a 'Default' background. You then **choose your favourite pose** along with one of the **Eight Custom Backgrounds** shown on the sample sheet that will arrive with your proofs (or you can keep the default background, it's up to you) be sure to record your Custom Background on the order form, so we get your background selection correct! We will pick up the orders on the due date and... Back at our Photo Lab... The 'Default' Background is digitally removed and the Custom Background, along with your selected pose, is printed. If you don't want to use a Custom Background, no problem, we will just print your order on the default background. ID cards will be printed from a pose of our choice on the Default background, so we can get them back to the school with the proofs. Parents and Students don't need to do anything different than before. We still recommend that students wear bright coloured clothing, make sure your hair is neat... and SMILE!!



## **Beginnings**

A Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to another wonderful year in Chinook's Edge!

Over this past year, we have worked very hard to revisit our motto, our mission statement, and our vision for the future. I am proud to say that our motto, Where Students Come First, was strongly affirmed as the way we will continue to make decisions in this school division. Our mission and vision statements were reworded to reflect new research and to honour the priorities of the many people we engaged across Chinook's Edge. Our vision statement is designed to stretch all of us over the next few years to achieve student success that goes above and beyond anything we have accomplished in the past.

To achieve this, we need to not only support our teachers in their professional learning, but we also need to support our school based administrators as they focus on enhancing their instructional leadership skills. To this end, we are very fortunate to have Dr. David Townsend and Dr. Pamela Adams from the University of Lethbridge who will be working with all of our school based administrators and our central office leaders as we commit to a year-long focus on instructional leadership. Dr. Townsend and Dr. Adams are very highly regarded across Alberta for their expertise as educational leaders and researchers.

Ultimately, we are striving to provide learning opportunities that are designed to set our students up for a lifetime of success. We want all our students to feel safe at school, to be engaged in their learning, and to arrive each day looking forward to the time they will spend with their caring and committed teachers.

We wish everyone a meaningful year of growing and achieving in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

**Mission:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

**Vision:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

### **Working together for students:**

Our service-oriented staff at Division Office are there to support schools throughout Chinook's Edge. To facilitate this support, Liaison Superintendents have been assigned to each of our 42 schools. If you have any concerns regarding your child, we invite you to first contact your child's Teacher, and if you need further assistance your school's Principal. If you need to go beyond the school level for a solution, feel free to contact your school's Liaison Superintendent, Shawn Russell. From there, if necessary, please feel free to contact Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools.

**The Chinook's Edge Leadership Team**  
**(accessible by calling Division Office at 403-227-7070 or toll free 1-800-561-9229)**

**Kurt Sacher** (Superintendent of Schools)

**Wanda Christensen** (Associate Superintendent of Student Services)

**Dr. Lissa Steele** (Associate Superintendent of Learning Services)

**Ray Hoppins** (Associate Superintendent of System Services)

**Shawn Russell** (Associate Superintendent of People Services)

**Allan Tarnoczi** (Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services)



## BOSTON PIZZA YEARLY ORDER FORM 2011 / 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Class \_\_\_\_\_

We will be having “Boston Pizza” pizza lunch days at Innisfail Middle School again this year. The cost will be **\$5.00** for a child’s size individual pizza and a juice box.

Please indicate the type of pizza you would like to order for each month you will be ordering.

Boston Pizza Day	Hawaiian	Cheese	Pepperoni	Total
October 5				\$
November 2				\$
December 7				\$
February 1				\$
March 7				\$
May 2				\$
June 6				\$
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$

**Boston Pizza order forms due by September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

## SOUP AND SALAD DAY YEARLY ORDER FORM 2011 / 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Class \_\_\_\_\_

We will be having soup and salad days again this year catered by the Innisfail High School Cafeteria. The cost will be **\$5.00/meal**. We have split the school into 2 days. If your Student is in Grade 5 or 6 please order on Group 1 days. And if your child is in Grade 7 or French Immersion please order on Group 2 days.

<u>Group 1 Days</u> Grade 5 and 6	\$5.00/ meal	<u>Group 2 Days</u> Grade 7 and French Immersion	\$5.00/meal	Total
October 12		October 26		\$
November 9		November 23		\$
January 11		January 25		\$
February 8		February 22		\$
March 21		March 28		\$
April 11		April 25		\$
May 9		May 23		\$
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$

**Soup and Salad order forms due by September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**



**Hot Dog Order Form: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade & Class** \_\_\_\_\_

Hot Dog Sale Date	Number of Hot Dogs	\$1.00 Per Hot Dog	Total
Sept 28			\$
October 19			\$
November 16			\$
December 14			\$
January 18			\$
February 22			\$
March 14			\$
April 18			\$
May 16			\$
June 13			\$
<b>Grand Total</b>			\$

**Hot dog order forms due by September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

**YEARLY MILK ORDER FORM 2011/2012**

**These order forms need to be handed in by September, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** Milk delivery to classrooms will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Students wishing to purchase milk on month to month basis may do so with the appropriate monthly milk order form.

Milk Orders: Please choose the type of milk – Chocolate, White or Alternating (one month White, one month Chocolate)

Student Name	Teacher's Name	Type of Milk	\$135.00/Child
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
<b>Total</b>			\$



**IMS SUBWAY LUNCH**  
**October 21, 2011**  
**\$5.00 includes sub, milk and a cookie.**

Please check off the type of 6" sub, bread type and milk. Then choose the toppings for your sub. *No other alterations* can be made because of the size of our order. Orders are to be handed in to teacher and *may not* be turned in to Subway. Thank you.

**Milk:**           Chocolate \_\_\_\_\_                      White                      \_\_\_\_\_

**Bread:**           White           \_\_\_\_\_                      Whole Wheat           \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub:**            Ham                      \_\_\_\_\_

                  Cold Cut            \_\_\_\_\_

                  Pizza                \_\_\_\_\_

                  Veggie              \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub toppings:** (Check the items wanted on your sub)

Lettuce \_\_\_\_\_ Tomato \_\_\_\_\_ Onion \_\_\_\_\_ Cucumber \_\_\_\_\_ Green Pepper \_\_\_\_\_ Banana Peppers \_\_\_\_\_

Pickles \_\_\_\_\_ Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ Salt \_\_\_\_\_ Pepper \_\_\_\_\_ Mayo \_\_\_\_\_ Mustard \_\_\_\_\_ Sub Sauce \_\_\_\_\_

Italian dressing \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to teachers by: Sept 30, 2011. No late orders will be accepted.**

