

October 2, 2015



## ÉCOLE INNISFAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### HOOF PRINTS Issue #2

#### October's Principal Message...

The focus of our work this year continues to be responding to the needs of all of our students and ensuring that we create and maintain a positive, safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment at École Innisfail Middle School. To that end, our staff spent some time together on September 25 working on a school-wide positive behaviour supports process that we will launch with our students at our October 2 assembly. This researched and proven-effective process will ensure that students, staff, and parents have clear and consistent expectations for behaviour throughout our building. We will link a positive reward system to these expectations and we will be encouraging and recognizing our students in a variety of ways throughout the year. Parents and community members will play a key and supportive role in our work around positive behaviours supports so you are welcome to join us at 9:00 am on October 2 to see the launch in action. Or, you can attend our next School Council meeting which runs on October 6 at 6:30 pm where we will share our process with parents. Also, please watch for some communication coming home after October 2 which will outline our expectations and processes. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email.


Our staff also spent time on the 25th working on specific learning plans for many of our students. We will continue to focus our work this year on ensuring that every student in our building learns and progresses at the highest levels. Parents are critical partners in this learning process. If you ever have questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, or any situation your child has been involved in, we encourage you to make contact with your child's homeroom teacher. They are an important first contact for parents, and can often address parent questions immediately and directly. Contacting school administration would be the next step in the communication process. Please never hesitate to communicate with us - we want to partner with you to support your child's learning and ensure that your child has the most positive experience possible in our school.

Yours in learning,


Danica Martin

Principal

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences are being held October 21 & 22 at IMS. You should be hearing from your child's teacher regarding an interview time.



- 2—Student Pancake Breakfast
- 7—Pizza day
- 9— Non Instructional Day—no school
- 12— Thanksgiving - no school
- 14—Gr 5/6 Soup/Salad day
- 21—Hot dog day
- 22—Subway day
- 21 /22 - Parent /Teacher / Student Conferences
- 22—November hot lunch order deadline
- 28—Gr 7/8 Soup/Salad
- 23—Collaborative day—no school



#### Cookie Dough Fundraiser...

Cookie dough forms came home Monday, September 28. The funds raised this year will stay within your child's grade to offset the cost of Field trips. For Grade 8 students the funds will be tracked per student towards their year end Field trip! Please return all forms even if you don't sell anything by October 13.

Cookie dough will be in the school for pickup on Thursday, October 29 from 3—6pm. Please note that all orders must be picked up on that date as we do not have any storage for orders.



### Chinooks Edge School Division K – 6 Cross Country Fun Run

Once again IMS hosted the CESD Cross Country run on October 1st, at Centennial Park. We had over 1000 registered runners from across Chinooks Edge. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers, Mrs. Chadwick, Mr. Pivert, Mr. Adams the IMS students who are volunteers and rabbits and all the other staff members who helped make this day possible.



### Parent Council...

We will be looking for volunteers for cookie dough distribution on October 29 and also We have been given a Casino on November 27 & 28. If you can volunteer for cookie dough please contact Kari or Leanne at 403-227-0060. If you can volunteer for Casino please contact Janette 403-227-0060 or 403-227-6154.

Join us for our next parent council meeting on October 6 at 6:30pm.

### Everyone matters in our safe and caring schools

In Chinook's Edge, we know that meaningful relationships and trust are fundamental for moving our students toward success. We are committed to ensuring each of our students and staff feel they are safe, cared for and that they belong. To support this important priority, Chinook's Edge has developed an FNMI Steering Committee, which is exploring best practices in supporting First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in our schools. The objective is to not only enhance the cultural and academic experiences of FNMI students, but also to bring an FNMI perspective to curriculum for all students.

Honouring and celebrating FNMI students and teachings enriches the experience in our schools for every student and staff who enters. Details about the work of the FNMI Steering Committee will be shared in the coming weeks through an expanded section on our division website, and we invite you to visit our website to see the important work underway. By purposefully sharing its findings, the FNMI Steering Committee is guiding students throughout our division to a deeper understanding of culture and perspectives. Our Learning Services team and the entire Central Office staff is involved, to ensure the FNMI Steering Committee successfully achieves its objectives. We are confident this important work will lead to higher success and understanding for all our students, and that each student in our care will know they are supported on their way to achieving success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent of Schools

## Community News and Notes

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