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MAY 2011

- ❖ JUNE 1 – 'Wheel To School Day'
- ❖ JUNE 1-3 – Gr 6 Outdoor Education
- ❖ JUNE 3 – SPIRIT DAY
- ❖ JUNE 7 – Gr 4 Track Meet CHHS
- ❖ JUNE 8 - Gr 5 Track Meet CHHS
- ❖ JUNE 9 – Gr 6 Track Meet CHHS
- ❖ JUNE 10 – Family/Volunteer Pancake Breakfast
- ❖ JUNE 14 – Achievement Tests/Gr 3 LA Part B
Gr 6 Social Studies
- ❖ JUNE 15 – Achievement Test/Gr 6 LA Part B
- ❖ JUNE 16– Achievement Tests/Gr 3 Math
Gr 6 Math Part B
- ❖ JUNE 17 - Achievement Test – Gr 6 Science
- ❖ JUNE 17 – Last Day For Kitchen Services
- ❖ JUNE 19 – Father's Day
- ❖ JUNE 22 – Leisure Centre G 3-5
- ❖ JUNE 23 – Gr 3 – 5 Leisure Centre
- ❖ JUNE 23 – Gr 1 – Calgary Zoo
- ❖ JUNE 24 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Collaboration/
Staff Meeting
- ❖ JUNE 27 – Gr 3 – 6 Echodale
- ❖ JUNE 28 - Fun Field Day/House League Awards
- ❖ JUNE 29 – Last Day For Students
Awards Assembly 9:00 a.m.
NOON DISMISSAL

organized around the investigation and resolution of real-world problems.

Students are.....engaged problem solvers, identifying the root problem and the conditions needed for a good solution, pursuing meaning and understanding and becoming self-directed learners.

Teachers are..... problem-solving colleagues who model interest and enthusiasm for learning and are also cognitive coaches who nurture an environment that supports open inquiry.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SCHOOL FOR THE 2011/2012 SCHOOL TERM? – Please contact our office ASAP if your registration has not been submitted?



BUG SPRAY AND SUNSCREEN – We think it is a wonderful idea for your children to come to school prepared for bugs and sun but would prefer if you would apply these at home and not allow the K – 3 students to carry these in their backpacks. Individual teachers will advise if these need to be brought for specific field trips.



Principal's Message – Mrs. T. Bullin INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING



How can I get my students to think?

Teachers at Ross Glen School are quick to provide an answer to this question. We are strong supporters of the inquiry-based learning approach, a method of teaching/learning that provides authentic experiences: fostering active learning,

supporting knowledge construction and naturally integrating school learning and real life.

Inquiry-based learning is an instructional method that challenges students to "learn to learn," working cooperatively in groups to seek solutions to real problems. These problems are used to engage students' curiosity and initiate learning about the subject matter.

Inquiry-based learning prepares students to think critically and analytically. Problem-based learning is focused, experiential learning (minds-on, hands-on)



FUN FIELD FUN DAY – Tuesday, June 28, 2011 is the date for this year's Fun Field Day. Mrs. Dalton and Mrs. McDougall, our Fun Field Day Coordinators, have planned a fun-filled morning of activities.

Each classroom will need two parent helpers to take classes around to events, as teachers will be running the events. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in helping.

The format for Fun Field Day will be as follows: activities will be held in the morning only and we will have Intramural awards assembly in the afternoon.

School Council will offer a free lunch to all students on this day. More information regarding this lunch will be sent out next month.

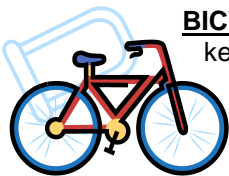
REPORT CARDS - End of the year Report Cards are scheduled to go home on **Wednesday, June 29, 2011**. Should your child not be in school on that day, please send to school a **9" x 12" SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE** so that your child's report card can be mailed that day.



YEAR END AWARDS ASSEMBLY - Ross Glen School's Awards Assembly is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011, following morning announcements**. All parents are invited to attend. We will try to contact parents in advance should their child(ren) be receiving any major recognition. Please note this date on your Calendar of Events.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - The last day of school for students is **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011**. Students will be dismissed from school at approximately **12:00 noon**.



BICYCLE SAFETY - Bicycles that are kept in our bicycle compound must be secured to the racks with some sort of chain and lock. The law also makes it mandatory that students wear helmets.

