



# Cawston Primary School

## June Courier

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### June Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30	31	1 Kindergarten Field Trip to Library and RCMP	2	3 District Track Meet in Osoyoos (Grade 4)
6 Swim Program Begins (June 6-9) (Bews, Brunton/Nunes, Lucich, Martin, Kruger)	7 PAC Meeting 7:00	8	9	10 PAC Pizza Day
13 Swim Program continues (June 13-16) (Webster, Keyes, Bridgman, Fairbrother, Reichl)	14	15	16	17 Okanagan Regional Librarian visits all classes
20	21 Grade 4 Field Trip  National Aboriginal Day	22 Grade 3 Field Trip Grade 1 Field Trip	23 Grade 4 visit SESS	24 Fun Day
27 Kindergarten Year End Celebration 1:00	28	29 Year End Assembly 9:30 Last Day for Students Report Cards issued	30	

#### Attached to this Newsletter:

- June Meal Program Envelope Due Wednesday, June 1
- PAC Pizza Day Envelope - due Friday, June 3
- Swimming Permission Forms



#### June Meals:

- June 2 - Pizza Pop, Veggies & Dip, Fruit
- June 9 - Spaghetti (with meat sauce), Caesar Salad, Fruit
- June 16 - Soft Shell Beef Taco (with lettuce & cheese), Fruit
- Jun 23 - Lasagna, Green Salad, Fruit

Please Note: Children in Grade 4 will not take part in the June 23 Meal Program. They will be guests of SESS for lunch that day.

## A Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that it could be June already... And that means another wonderful year at Cawston School is quickly coming to an end.

Our School Planning Council and staff have completed our 2011-12 School Plan. For the past two years, we have focused on developing our students' writing skills. We can see improvements in the writing that our students are doing. We are going to continue this focus for one more year, adding to the knowledge and skills we have built over the past two years. We will also maintain all that we are doing in reading, math and social responsibility.

Thank you to the parents who attended our May PAC meeting and offered their support for our Plan. Special thanks to Monica Chursinoff and Deanna Gibbs from our School Planning Council and to our teaching and support staff. We all worked very hard to put our Plan together.

Our 2011-12 School Plan will be available on our school website as soon as it receives final approval from the School Board.

## Announcement

Today, we are announcing that Mr. Don Bridgman, one of our Grade 4 teachers, is retiring at the end of June. Mr. Bridgman has taught in our District for 34 years. He began his teaching career in Hedley where he taught for three years. Mr. Bridgman then taught for fourteen years at SESS and in 1994, he moved to Cawston School when the Board moved the Grade 4s from SESS to Cawston. He has been teaching Grade 3 and 4 at Cawston School ever since.

Mr. B, as we all know him, is a kind, compassionate teacher who models respect for others in all that he does. We are sad to be losing a teacher with his wisdom, his knowledge and teaching skills, his technological expertise and his personal integrity. But, we do want to take this opportunity to wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement. After 34 years - he certainly deserves it!



## Classroom Placements for September 2011

It's June and that means it is time to begin class planning for the next school year. If we maintain our current enrollment, we will have nine class divisions next year - this is one less that we have had for several years.

There will be some staffing changes. As noted above, Mr. Bridgman is retiring. We will welcome Mrs. LaBerge back from her maternity leave.

We want you to know that the teachers and principal will go through a very careful process to place students in preliminary classes for the following year. We do our utmost to place your children in the best possible learning environment for them.

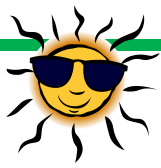
If you have any information which might help us make this decision for your children, you are welcome to send a letter with your suggestions and comments to Ms. Thiel by Wednesday, June 8. Your input will be carefully considered. Please note, that because we consider a variety of factors when making placement decisions, your input becomes only one part of that decision-making process. Therefore, we may not be able to comply with all the requests that we may receive. Take note of the deadline - we have to set a firm deadline - we cannot be making changes to our classes each time a new request comes in.

