



IRVINE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE TIGERS



"LEARNING, CARING, GROWING, SHARING"

Website: irvineschool.ca

Phone: 834-3783

Newsletter

October 2011

Administrators' Message

A warm welcome back to everyone! We hope you had a great summer and good September start! At Irvine School, September has been quite hectic. Our back to school barbecue was a huge success. A special thank you to the Irvine School Parent Council for the great job organizing this event. We would also like to applaud our hardworking parent council for taking over the Hot Lunch Program this year. This is a very important role and requires a lot of work!

Our volleyball teams are well into the season. Special thanks to all the coaches: Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Huene, Mr. Chan, Mrs. Dyck and Mr. Kusch. Our Terry Fox Run was a huge success again! Thank you to Mrs. Funk and Mrs. Dickson for organizing this event.

A special thank you to those parents that have paid their school fees. If you have not done so, please take care of this as soon as possible as our school programs do depend on this source of revenue. Please call the school to make special payment arrangements if you having difficulty paying the full amount all at once. We are very willing to take monthly payments to make this less difficult for you.

Also, don't forget that Irvine School has a school website. You can access this website for things such as sports and fine arts events as well as nightly homework. Our address is irvineschool.ca.

*****NOTICE: IRVINE SCHOOL is an *Electronics Free School*. All electronic devices must be TURNED OFF and stored in the students' lockers or back packs. These devices are to be OFF until 3:45 p.m. Please do not call or text your child during school hours. Thank-you for helping us to be an Electronics Free School.**

Sincerely,

J. Wilson, Principal

C. Lutz, Vice-Principal

Fall



BUS SAFETY

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Due to the Distracted Driving Law, bus drivers cannot answer their phones while they are in route. Please make sure you are **calling them before 6:30 am or the evening before** to let them know when your child will not be riding the bus in the morning. If this does not work for you, please make sure you speak with your bus driver and make other arrangements.

If you are riding **JARRD's bus lines** you can call the office at **403-526-1405** and they can relay the message through a walkie talkie.



REMINDER:

We will be practicing bus evacuation during Bus Safety week (Oct 12 – 22). Students will be learning how to exit the bus safely in case of an emergency.



Hot Lunch Dates



Lunch dates for the next few months are:

October	7	Hot Dogs
	14	Quiznoe's
	21	Taco In A Bag
	28	Chicken Caesar Salad
November	4	Beef on a Bun
	18	Subway
	25	Sloppy Joes
December	2	Chicken / Mashed Potatoes
	9	Soup and a Bun
	16	Pizza

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.
Last year's tokens will still be accepted.
Money and/or tokens are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Fire Prevention Week

October 9th—15th, 2011



“PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM FIRE”

2011-2012 Calendar of Events

August	31	First Day of School for Grade K - 9 Students
September	5	NO SCHOOL - Labour Day Holiday
September	13	Back to School BBQ
September	19	NO SCHOOL - Division Wide P.D. Day
September	20	School Council General Annual Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
October	6	SCHOOL PICTURES For EVERYONE
October	7	Annual Turkey Trot
October	10	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October	18	School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
October	24	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.
November	10	Remembrance Day Program - 10:00 a.m.
November	11	NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day Holiday
November	14	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.
November	15	School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
December	2	First Report Cards
December	7	Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
December	8	Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
December	15	Christmas Activity
December	TBA	School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

December 22 - January 4- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL

January	5	Back to School
January	17	School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
January	23	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.

February	14	School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
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February 20 - 24 - Family Day, Days in Lieu, Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL

February	27	Back To School
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March	5	K/JK Registration - 6:00 PM
March	20	School 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	School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

May	7	NO SCHOOL - S.I.D.
May	15	School 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	School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
June	27	Awards Day / Grade 9 Activity
June	28	Last Pupil Day, Grade 9 trip to Calaway Park

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

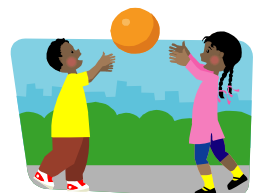
FREE PLAYGROUP

FUNDED THROUGH
MCMAN PARENT LINK CENTRE

Location: Irvine Sports Complex

Dates: Alternating Thursdays, October 13 and 27,
November 10 and 24

Call (403) 504-0833
for more information.