To ensure safety of pedestrians, students are to get off of their bikes and walk them to and from the compound when they are on the sidewalks surrounding the school, and at no time should students be riding their bikes on the playground.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - We congratulate Caydin Cleland and Natalie Johnson for being our students of the month for April.



EXEMPLARY STUDENTS APRIL

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| Cadence Rau 1A | Hunter Zamarripa 1A |
| Aidyn Martin 1B | Kaleigh Wojcichowsky 1C |
| Trinity Sperling 1C | Logan Wells 1C |
| Lexy Milne 2A | Billy Cadotte 2B |
| Taylor Molloy 3A | Emily Volk 3B |
| Ethan Knodel 3C | Riley Marten 4A |
| Jordan Flaig 4A | Alexandra Stanke 4A |
| Emily Fleckenstein 5A | Jaryn McNeil 6A |
| Katie Semko 6A | Klarissa Hullah 6A |

EXEMPLARY STUDENTS MAY

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Nyla Knodel 1A | Kale Westland 1A |
| Austin Reed 1B | Jayden Picray 1C |
| Kelsey Mann 1C | Sean Hales 2A |
| Keanu Calderon 2B | Jack Didack 2B |
| Alex Kumm 3A | Nathan Fleckenstein 3B |
| Emma Smith 3C | Cayson Helmle 4A |
| Taylor Hanaghan 4A | Natalie Johnson 4A |
| Cody Irving 4B | Sophie Carlin 5A |
| Abby Lunge 5A | Sarah Edison 5B |
| Maya Depaz 5B | Marac Marac 6A |
| Eric Harbidge 6B | Cali Yearwood 6B |
| Cassie Skarland 6B | Angela Kyriazopoulos 6B |

LUCKY WINNERS FOR PRINCIPAL PALS LUNCH FOR APRIL

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Emily Barton 1A | Sydney Martens 1B |
| James Carlin 1C | Rylan Warkentin 2A |
| Austin Kienzle 2B | Emerson Holst 3A |
| Luke Forsberg 3B | Anna Ronnquist 3C |
| Jordan Flaig 4A | Taye Maser 4B |
| Emily Fleckenstein 5A | Ishaan Patel 5B |
| Klarissa Hullah 6A | Billy Smith 6B |

LUCKY WINNERS FOR PRINCIPAL PALS LUNCH FOR MAY

Shayla Nguyen 1A	Gillian Smith 1B
Darrien Acheson 1C	Hope Inkpen 2A
Hope Harper 2B	Brianna McLeod 3A
Zach Stober 3B	Kaitlyn Roberts 3C
Riley Martens 4A	Abdiel Castillo 4B
Aiden Beattie 5A	Jaycee Assman 5B
Jaryn McNeil 6A	Cassie Skarland 6B

ROAD RUNNER REPORTER DRAW – Thank you to all of the families that supported our newsletter draw this year. This will be the last draw for this school year.

Keegan Bachler 4B	Braiden Boettcher 3A
Halle Cruthers 2A	Josh Howe 4A
LaKenna Janke KC	Austin Kenzle 3B
Zack Kenzle KB	Jennifer Klassen KA
Tyler Klassen 2B	Ella Nichols 2B
Chase Robinson KA	Keisha Robinson 1C

SAFETY PATROL NEWS – Mrs. Mandel - Thank you to all of our Safety Patrollers for a job well done this month and for the year! We do appreciate your hard work and effort. I would like to extend my appreciation to parents, students and staff for their respect and guidance to the Safety Patrollers this year. Everyone is appreciated when helping to make our school a safer place to be! Thank you!

On May 11th, the Alberta Motor Association sponsored a 'city-wide' swimming event at the Leisure Centre. I would like to congratulate all of Ross Glen's Patrollers for their excellent behavior, which was displayed throughout the morning. Job well done!

Congratulations to **Sarah Stober** for earning Patroller of the Month for May. Well done!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOTES:

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of another school year! Many field trips and special activities are planned for June. It is never too late to get involved!

