



IRVINE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE TIGERS



"Learning, Caring, Growing, Sharing"

Website: irvineschool.ca

Phone: 834-3783

Newsletter

February 2012

Administrators' Message

Do you realize that as of February 1st, that there will be 91 school days left until the summer holidays! It's hard to believe, isn't it? So far, winter has been pretty good to us. Let's hope we have a nice early and warm Spring! In the mean time things will be busy as ever at Irvine School. Our annual swim programs for grades 4 through 6 are almost finished, basketball games are keeping our athletes busy, and we will be doing lots of fun Valentine activities. Also, don't forget that the week of February 20—24 is a holiday for students. Monday, February 20st is Family Day. An excellent time to focus on what is truly important. Enjoy!

Winter is still not over. We ask all parents to please ensure that children are dressed appropriately. With the mild winter that we have had so far, it is easy to forget that it can get cold and stormy very quickly. Let's make sure our kids are safe and warm!

Our annual magazine fundraiser will begin on February 2nd and run until the 16th. These are excellent gifts, great for family reading and an excellent way to support Irvine School. Thanks again for your patronage.

To those parents wondering about homework or special events at Irvine School please don't hesitate to access **our web site at irvineschool.ca**. If you are not online then simply give the school a call at 834-3783.

Don't forget that the Irvine School Parent Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th @ 6:30 p.m. in our staff room. Meetings are usually an hour in length. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about school policy and share ideas with other parents and staff members. We hope to see you there!

SINCERELY,

J. WILSON, PRINCIPAL

C. LUTZ, VICE-PRINCIPAL





Hot Lunch Dates



Lunch dates are:

February	3	Subway
	10	Hot Dogs
	17	T.B.A.
March	2	Pizza
	9	Subway
	16	Hot Dog
	30	T.B.A.

Volunteers are needed to help serve hot lunches on Fridays.

If you can help, please contact Jenine Larsen at 527-5299.

Hot Lunches sell for \$4.00 each.

Money for Hot Lunch is collected on Tuesday morning.

Late orders will not be accepted.

Money and/or tokens are NON-REFUNDABLE.

NOTE:

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER OUR HOT LUNCH PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

We are at risk of not having a hot lunch program in the future.

FREE PLAYGROUP

FUNDED THROUGH

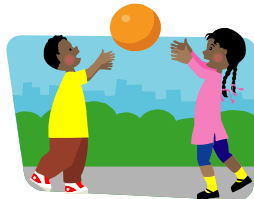
MCMAN PARENT LINK CENTRE

Location: Irvine Sports Complex

Dates:

Alternating Thursdays

Call (403) 504-0833 for more information.



2011-2012 Calendar of Events

February	14	Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
February 20 - 24 - Family Day, Days in Lieu, Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL		
February	27	Back To School
March	5	K/JK Registration - 6:00 PM
March	20	Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
March	21	2nd Report Card
March	22	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.
March	23	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.
March	28	Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
March	29	Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

April 6 - 13 - EASTER HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL

April	16	Back To School
April	17	Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
May	7	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.
May	15	Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
May	16	Pancake Breakfast (Education Week)
May	21	NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day Holiday
May	25	Track & Field Day
May	28	Track Rain Out Day
June	4	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.
June	19	Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
June	28	Last Pupil Day / Awards Day

S.I.D. - School Improvement Day - No School for students

IRVINE CHILDCARE

AFFORDABLE SUBSIDIZED CARE

Before/After School Full Time Days Extended Hours

OUR FEES: \$2.84/HR

EVEN BETTER:

WE WILL ASSIST YOU & FILL OUT A SIMPLE FORM AND THE GOVERNMENT COULD PAY ALL OR PART OF YOUR FEES

WITH 2 CERTIFIED CHILD CARE ASSISTANTS, WITH FIRST AIDE CARE IS NEVER A CONCERN.