Peanut Free

Due to the fact that we have a number of students with **SEVERE PEANUT ALLERGIES** that are potentially **LIFE THREATENING**, Irvine School is striving to become a peanut free school. Please **DO NOT SEND** any products to school that could contain peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, mixed nuts, ground nuts, peanut flour. All foods containing these items will be packaged up and returned home. We realize that we may not be aware of some products that do contain peanuts, but if we all try our best to refrain from sending these items to school, these students will be much safer as a result. **SOY BUTTER SANDWICHES MUST BE MARKED!**
THANK-YOU!

Possible sources of peanuts:

- Snack foods (candy, chocolate, dried fruits, energy bars, granola bars, mixed nuts, popcorn, potato chips, trail mixes)
 - Baked goods (cakes, cookies, doughnuts, pastries)
 - Desserts (frozen desserts, frozen yogurts, ice cream, sundae toppings)
 - Salad dressings, soup mixes
 - Almond and hazelnut paste, icing, glazes
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irvineschool.ca

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.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

For the 2011/2012 school year, we will be providing an electronic newsletter for all of our families.

How can you help?

Go onto the Irvine School website irvineschool.ca

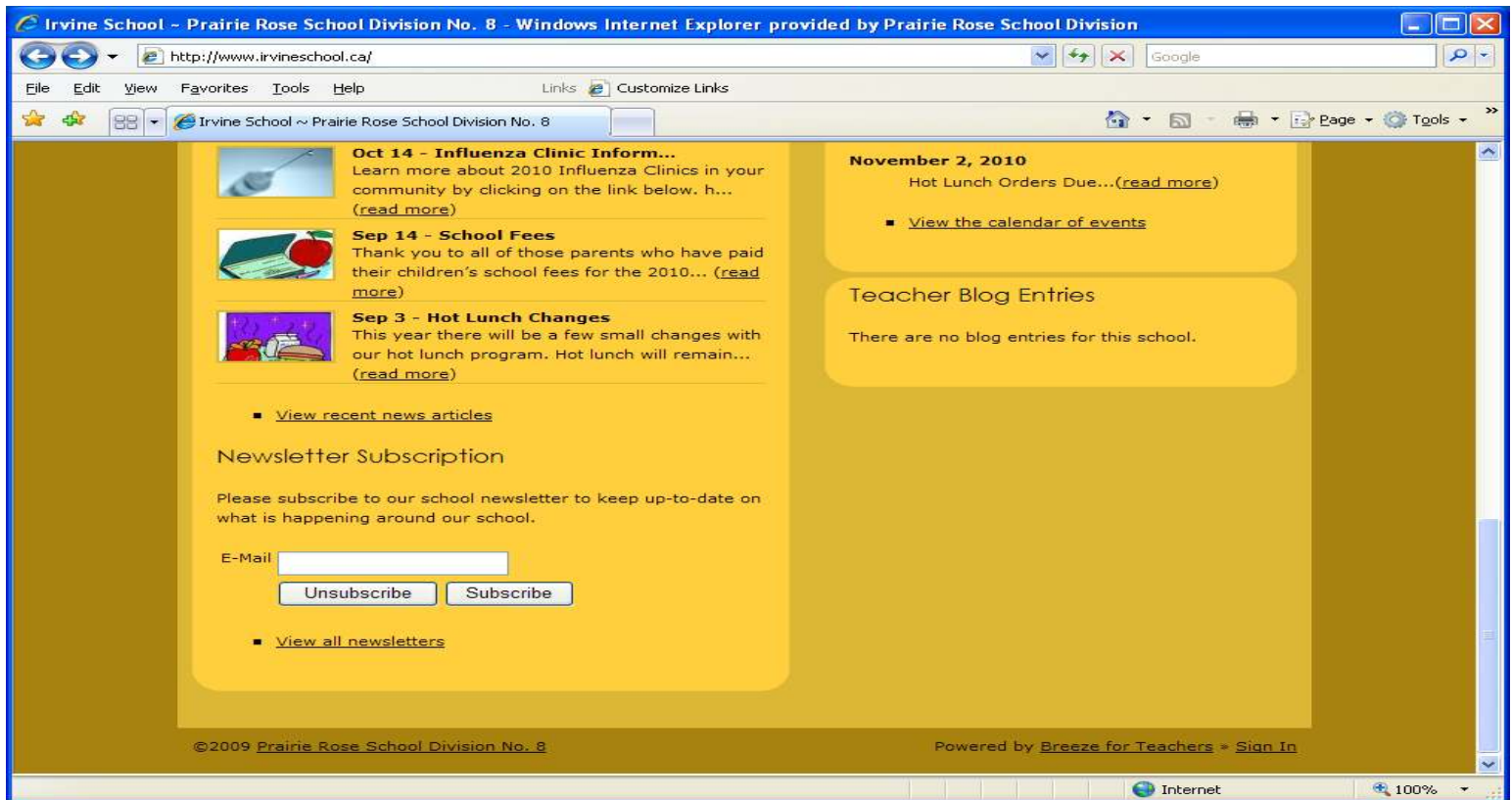
At the bottom left side of the screen, enter your email address

