



# HOOF PRINTS

## APRIL 1, 2011

### ISSUE 8

#### April dates to remember

- 1 – 17 Year Round Spring Break
- 2 – 10 Traditional Spring Break
- 11 – Traditional classes resume
- 12 – Parent Council Meeting – 7pm
- 18 – Year Round classes resume
- 21 – Hot Dog day / Spirit Day / Loonie Toonie day/ Subway deadline
- 21 – Lise May – EJWES 6:30 – 7:30pm
- 22 – Good Friday – no school
- 25 – Easter Monday – no school
- 28 – Subway day

### Science Fair Success

On Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> students at Innisfail Middle School were recognized for their hard work on their Science Fair Projects at the Regional Science Fair in Red Deer. Chloe Lucas and Brandon Border's project on Using Hair to clean up oil spills was awarded Silver in the Elementary Science Category. Kayla Ainscough's project on What worms like to eat, was also awarded Silver in Elementary Science. I would also like to recognize Annabelle Layden and Natasha Layden who also participated in the Regional Science Fair in Red Deer. Excellent job Scientists!



### Where oh where will you be next year?

If you are moving or not returning to IMS for the 2011–2012 school year, please phone the office and let us know. This helps us to plan for next year. Our student numbers impact staffing and funding.



### Band Notes:

**A special Thank You** to the Rotary Club of Innisfail for donating \$2000.00 to the band program to allow students to attend summer band camps! The Rotary has been a great supporter of the band program over the years and we sincerely appreciate their support!

**Meat Sale!** The band is having a meat sale **until April 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in purchasing products, please see a band member or contact **Dawn Peters at 403-227-8411**.

**Ensembles Concert!** – **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** in the IMS Gym we will be having our first Ensembles concert featuring the Beginner Band and our Grade 12 composition projects! There will also be other band students performing solo and ensemble works. This will be a great evening so come join us and enjoy yourselves!

**Bottle Drive** – The next band bottle drive will be taking place on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like us to plan to visit your area of town you can contact **Jamie Graham at 403-227-1722**.

### LIBRARY AT IMS

Thanks to IMS staff, parents, and students for all the support with the Scholastic Book Fair!

### March IMS Book of the Month

Chosen By Oriana Clark. She chose the Book *Shadow of the Hegemon*, by Orson Scott Card. She liked this book because it showed real, everyday problems, including political problems.

**Parent Council**  
Please join us for our next Parent Council meeting  
on April 12, 2011 7:00pm

## PE NEWS

Our badminton season is up and running. The grade 5 team coached by Mrs. Klymyk will practice on Wednesday, the grade 6 team coached by Mrs. Klymyk will practice on Thursday and the grade 7 team coached by Mr. Adams will practice on Monday and Tuesday. Practices will be done by 4:50 pm. at the latest. If your son or daughter is interested in badminton please encourage them to come out and play. We can always make room for more. Parents if you are interested in helping out with the teams please feel free to contact Mr. Adams and we will do our best to get you involved. IMS is looking to set up parent/student badminton nights again. Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon. The CENAA badminton tournament is being held in Sylvan Lake on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

As the weather continues to improve (we hope) students will need to be prepared to be outside. Whenever possible we will be trying to sneak outdoors to take advantage of the sunshine and fresh air so a coat or sweatshirt would be a good idea, especially for the next couple of months, as it can still get fairly cool.

Please keep in mind that we will be looking for parent volunteers to help us with the IMS Track Meet to be held near the end of May. Please contact Mr. Adams if you are interested.

### *Renaissance*

*Our sports assembly was energetic and exciting with various contests and activities including the climbing wall competition and basketball shoot out. The very talented Taylor Blais and Skye Quarty entertained us with their beautiful musical skills.*

### **Students of the Month:**

**Grade 5-** Mikaela Henschel, Taylor Emerson, Garrick Lee, Austin Dolen

**Grade 6-** Sloane McBride, Wyatt Bristow, Natasha Layden, Camryn Fuller, Declan Jensen, Austin Thompson,

**Grade 7-** Brent Craig, Nikki Norlin, Jake Ewashen, Thieu Van Aar, Kaytlyn Verhiere

Sponsored by: **Dairy Queen**

### **Athlete of the Month:**

**Grade 5** – Stephanie Hale and Phoenix Baird

**Grade 6** – Camryn Fuller and Declan Jensen

**Grade 7** – Kaytlyn Verhiere and Ethan Motley

Thanks to **Subway** for being a strong supporter of the Athlete of the Month.