WE HAVE A FUN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

WE PROVIDE 2 BALANCED SNACKS AND 1 MEAL A DAY (EXTENDED CARE MAY INCLUDE MORE)

WE PROVIDE BOTH OPEN PLAY (INSIDE & OUTSIDE) AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE, FEES ARE AFFORDABLE, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED JUST ACROSS FROM IRVINE SCHOOL

INFANT AGE 0 YRS - 3 YRS - NOW FULL (SPOT OPENING JULY 1 / 12)

ONLY 3 SPOTS FOR AGES 3 YRS - 12 YRS (FULL TIME OR BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL)

SPOTS FILL QUICKLY AND ARE GOING FAST, COME LEARN AND PLAY WITH US!!

INTERESTED PLEASE CALL

SANDI JAMIESON AT 403-581-9080

ISSU ACTIVITIES

Dress Up Days

February 1 – Fake an Injury Day
February 14 – Red and Pink Day
March 7 – Opposite Gender Day
March 16 – Green Day
April 4 – Easter Theme Day
April 18 – Proud to be Canadian Day
May 2 – “Smartie” Day
May 30 – Duct Tape Day
June 6 – Favourite Era Day
June 20 – Extreme Weather Day

Evening Dances

February 10 – Be My Valentine
April 27 – Spring Fling

Sock Hops

June 8 – School’s Out

Other Events

February 2 – 16 – Magazine Campaign (tentative dates)
February 14 – Heart Day
March 16 – Shamrock Day



Reminder that we have a lot of
theme days
remaining this school year, so
dress up
and
earn points
for your colour group.

Theme Weeks

Salad Dressing Week

May 14 – Thousand Island
May 15 – Ranch
May 16 – Blue Cheese
May 17 – French
May 18 - House

School Holidays

**There will be
NO SCHOOL
for students from
Monday, February 20th—Friday, February 24th.**

Enjoy the Family Week break!

Parent Council News

1) We will be selling Sobey's purchasing cards again this year. Please keep us in mind if you shop at Sobey's, as these are the same as cash for you and ISPA makes 10% of all sales. Please make sure that you only order these in \$50 or \$100 denominations. (see form later in this newsletter)

2) Don't forget to send in your Campbell's Labels For Education.

Remember that all parents are welcome to come out to our monthly meetings on the THIRD Tuesday of each month.

SUGGESTIONS

Thank-you to the students that take the time to fill out ideas and suggestions to help make our school even better.

The latest suggestions are:

- We should have a bully presentation so students know if they are being bullied , know how to stop bullies and can recognize if they are bullying someone else.
- The soccer nets outside are unstable and unsafe.

Thanks for your input!



IRVINE SCHOOL

2012 Magazine Campaign Notice



Dear Parents and Students,

We will be kicking off our annual **Magazine Fundraiser** on **Feb.2nd** and it will run until **Feb.16th**. Our campaign will again be serviced by **CCRP (Canadian Community Reading Plan)**, which is proudly owned and operated here in Western Canada. We suggest that students sell to **family, friends and relatives**.

The benefits of using this **Canadian Community Reading Plan Magazine Fundraiser** are:

- 1. PROMOTES READING**
- 2. GREAT PROFITS STAY AT THE SCHOOL!** Incentives are paid for by CCRP and do not come out of our profits!
- 3. All orders are guaranteed 100% for service and satisfaction.** If you ever have any concerns, please call CCRP's toll free number **1-800-665-5133**.

3 WAYS TO ORDER MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

- ◇ **New subscriptions** can be purchased.
- ◇ **Renew** any subscriptions that are currently being received. The renewal orders that you subscribe to will be added on to the customers' current subscription and the expiry date is extended. Please transfer information from current address labels to the order form. Coupons are also accepted so long as they are in Canadian funds.
- ◇ **Gift orders** can be sent to anyone in **Canada ONLY** (Christmas, birthdays, etc). Gift cards are now available in the OFFICE or ONLINE.