Our spell-a-thon prizes were handed out during the April Spirit Day assembly. Congratulations go out to our prize winners as follows:

Lower Elementary (Grades K-2)

Top Classes

1. Mrs Dalton (KB)
2. Mrs. Dalton (KC)
3. Mrs. Ast (KA)

Top Individuals

1. Kieryn Straub (2A) \$342.00
2. Baron Fiesel (KB) \$285.00
3. Xavier Ruetz (KB) \$252.00

Upper Elementary (Grades 3-6)

Top Classes

1. Ms. Felesky (3A)
2. Mrs. Mandel (5B)
3. Mrs Campbell (3B)/Mrs. Kuehn (5A) (Tied)

Top Individuals

1. Taylor Molloy (3A) \$442.53
2. Kiarra Little (5B) \$372.25
3. Brandon Truscott (5A) \$352.00

The following students won the "personal best" draw for the spell-a-thon:

KA	Paige Flanagan
KB	Zack Kienzle
KC	Bailey Quiring
1A	Kale Westland
1B	Jaelyn Siewert
1C	Kelsey Mann
2A	Rylan Warkentin
2B	Tyler Klassen
3A	Brianna McLeod
3B	Natalie Truscott
3C	Connor Wright
4A	Cayson Helmle
4B	Romy Bijman
5A	Niamh Hogan
5B	Austin Newton
6A	Cassie Orich
6B	Abby Pedersen

Special thanks to Rebeca Rothfus and all of the volunteers who made our Spring Dance such a great success. Through your generous donations, we were able to make a \$250.00 donation to the Red Cross. Congratulations to Mike Eirich and Irene Kosi, winners of our two family movie passes!

Our June Spirit Day occurs on Friday, June 3. We will be serving spaghetti. If you are available to help with this lunch, please come to the kitchen by about 10:30. This is the last Spirit Day lunch of this school year. We are also in need of volunteers to help prepare the free lunch that we provide on Fun Field Day. Please come to the kitchen at 9:30 on Tuesday, June 28 if you are available to help with this lunch. Thanks to our Spirit Day lunch coordinators, Catherine Fraser and Carrie Stober, who have worked so hard this year to ensure that our Spirit Day lunches were such a great success.

Cuts to education funding from the province will have an impact on our school and classrooms next fall. If you have concerns about this impact, you are encouraged to contact your local MLA by phone, email or letter. Medicine Hat School District 76 has prepared an advocacy guide to assist you in this process. Please contact Elizabeth Gebhardt (elizabeth.gebhardt@gmail.com) if you would like a copy of this guide. Local contact information for our MLAs is as follows:

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Medicine Hat, AB
T1A 0H5
Phone: (403) 527-5622
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medicine.hat@assembly.ab.ca

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NOTICE TO OUR BUS STUDENTS:



New bus signs have recently been displayed in all of the Tot-em school buses. Each bus sign will have a route # and unique color (and an animal for elementary schools).

- Ross Glen Bus will have a purple sign as above with an elephant on it.
- The route numbers are the same as the numbers we have been using this year.

Hopefully our students will familiarize themselves with their animal so that they know what to look for in September. Their driver may change but their sign shouldn't. Most routes for September will stay the

same. The times will be slightly earlier in order to match Ross Glen's earlier bell times in 2011 – 2012. (School will start at 8:20 a.m. and finish at 2:55 p.m.)

Alberta Health Services

www.albertahealthservices.ca

1-2-3 MAGIC & MORE PARENT TRAINING

Next two courses: June 1 & 15 6:30-9:30 p.m.

***Note new dates**

July 6 & 13 @ 6:30-9:30 p.m.

CHADS Behavioral Services Intensive Parenting Course

Next two courses: June 7 & 14 @ 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

July 26 & August 2 @ 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

***Note new dates**

To register call 403-502-8257.

Brooks:

1-2-3 Magic Parent Training

Next course: June 16 & 23 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

To register call 403-793-6664.

Children's Groups

Kids in Between Therapy Group for 6-7 year olds experiencing parental separation or divorce: **July 11-20**

Kids in Control Anger Management skill building group for 4-5 year olds: **June 13-23**

Kids in Control for 6-7 year olds: **July 11-20**

Cool Cubs – Learning Limits Through Play therapy group for 3-5 year olds: **TBA**

Bravehearts – Building Courage through Play therapy group for 3-5 year olds:

Sept 13-Oct 18

Janice Eckert

Intake Worker – CHADS Behavioral Services

South Zone – East

Allied Health Services

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May 17, 2011

Dear Parents:

Re: Parent Information Letter Concerning Budget 2011-12

At the time the provincial government announced the budget we informed you of the financial challenges that faced the Medicine Hat Public School District #76. We asked that you give us some time so that we could build a rational plan to deal with these challenges, and we have appreciated the support we have had from parents, and their willingness to allow us time to develop a comprehensive plan, rather than the practice of announcing cuts on a “piecemeal” basis. The details of the proposed “draft” budget are now posted on the District website at www.sd76.ab.ca. Please send any comments and/or suggestions to Dr. Henderson, Superintendent of Schools at grant.henderson@sd76.ab.ca.