**Art Student of the Month:** Aly Blain and Kennedy Jackson

### **Band Students of the Month:**

**Concert:** Darius Ramrattan

**Beginner:** Madison MacLaren and Cole Meger

Thanks to **McDonalds** for their sponsorship.

### **Cleanest Classroom:**

Grade 5 – Mrs. Chadwick

Grade 6 – Mr. Stone

Grade 7 – Mr. Graff

Congratulations!!

**Subway Party Sub with a friend:** Tony Wong, Danielle

Harrison, Jesse Haverstock, Chelsea Anderson

**Lunch with Principal:** Michael Yff

**Lunch with Mrs. Purcell:** Jeff Belbin

**Friend WII Lunch:** Brooke Bilton and Tyler Bradshaw

**Metcalf Funeral Chapel** draw: Liam Orr

**Shell Canada** draw: Josh Medak, Zach Smith, Teena Olson, Kale Vandavelde

**ATB** draw: Dayna Carlson

Our sponsors are sincerely thanked for their new and continued support of our school and programs: **Shell Canada, Olymel, ATB Financial, Dairy Queen, Subway, Innisfail Co-Op, Mulligan's Pizza, A&W, Servus Credit Union, Innisfail Aquatic Center, NAPA/The Source, Flowers in Bloom, McDonald's, Jackson's Pharmasave, Innisfail Esso, Home Hardware, Staples, FCSS, The Legman, Metcalf Funeral Chapel, Tim Hortons, Luke Ouellette- M.L.A., Gary Moe Mazda, Extra Foods, Jostens, Body Basics Massage Therapy, Adonia Beauty and Wellness and Boston Pizza.**

If you or your business would like to participate or to be a part of our program through a donation, please contact Shelley Smereka at 403-227-0060.

## Community News and Notes

### Join our Mentoring Team!

Volunteer to mentor a child at your local school.

The commitment is only one hour,

once a week with one child.

Just be a friend!

Big Brothers and Big Sisters are looking for adult volunteers for Innisfail schools.

Call 403-227-6766 for more information on all volunteer opportunities we offer!

### **GYR Girl's Conference**

**Where:** Innisfail Jr/Sr High School

**When:** Saturday April 16, 2011

**Time:** 9:00am-5:00pm

**What 4:** A journey to becoming a

G(Gifted) I(Intelligent) R(Responsible) L(Leader)

**Cost:** \$50.00 (Registration packets at the Town of Innisfail)

A day full of empowerment and creativity for girls ages 11-18.

With guest speaker Alison Springer, renowned youth speaker from Calgary and great breakout sessions to make you think outside the box and be wildly creative!

\*Mechanics 101 \*Cupcake Wars \*Memory Box

\*Girls Rock \*Skin Deep

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## Important themes emerging under the leadership of our Guiding Coalition

A Message from the Superintendent

Many important themes around teaching and learning are emerging from within Chinook's Edge this year, as individuals throughout our division have been engaged in our Visioning Project. Through the leadership and hard work of our 40-member Guiding Coalition, we have received input from many hundreds of individuals about what it means to be an educated Albertan, what makes a quality learning environment and how best to build a culture of success for each student in our division. I have met with staff in each of our schools to gather their views on our core purpose in Chinook's Edge, and to determine how they envision our school district in 2015 and 2030.

**Be part of the discussion! We invite you to take a few minutes to complete our short Visioning Project Survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JB7YY7H> before April 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to reading each one of your responses, and everyone who participates in the survey will be entered into a prize draw for a Chapters gift card.**

Each of these discussions is moving us closer to recommitting to our Chinook's Edge vision. People in our schools and communities are dedicated to cultivating a rich learning environment for each of the students we serve – now and into the future. This level of leadership will ensure Chinook's Edge will always be the division where students come first.

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent of Schools

### Facebook rolls out anti-bullying tools with White House support

By Doug Gross, CNN  
March 10, 2011 7:11 p.m. EST

(CNN) -- **Facebook announced two new safety features** Thursday in conjunction with a White House summit on bullying.

A new reporting tool will let Facebook users, including teens and younger users, **to privately report troubling content not just to the site itself but to parents, teachers and others in their support system.**

**And an improved Safety Center**, due out in the next few weeks, will provide educational videos, articles and other content created by bullying experts to help adults address the problem.