ONLINE ORDERING

You, family, and friends can also purchase magazines online! Simply go to www.ccrp.ca, enter our school code, and order **New, Renewal** or **Gift** subscriptions. **Online orders also qualify for prizes!**

In addition to the hundreds of magazines available through the magazine catalogue, there are *additional bonus titles* that are available exclusively online in the "Additional Selections" category or by calling toll free 1-800-665 5133. Additional Selection subscriptions have US postage, additional publisher costs, as well as applicable taxes, removed before profits are calculated.

OUR SCHOOL CAMPAIGN CODE IS: AB1849

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR GREAT NEW TITLES INCLUDING READER'S DIGEST, BEST HEALTH, OUR CANADA, OPRAH, AND MANY, MANY MORE...

Please note:

Make all cheques payable to IRVINE SCHOOL

Visa & Mastercard are accepted. Please use methods other than cash if possible.

Extra order forms are available from the OFFICE or ONLINE.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

IRVINE & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



Presents

FAMILY DANCE

Saturday, February 11th, 2012

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M.

DJ @ 7:30 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Tickets are available at the door.

\$ 10 per adult

\$ 25 per family

irvineschool.ca

Newsletter Items

Visit the Irvine School website to check on homework, upcoming events, school sports teams, hot lunch and more.....

Students have the ability to see what was assigned for homework on days that they were absent.

This is an easy way for students and parents to stay up to date with what is happening at Irvine School.

If you have something that you want included in the monthly newsletter, please get items in to the **office** or email to lori.maser@prrd.ab.ca before the 23rd of each month.

Thank-you.

*We will not include ads or business solicitations that do not directly benefit or interest our school community and families.

Irvine Minor Softball Registration

Boys and Girls: Come out and play ball. It is very important to register early so we can get our teams into the Medicine Hat League. Registration deadline is March 25, 2012.

Spring Skills Camp: TBA at the Field House: MHMSA - 529-6939

Cost: \$40.00: T-Ball, Parent-pitch/T-Ball, Mites

Cost: \$50.00: Squirts, Pee-Wee, Bantam, Midget

Cheques should be made out to Irvine Minor Ball.

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____ M / F
Address _____ Birthdates _____
_____ AHCIN _____
Postal Code _____ Phone Number _____
Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Please check one of the team categories below:

Minor Softball
Age limit as of Jan. 1, 2012

_____ 4-5 T-Ball
_____ 6-7 Parent-Pitch
_____ 8-9 Mite
_____ 10-11 Squirt
_____ 12-13 Peewee

Parent/Guardian Consent:

I hereby release the Irvine and District Agriculture Society and volunteers and coaches from any and all liability arising from my child's participation in Irvine Minor ball.

Signature

Date

Fill out and return to the school office or mail to: Box 7, Irvine, AB, T0J 1V0.

For information: Sharon Good 834-2204. Additional forms available at the Irvine School Office, Irvine Post Office, Irvine Complex and County Office.

I will help coach: Yes: _____ No: _____ Name: _____

Email address: _____

I will help organize Irvine Minor Ball: Yes: _____ No: _____

After registration an organizational meeting will be held for co-ordinators & coaches.

Grumpy Mornings

Even funny slippers can't pull some kids out of the morning doldrums
-Susan Spicer

Submitted By: Jenn Hynes Mardian, Family School Liaison Worker

You called your seven-year-old daughter half an hour ago, but she's still not out of bed. When you do finally manage to cajole her out from under the covers, she glowers at you.

If you try to speed her up so she makes the school bus, you get more grumpiness. If her favourite sweater is in the laundry, or her science homework has been misplaced, you can expect a complete meltdown — and a last-minute drive to school. Why do some kids have trouble getting going in the morning, and what can you do to help? Here are some suggestions to take the madness out of the morning from Calgary family educator Catherine Pelly:

Make sure she's getting enough rest Kids this age still need a minimum of 10 hours of sleep each night. Look at the family schedule too. "An awful lot of families are overscheduled, with too many evening activities on top of homework," says Pelly.