Because enrollment and staff can change significantly over the summer, there may still be changes in class organization and teacher assignments between now and September. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Tentative Teacher Assignments for 2011-12:

Kindergarten - Miss Webster  
Kindergarten - Ms. Kruger  
Grade 1 - Mrs. Brunton & Mrs. LaBerge  
Grade 1 & 2 - Mrs. Keyes  
Grade 2 - Mr. Lucich  
Grade 2 & 3 - Miss Martin  
Grade 3 - Mrs. Bews  
Grade 3 & 4 - Mrs. Nunes  
Grade 4 - Mr. Fairbrother  
Special Education - Mrs. Brunton  
Library - Mrs. Lucich  
Music - Mrs. Reichl  
ESL - Mrs. LaBerge & Mrs. Doi  
Learning Assistance - Mrs. Doi & Ms. Thiel





# Here Comes June - Busy! Busy! Busy!



## District Track Meet

On Friday, June 4, fourteen Grade 4 students qualified for and will represent Cawston School at the District Track Meet, which is at Osoyoos Elementary this year. Good Luck to Pavi Kahlon, Yan Peron, Aylagh Shuster, Aidan Neilson, Royal Disatell, Josie Hillman, Simone Wilkinson, Jai Minshull, Blayre Bittner, Jughraj Boparai, Zane Gibbs, Amy Leduc, Rashmi Hundal and Avneet Sidhu.

## Year End Field Trips

All of the grades have a special year end field trip planned. The Grade 2 students went to the Children's Festival on Friday, May 27 and had a wonderful time.



On Wednesday, June 1, Kindergarten students will visit the Library and the RCMP station. On Wednesday, June 22, the Grade 1 students will visit the Safety Village and have a picnic in Penticton. Grade 3 students will bowl and picnic in Osoyoos on Wednesday, June 22. The Grade 4 class will play miniature golf and picnic on Tuesday, June 21 for their year end celebration.

Parents - we always need help chaperoning our field trips. The Board has strict policies about the number of adults that must be on the trips and we are very appreciative of your support - without it, we would not be able to take our students on their field trips. If you can help out this June, please contact your child's teacher. We also ask that you return permission forms by the due dates. **Children cannot go on field trips without the signed permission form.**

## PAC Meeting

You are welcome to join us for our final PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday, June 7. We want to say a special thank you to Naomi Ety who stepped forward at our May 9 meeting and volunteered to serve as our PAC president for May and June.

At this time, we want to say thank you to our dedicated group of PAC parents who worked so hard on behalf of the school this past year. This includes the PAC Popcorn Sales and the PAC Subway Days as well as the fundraising that was done earlier this year for our new playground, particularly the Christmas Raffle.

The staff would also like to add a gigantic Sunflower thank you to the PAC for hosting Staff Appreciation Day on May 17.

## PAC Pizza Day

We will have a PAC Pizza Day on Friday, June 10. The envelope for Pizza Day is attached to this newsletter and has to be returned by **Friday, June 3** so the pizza can be ordered in advance.



## Swimming

It's June and that means swimming! All classes will have four swimming lessons; either June 6, 7, 8, 9 or June 13, 14, 15, 16. The schedule is attached to this newsletter. Please remember to return your swimming permission form and to send bathing suits/towels on your child's swimming days. All classes will need one or two parents to assist with swimming; please contact your child's teacher if you can help out.

Bus Departs from School	Swim Time	Teacher
<b>June 6,7,8,9</b>		
8:45	9:00-9:45	Mrs. Bews
9:30	9:45-10:30	Mrs. Brunton/ Mrs. Nunes
10:15	10:30-11:15	Mr. Lucich
11:00	11:15-12:00	Miss Martin
1:00	1:15-2:00	Ms. Kruger
<b>June 13,14,15,16</b>		
8:45	9:00-9:45	Miss Webster
9:30	9:45-10:30	Mrs. Keyes
10:15	10:30-11:15	Mr. Bridgman
11:00	11:15-12:00	Mr. Fairbrother
1:00	1:15-2:00	Mrs. Reichl



## Okanagan Regional Librarian Visits

Debra Holley, librarian, from the Keremeos Branch of the Okanagan Regional Library, will be visiting Cawston School on Friday, June 17. Mrs. Holley will talk with the students about all the programs available at our local library over the summer. We would encourage all our families to visit the Keremeos Library over the summer; it is a great way to make reading an important part of your family life. The library offers a number of programs which encourage reading.