Hit the **Subscribe button**

If you do not have internet access, please let the school office know that you will require a hard copy of the monthly newsletter.

ONLY THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS WILL RECEIVE A PAPER NEWSLETTER.

Please help us help our environment!

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Irvine School website. The browser title is "Irvine School - Prairie Rose School Division No. 8 - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Prairie Rose School Division". The address bar shows "http://www.irvineschool.ca/". The website content includes several news items with dates and titles: "Oct 14 - Influenza Clinic Inform...", "Sep 14 - School Fees", and "Sep 3 - Hot Lunch Changes". There is also a "November 2, 2010" section with "Hot Lunch Orders Due...". A "Teacher Blog Entries" section states "There are no blog entries for this school." At the bottom left, there is a "Newsletter Subscription" section with a text input field for "E-Mail", "Unsubscribe" and "Subscribe" buttons, and a link to "View all newsletters". The footer contains "©2009 Prairie Rose School Division No. 8" and "Powered by Breeze for Teachers - Sign In".

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WE DO NOT HAVE INTERNET !

PLEASE SEND A PAPER COPY OF THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HOME WITH OUR CHILD FOR THE 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR. WE DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS.

Family Name _____

Youngest Child in Your Family (in Irvine School) _____ HomeRoom _____

CHEQUES FOR PAYMENTS



Homework A Problem?

Why not check our homework site at <http://prrdweb.com>

Simply click on **Irvine School** and then your child's homeroom.

The Homework should appear for the date that it is assigned.

Help your child to stay on track!



Thank-you to those of you who have sent your school fee payments so promptly. For the remaining families, school fees are due by October 3rd and you will get a \$5.00 discount on a yearbook if you pay in full by this date. If you cannot pay the full amount, please let the office know that you would like to take advantage of our monthly payment option paying 10% on the 15th of each month starting on Sept. 15th.

When paying by cheque, please **DO NOT combine payments for different items. Eg: School fees, milk tokens, hot lunch tokens. This causes difficulties as the money is deposited into different accounts and is entered at different times.

THANK-YOU

BOOK FAIR

Our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year will be held from December 1st to December 7th.

Students in grades 1 - 6 will have the opportunity to view books one day and to buy books another.

All proceeds will be used to purchase new items for the library.

Keep this in mind as you plan for Christmas!



Bus Lane Safety

Help Us To Keep Your Children Safe

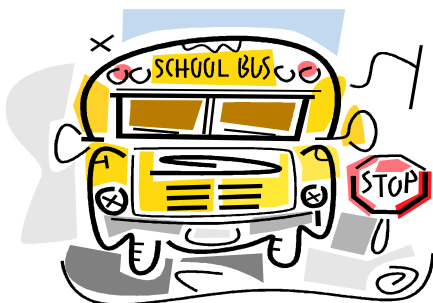
Reminder to parents:

Please **DO NOT DRIVE** in the bus loop.