"Today's summit is about collaboration and being innovative in the ways in which we address safety," the networking giant wrote on its Facebook Safety page. **"We hope these new resources will help all of us -- parents, teachers, kids, safety experts, and Facebook itself -- work together to create safer environments."**

In a video posted on the safety page, President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama encourage Facebook members to join in the effort to decrease bullying, both online and off.

"For a long time, bullying was treated as an unavoidable part of growing up," President Obama says in the video. "But more and more we're seeing how harmful it can be for our kids, especially when it follows them from their school to their phone to their computer screen."

**Facebook said the "social reporting" feature is intended to get reports of bullying to the people with the best chance of stopping it.**

Under the new system, a user could identify a photo, status update or other item as bullying them, then privately send a message to someone in their friend network about it.

"Safety and child psychology experts tell us that **online issues are frequently a reflection of what is happening offline**," Facebook wrote. "By encouraging people to seek help from friends, we hope that many of these situations can be resolved face to face."

The new Safety Center will constantly be updated with new information and tools, according to the post.

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# FRENCH IMMERSION AT ÉCOLE INNISFAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

French Immersion Guest Speaker

Lise May

April 21st

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ÉJWES Music Room

Lise May has been involved with the French Immersion and the FSL programs for several years. For many years, she worked as a French immersion teacher with the Calgary Board of Education where she started the Late Immersion program back in 1978. Lise became a consultant for the Second Language Department for the CBE where she worked with elementary and secondary FSL and immersion teachers. She was also responsible to set up new French Immersion schools, to organize resources for their libraries as well as classrooms and to hire and train newly hired staff.

Lise's career continued as a school administrator in different French Immersion schools. After retiring from the CBE she taught at the University of Alberta (Faculté Saint-Jean) and the University of Calgary where she developed a Second language methodology course which she delivered to future FI teachers. She presently works with the Alberta Regional Consortium as a French program consultant/ coordinator for the south of the province.

Lise is truly passionate about the teaching and the learning of French as a second language. Her many experiences allow her to better understand the different roles of everyone involved: parents, teachers, administrators and students.

\*If you are able to join us for this evening presentation please let your child's teacher know. Our speaker would like to know how many will be in her audience.



*Our own Mr. Cody Pivert, teacher of the Grade 5/6 French Immersion class, has been nominated for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. This award celebrates top first year teachers across the Province. Congratulations on your nomination!*



## **Principal's letter...**

*The preparation is well underway for the French Immersion Track at École Innisfail Middle School for the 2011/12 school year. As we enjoy the first ever graduate class of French Immersion students and wish them the best as they pioneer their way into the High School, we look back at the contributions that this group of students and parents have made in building a program from its inception.*

*The hard work involved with all stakeholders making this program successful and the path that they have cleared for future generations of FI students, speaks to the dedication of students, parents, and teachers that will continue to be the voice of special programming within the public school arena. As budgets take shape and enrollment numbers are determined in the next month we hope to provide more clarity as to the class configurations for 2011/12. At this time we are just excited to see a program reach its full maturity as we extend into a campus wide program with levels for all learners of French.*

*I would also like to personally invite parents of current students or parents of potential students to join us for the aforementioned discussion with an Albertan expert, Lise May, in the field of French Immersion on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We all hope to gain insight into how we can continue to grow our program and develop classrooms that contain the in-depth francophone experience that our FI students are craving.*

*See you soon,  
Mr. J. Steeves  
Principal of IMS*

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**IMS SUBWAY LUNCH**

**April 28, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting Renaissance.

**Please return to teachers by: April 21, 2011. No late orders will be accepted!**

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**BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH**

**May 4, 2011**

\$5.00 includes child size individual pizza and a juice box.

Please indicate the type of child sized individual pizza you would like.

Hawaiian \_\_\_\_\_ Cheese Pizza \_\_\_\_\_ Pepperoni Pizza \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please return to teachers by: April 20, 2011. As the pizza will be ordered that day no late orders will be accepted.

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# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Year Round Break  Day 1	2
3	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break	8 Spring Break	9
10	11 Year Round Break  Day 2	12 Year Round Break Parent Council 7pm  Day 3	13 Year Round Break  Day 4	14 Year Round Break  Day 5	15 Year Round Break  Day 6	16
17	18   Day 1	19   Day 2	20 Boston Pizza deadline  Day 3	21 Hot Dog Loonie/Toonie Day Day 4	22 Good Friday no school	23
24	25 Easter Monday no school	26   Day 5	27   Day 6	28 Subway Day  Day 1	29 Rock n' Roll Assembly  Day 2	30

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