## Grade 4's Visit SESS

On Thursday, June 23, our Grade 4 classes have been invited to tour SESS, meet their future teachers and eat lunch at their "new" school.

## Fun Day

Friday, June 24 is coming!! That's the day of our annual Cawston School Fun Day. Families are welcome to join us as we all participate in a day of fun to wind up the school year. More details will be included in our mid-month newsletter.





### Kindergarten Celebrations

Kindergarten parents are invited to join our Kindergarten teachers and students as they celebrate the end of the students' "first year in school" on Monday, June 27 from 1:00 to 2:30. Mrs. Reichl and Ms. Kruger will be sending home letters with all the information for our Kindergarten families.

### Year End Assembly

You are welcome to join us on Wednesday, June 29 at 9:30 for our Year End Assembly. We will celebrate the end of another school year, say good-bye to our Grade 4 class, acknowledge staff and students who will be leaving Cawston School and, as always, finish up with our year-end slide show.

### High 5 Focus

Our High 5 focus for June will be Strive for your Personal Best. Check out the display by Mr. Fairbrother's Grade 4 class on the bulletin board outside the office. The Grade 4 class will be offering their suggestions of what it means to Strive for your Personal Best each day on the morning announcements. Special thanks to Mrs. Bews' Grade 3 class for their excellent ideas and display on "Cooperate" which was our focus for the month of May.



## A Look Back At May

### Baby Chicks

Spring is the season of new beginnings and it has been an exciting time of new beginnings in one classroom. Mrs. Keyes' Grade 1 class hatched a record number of chicks from eggs. The students were enthralled watching the process happen right before their very eyes. As for the chicks, they are now happily living with a real mother hen on a local farm.



### Salmon Fry Release

As you know, Miss Webster's class has been raising salmon fry all winter and spring. They, along with Mrs. Ring and the Grade 3 and 4 Okanagan Language & Culture classes, were invited to join in the Salmon Fry Release sponsored by the First Nations Fisheries, on May 24. However, the river was so high at that time, it was not safe, and so the release had to be postponed. Miss Webster's class is still caring for the baby salmon and we are awaiting word on when the release may be rescheduled.

### District Relay Meet

Congratulations to the Grade 4 students who competed in the District Relay Meet at Oliver Elementary on May 3. We were especially pleased with the excellent sportsmanship displayed by all the team members. Mr. Bridgman's Boys team came in fourth and the mixed

Boys/Girls team from his class came in second. Our fastest two boys and girls then joined Grade 5, 6 and 7 students from SESS for eight person relays. The Girls' Relay team came first in the District and the Boys' team came in third. Congratulations & Well Done!!



### Western Days Assembly

May just wouldn't be May without the Western Days Assembly! The entertainment was great: Mrs. Reichl & Ms. Kruger's Kindergarten students sang for us. Mrs. Brunton/Nunes and Mrs. Keyes' students danced to "Cotton-Eyed Joe". Miss Martin and Mr. Lucich's classes maintained the sixty year old Cawston School tradition and danced the Maypole Dance. The Cawston School Choir sang two western songs. And then, of course, there was the annual Hobby Horse Barrel Race. This year, Mr. Lucich claimed the prized belt buckle riding his favourite old horse, Big Charlie. Mr. Fairbrother came in a very close second, losing to Mr. Lucich by just one-tenth of a second! Dylan MacKay competed and won the right to represent the students in the race; he placed a very respectable third, riding his pony Black Bart. The afternoon finished with the entire school and our guests dancing to that old favourite, "Desperado". A great assembly and a lot of fun for everyone!

### Jump Rope for Heart

Cawston School does it again!! We held our Jump Rope for Heart event on Thursday, May 5 and raised more than \$2,900.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. AMAZING!! A Sunflower thank you to our families for their tremendous support. Special thanks to Mrs. Bews for organizing our Jump Rope for Heart.