If you are picking up or dropping off your children, we ask that you do so **at the front doors**. The bus drivers are very concerned about the safety of your children in the bus area.

Thank-you in advance for your attention to this matter.

All students are to be **signed in or out** at the office if arriving or leaving at odd times.



Parent Council News

Parent Council has been busy planning activities for this school year.

- 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. (see form later in this newsletter)
- 2) Don't forget to send in your Campbell's Labels For Education.
- 3) Keep your ears open for more upcoming FUN events that will be taking place courtesy of your parent council.

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

Irvine School Parent Association

Textbook and Library Book Responsibility

Textbooks are issued through the library on each student's library card. Each item is barcoded with a number exclusive to that book. Students are then responsible for the return of and any excessive damage to these textbooks. Damages are **not** charged for books that are ready to be rebound because of the age of the book. The charge for a damaged textbook is \$25.00 (subject to change). For a lost textbook the charge is the replacement cost of the book.

Since textbooks are not all turned in until the very last student day it is impossible to have these items checked in, inventoried and evaluated for damage before the students leave. Because a letter received over the summer is often forgotten about or misplaced, letters for charges will go home the first student day of the following school year.

Library books are signed out for one week and can be brought in for renewal. Overdue lists are run regularly and sent to the classroom where teachers remind students of the missing item(s). Students with overdue items are not allowed to sign out anything else until the overdue item(s) are returned. If an item remains overdue for a month or more, a letter will be sent home. If the item cannot be found, the student will be charged for the replacement cost plus \$5.00 to help pay for processing and shipping charges. This is also the case when an item is damaged.

Please keep in mind that schools have very tight budgets and replacing missing or wilfully damaged items would put a serious strain on them. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

School Holidays

A reminder that Thanksgiving Day is on Monday, October 10th. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on this day.

Enjoy a long weekend and remember to give thanks for all that you have.



Picture Day



**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 6TH**

School Pictures for all grades will be taken on Thursday, October 6th. Dress up in your best duds and try to smile. Due to time restraints we can no longer offer the opportunity for Buddy Pictures.

Newsletter Items

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.

Campbell's Labels For Education

Dear Parents:

This year marks the twelfth anniversary of the *Campbell's Labels for Education* program, and with your help, IRVINE SCHOOL can make this year the best ever!

The *Labels for Education* program is a great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school, and label collection and redemption is so easy.

Participation in the program is simple – save labels from eligible Campbell products and send them to the school. Products eligible for redemption in the program include:

- Campbell's condensed soups
- Campbell's[®] Easy Cooking Sauces
- Campbell's[®] Chunky soups and chilis
- Gardennay[®]
- Campbell's Soup at Hand[®]
- Campbell's[®] Ready to Enjoy soups
- Healthy Request[®] soups and microwavable bowls
- Prego[®] sauce
- Campbell's Ready to Use broth
- Pepperidge Farm[®] Goldfish[®] crackers
- V8[®] beverages and soups
- Habitant[®] soups
- Pace[®] salsa

Select Campbell's Foodservice Products qualify for redemption.

Let's amplify our efforts by asking friends and family to collect labels on behalf of our school!

If you have any questions, or would like to help with our *Labels for Education* collection drive, please contact our program coordinator, JENINE LARSEN, at (403) 527-5299. Don't forget to visit www.labelsforeducation.ca for a complete listing of eligible products and more information about the program.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together with *Campbell's Labels for Education* – we can build a better school – one label at a time.