In order to fully meet the financial challenges caused by the government imposing negotiated salary increase for teachers, while at the same time the government cut grants to the school boards, we would be required to reduce staffing by about 30 people. This would balance our budget in the first year. However, our board believes that this would have a dramatic effect on the education of your children, and on the positive labour relations we enjoy with our employees. We are therefore proposing a plan which we hope will have as little impact on our students as possible. The key elements of the plan include the following:

1. Despite the fact that we have the most efficient central office - and the lowest administration costs per student - in Southern Alberta, we are consolidating some positions in central office.
2. The board will access the accumulated reserves to the tune of about \$700,000 next year, and potentially additional amounts in school year 2012-2013, so that the transition will be less painful and less dramatic. However the board realizes that at the end of that time, we must be in a position to get back to a balanced budget.
3. Allocation of staff to schools will be adjusted on a basis that would increase the average class size by approximately 0.5 students per class.

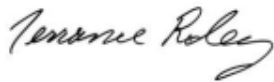
We believe that these changes should minimize the impact on your child’s education. We are also hopeful that since the required immediate staff cuts will be reduced from 30 people to less than 15, we will be able to achieve these reductions in staff through retirements, resignations, and leaves of absence, and there may be no need to lay off any of our current valued employees, including most of our first year teachers who are on probationary contracts. However we are uncertain if layoffs will occur until the end of June, when all information regarding people leaving will be in place.

Parents
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We wish to make it clear that no specific program or group of students has been targeted to take the brunt of the burden of the cuts. Our practice has been to allocate staff to schools, and the principal - based on their consultations and upon the specific needs of their school - makes the decisions regarding the allocation of the staff and which optional programs are offered and which are not offered. It may well be that some options which have had low enrolments in the past will not continue into the future. However, alternative programs will be available to ensure students get a full program.

Also rest assured that should the government decide to increase funding our board will work expediently to put the money back into the schools and other student programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Riley".

Terry Riley
Chair, Medicine Hat Public School District No. 76

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 'WHEEL TO SCHOOL DAY'	2	3  SPIRIT DAY LUNCH AND ASSEMBLY	4
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> OUTDOOR EDUCATION GR 6  </div>						
5	6	7 *GR 4 TO CHHS TRACK MEET *GR 5 TO POLICE POINT PARK *SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	8 *GR 5 TO CHHS TRACK MEET	9	10 *PANCAKE BREAKFAST *GR 2 TO ELKWATER	11
12	13	14 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST GR 3 LANGUAGE ARTS PART B GR 6 SOCIAL STUDIES	15 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST GR 6 LANGUAGE ARTS PART B	16 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST GR 3 MATH GR 6 MATH PART B	17 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST GR 6 SCIENCE	18
19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	20	21 *GR 4 ESPLANADE & MONARCH THEATRE *1A/1C/2B MONARCH THEATRE *GR 5 MONARCH THEATRE	22 LEISURE CENTRE GR 3 - 6	23 *GR 6 CALAWAY PARK *GR 1 CALGARY ZOO TRIP	24 NO SCHOOL STUDENTS TEACHER COLLABORATION / STAFF MEETING	25
26	27 GR 3 - 6 ECHODALE	28 FUN FIELD DAY	29 *LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION *AWARDS ASSEMBLY 9:00 AM *NOON DISMISSAL	30 LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS		



The Administration and Staff of Ross Glen School wish all our families a relaxing and fun-filled family vacation!

DO YA WANNA...

BE IN THE SASG?



Then do it at the

JULY 6-9 IN MEDICINE HAT!



5/10 km Run	BMX	Pickleball
Archery	Chess	Rugby
Art	Cribbage	Soccer
Athletics	Cycling	Slo Pitch
Badminton	Equestrian	Swimming
Baseball	Golf	Tennis
Ball Hockey	Lacrosse	Trapshooting
Basketball 3 on 3	Mini Soccer	Ultimate Disc
Beach Volleyball	Photography	

FOR REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

June 6, 2011

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