Consider your child's temperament "Some kids wake up and get going easier than others," says Pelly. Think about how your child behaves at other times. Are transitions difficult for her? Does it take her awhile to get engaged in a new activity? It may be that she just needs a few extra minutes to lie in bed. An alarm clock with a snooze button set for 10 minutes might help her get up in a better mood.

Rule out anxiety about school A child who is reluctant to get ready or is easily upset in the morning may be anxious about something at school, so it may help to have a talk with the teacher. Pelly says it's important to create an environment at home where kids feel comfortable talking about trouble with friends or worries about homework. "Not all kids will tell you what's going on, especially right after school when they're feeling overwhelmed by the whole day. Bedtime is often a time when things come out, or when the two of you are snuggling on the couch."

Try to avoid power struggles Some kids hate to hurry and if pushed, will push back. "Some kids are just like that," says Pelly. "The resulting grumpiness is the child's way of taking back some control of the situation." With a child who's not at his best in the morning, it's important to pick your battles. What he eats for breakfast or wears to school probably isn't worth a meltdown.

Leave enough time to get ready "You need to look at the timing of your morning and ask yourself: Is this really doable?" says Pelly, who recommends accommodating a dawdler by providing some extra time in the morning. Try doing more prep at night: lay out clothes, assemble lunches and make a backpack check part of the homework routine.

Minimize distractions Some kids are easily sidetracked, says Pelly, and are helped by having a very structured routine and knowing what the rules are. ("You can watch TV or play on the computer after you've eaten breakfast and brushed your teeth.") Other parents have found banning TV in the morning helps.

Be flexible about breakfast "Some kids aren't morning eaters," observes Pelly, "but they still need to have something." Some kids prefer a breakfast they can drink, like a smoothie. Or you can agree that he has a glass of milk before he leaves the house, and put something extra in his pack to eat on the bus. (For inspiring breakfast and snack ideas, go to our [Cooking with Kids Recipe File](#) at Todaysparent.com/recipefile.)

Work out a plan together If mornings aren't going well in your household, Pelly recommends sitting down with your child and deciding on a routine. "Don't do it in the morning though!" she says. Make a list of all the things that have to be done; divide the list into things that can be done the night before and those that can be done in the morning. Agree on rules like coming to the breakfast table dressed. Pelly suggests making a poster together, which serves as a visual reminder for kids. Check back after you've tried the routine for a few days and make adjustments.

One final tip from Pelly: "A good bedtime makes for a better morning. Bedtime should be leisurely enough to include some quiet time to talk about the day that's been." If kids go to sleep feeling relaxed, it's much more likely they'll wake up feeling ready to face the day to come.



February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>FAKE AN INJURY DAY</u> Curl—8A,8B Gr. 5 SWIM	2	3 SUBWAY  "A" Boys Basketball Tournament Curl—9A,7A Gr. 6 SWIM	4
5	6 Gr. 5 SWIM	7 Curl—9B,7B Gr. 4 SWIM	8 Curl—8A,8B Gr. 5 SWIM	9	10 HOT DOG  Curl—9A,7A Gr. 6 SWIM	11
12	13 Gr. 4 SWIM	14 <u>Red/Pink Day</u> 6:30 pm School Council Mtg Gr. 4 SWIM	15 Gr. 5 SWIM	16	17 T.B.A. Gr. 6 SWIM	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
FAMILY DAY /TEACHER'S CONVENTION—NO SCHOOL						
26	27 Back to School	28	29			



March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Assembly	2 Pizza  Gr. 6 SWIM	3
4	5  6:00pm K/JK Registration	6	7 Opposite Gender Day	8	9 Subway 	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Hot Dog  Green Day	17
18	19	20 6:30pm School Council Mtg	21 Second Report Card	22 No School Improvement Day NO SCHOOL	23 School Improvement Day NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28 3:30-6:30 Parent Teacher Interviews	29 3:30-6:30 Parent Teacher Interviews	30 T.B.A.	31