Sincerely, Jenine Larsen—Irvine School Parent Council

HOT LUNCH TOKEN PLAN

Parents/Guardians:

Please use this form to order hot lunch tokens and pay in advance. You may order as many tokens as you wish depending on how many children you have and on how many lunches in advance you want to purchase. Tokens purchased for your family will be printed on one sheet to help eliminate loss since they will not be replaced. Simply cut off a token and send it with your child's order. Tokens can be used for any hot lunch. Students can pay on a per lunch basis if you choose not to use the token method. Thank you for your support.

HOT LUNCH TOKEN ORDER FORM

Family name _____ **Grade** _____

of tokens _____ @ \$4.00 each

Total enclosed _____

Irvine School

School Council "Volunteer" List (Please return this form to the School)

Irvine School Council is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed with student services and during school sponsored extra-curricular events. Without volunteers, many of the activities that our children participate in would not happen and the equipment that the school supplies to our children would not be available. With that in mind, we would like to have an organized database of willing workers to call upon. If you, or an extended member of your family, would like to volunteer, please provide us with the following informa-

Volunteer Names: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Evening Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Available: Anytime _____ Daytime only _____ Evenings only _____

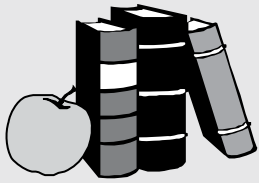
Please indicate below if you would like to volunteer for any of the following:

- _____ Bus driver appreciation
- _____ Casino
- _____ Class Parent Representative
- _____ Dance supervision
- _____ Hot Lunches, Pancake Breakfast, etc
- _____ Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- _____ Track And Field concession
- _____ Irvine School Parent Council member
- _____ Irvine School Parent Association (Fundraising)
- _____ Will help in any area

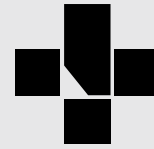
THANK-YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

Volleyball Schedule

~ October 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 A Girls League Games- IRVINE HOST A Boys Practice @ noon No practice due to league	4 B Girls League Game- IRVINE HOST A Boys practice @ noon NO practice due to league games	5 B Girls League Games- IRVINE HOST A Boys League Games- MHHS B Girls Practice	6	7	8
9	10 Holiday	11 B Girls @ CHHS League Game A Boys Practice 3:30-5:00	12 A Boys League Games- MHCS B Girls Practice	13 A Boys practice @ noon B Girls @ Parkside	14 A Boys Tournament @ Notre Dame	15 A Boys Tournament @ Notre Dame
16	17 A Girls League Games- IRVINE HOST A Boys practice @ noon No practice due to league game	18 B Girls @ ND- 3:15 start A Boys Practice 3:30-5:00	19 A Boys League Games- CHHS B Girls Practice	20	21 B Girls Barnwell Tournament A Boys Tournament @ Seven Persons	22 B Girls Barnwell Tournament A Boys Tournament @ Seven Persons
23	24 A Girls League Games NO SCHOOL	25 A Boys Practice- 3:30-5:00	26 A Boys League Games- NDA @ 3:00 B Girls Practice	27 A Girls Playoffs @ CHHS	28	29 B Girls Tournament @ St. Mike's
30	31 A Boys Practice- 3:30-5:00?? HALLOWEEN	Notes: Revised – FRI. SEPT 30/11				
		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November		1 A Boys Practice- 3:30-5:00	2 A Boys Playoffs- Irvine HOST No practice due to play-offs	3	4	5



Healthy Schools Healthy Futures



Alberta Health
Services

VISION FOR CHILDREN

October is eye health month. Your child's vision health is an important component to learning. Vision examinations help develop a baseline for your child's future vision needs. Alberta children under 19 years of age get one free annual vision exam.

Here are a few symptoms you should watch for that may indicate a vision problem;
if your child loses their place while reading,
avoids close work,
holds reading material closer than normal,
tends to rub their eyes,
has headaches,
turns or tilts their head to use one eye only,
omits or confuses small words when reading.

Children need to be encouraged to take rest breaks during periods of close concentration as well as when computer or playing video games. For further information go to www.opto.ca.

SIMPLE SNACKS

Give your child energy and nutrients throughout the day, by encouraging them to eat a meal or snack every 3-4 hours. Snacks can be very simple and healthy too.

