



ARROWWOOD ATOM BUSTER

Your weekly newsletter from Arrowwood Community School

February 26, 2010

Opportunity ✨ Excellence ✨ Respect

March Calendar

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| Th (Feb 25) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Ski Trip to COP 100th Day of School |
| F (Feb 26) | • |
| M (1) | • Virtue of the Week: Self-discipline |
| T (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students Union Pajama Spirit Day Div 3: Social unit exam |
| W (3) | • Gr.5/6 Floor Hockey Tournament (in Vulcan) |
| Th (4) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr.3/4 Social presentations Roots of Empathy - Baby Visit to Gr.1/2 District Budget Consultation Meeting (6:30 @ CCHS - see article below) |
| F (5) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr.3/4 Spelling Test Gr.1/2 Spelling Test |
| M (8) | • Virtue of the Week: Confidence |
| T (9) | • |
| W (10) | • |
| Th (11) | • District-wide PD Day (No Classes) |
| F (12) | • School-based PD Day (No Classes) |

"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

This March we begin a new set of virtues that focus on developing a positive self-image and building self-esteem. Concrete abilities like self-discipline, confidence and integrity are part of this skill set. We want to emphasize the pursuit of excellence in everything we do, truth to self and others and, above all, being the best person we can be.

Elementary Students Tear Up The Slopes!

Our elementary students had a great time at Canada Olympic Park on Thursday. Despite some glitches in the lessons the weather was great and a fun time was had by all!



Pajama Spirit Day

On Tuesday March 2 our Students Union is sponsoring a Pajama Day! There will be draws for prizes and a prize for the homeroom with the most participants. Dress up, bring your teddy bear and show your school spirit!

2010-2011 Budget Consultations

The Palliser School District values the input of all of our stakeholders! We want to extend an invitation to all our parents and staff to attend our annual budget consultations. Mr. Kevin Gietz will lead attendees through an information and prioritization process to help us focus and direct attention on the needs of our students. Please plan to attend this important forum.

Where: County Central High School - Vulcan
 When: Thursday, March 4, 2010
 Time: 6:30 PM

Guided Reading



Guided Reading is a teaching method in which all students in a class are placed in small groups. Students read short, carefully chosen texts in order to build independence, fluency, comprehension skills, and problem-solving strategies. The teacher often begins by introducing the text and modeling a particular strategy. Then students read to the group as the teacher listens, noting strategies and obstacles, and helping individual students as needed. Students then discuss content, and share problem-solving strategies. Guided-reading materials usually become increasingly challenging and are often read more than once. The teacher regularly observes and assesses students' changing needs, and adjusts groupings accordingly. Guided reading allows a teacher to provide different levels of support, depending on the needs of the students. All of our elementary students participate in our school-wide guided reading program.



Special Education Council
of the Alberta Teachers' Association

< Chelsey and Taleeleah work on the order of events from "Here Comes the Parade" >



Setting the Direction

The Special Education Council has invited Alberta Education, Setting the Direction Team, to have a conversation with members in our Regionals.

This session is for **all** individuals who have invested in this process to date and would like to hear where things currently sit and how it is proceeding.

This time will be used to:

- * Ask Questions
- * Clarify information circulating
- * Understand where Setting the Direction stands in terms of Government process
- * Plan how do we keep the process moving along

This session will take place

Thursday, March 11

5:00 – 8:30

Country Kitchen (basement of Keg restaurant)
1717 Mayor Magrath Drive South
Lethbridge

Please register for this **free informational session.**
Supper is provided.

Please contact Cheryle Hanna
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Lethbridge Events

April 1, 2010

World Autism Awareness Day Information Display

Park Place Mall Kiosk (in front of Winners)

Find out more about Autism Spectrum Disorders
Enter our free draws

April 6, 2010

(11 am – 3 pm)

BBQ Fundraiser

Save On Foods
Support "Jump, Skip, Walk for Autism."
Hotdog and a drink \$2

May 15, 2010

(10 am – 12 pm)

"Jump, Skip, Walk for Autism"

Pavan Park – John Martin Recreation Area
Jump, skip or walk around Pavan Lake and collect points toward a free lunch
Kids activities (face painting, Astro-Jump)



World Autism Awareness Day
April 2

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