When making a snack, choose foods from at least two of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide. Some easy snack ideas include:

- berries and yogurt
 - whole grain crackers and cheese
 - red and green peppers with hummus
- fruit salad and almonds

To make a healthy snack the easy choice keep cut up veggies and fruit in the fridge!

For more information and snack ideas please visit <http://bit.ly/ohAILm>.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK October 3-7, 2011

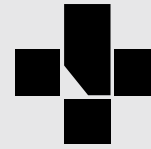
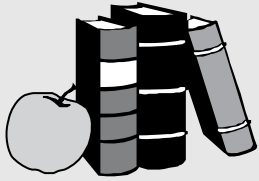
International Walk to School Week gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking. Every year, millions of walkers from around the world walked to school together for various reasons — all hoping to create communities that are safe places to walk.

Walking:

- encourages physical activity by teaching children the skills to walk safely, how to identify safe routes to school, and the benefits of walking
- raises awareness of how walkable a community is and where improvements can be made
- raises awareness about concern for the environment
- reduces traffic congestion and pollution near schools

For more information: www.iwalktoschool.org





What is Influenza?

Influenza is an infection of the lungs and airways caused by various strains of influenza virus that circulate throughout the world each year. In North America, influenza virus usually affects people between November and April - our "flu season."

Symptoms appear quickly: fever, chills, aches, cough and fatigue.

Complications can include pneumonia, bronchitis, and croup.

Influenza is highly contagious and spreads through coughing, sneezing and talking.

Influenza can enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth after touching contaminated objects such as door knobs and used tissues.

Many people confuse the symptoms of influenza with those of a cold or gastroenteritis ("stomach flu") but they are different diseases.

Symptoms/ Description	Influenza	Common Cold	Stomach Flu
Fever	Usually high	Sometimes	Rare
Chills, aches, pain	Frequent	Slight	Common
Loss of Appetite	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Usual	Sometimes	Rare
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Rare
Sniffles or sneezes	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Involves whole body	Often	Never	Stomach / bowel only
Symptoms appear quickly	Always	More gradual	Fairly quickly
Extreme tiredness	Common	Rare	Sometimes
Complications	Pneumonia (can be life threatening)	Sinus infection or Ear infection	Dehydration

How to Prevent Influenza

Seasonal influenza vaccine protects against the three most common strains of influenza virus identified by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Seasonal influenza vaccine is available at no charge for all Alberta residents over six months of age (including pregnant women) during October and early November.

The vaccine takes approximately two weeks to become effective and lasts for four to six months.

Next to immunization, the most important way to prevent infection is by proper hand washing. Washing hands often with soapy water or sanitizer is the most effective way to control the spread of germs and diseases.

Other strategies to prevent influenza include keeping hands away from the eyes, nose and mouth, disinfecting countertops, doorknobs, telephones, etc.

Strengthen your immune system by being physically active, eating healthy and decreasing stress in your life.

Influenza Clinics start October 17. Please check your local newspaper for dates, times and locations

or go to the Alberta Health Services website at www.albertahealthservices.ca or call Health LINK Alberta at 1-866-408-5465 for information on Influenza immunization clinics in your area.



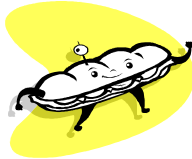



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9	10 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	11	12	13	14 QUIZNO'S  Drama 8/9 and Gr. 9 Field Trip	15
16	17	18 6:30pm School Council Mtg	19	20	21 TACO IN A BAG 	22
23	24 School Improvement Day NO STUDENTS	25	26	27	28 CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD 	29
30	31					



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Assembly	2	3	4  BEEF ON A BUN	5
6	7 Kindergarten Parent Council Meeting @6:30	8	9	10  10 am Remembrance Day Program	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12
13	14 School Improvement Day NO STUDENTS	15 6:30pm School Council Mtg	16	17	18  SUBWAY	19
20	21	22	23	24 Shots— Gr.5/97	25  SLOPPY JOES	26
27	28	29	30			