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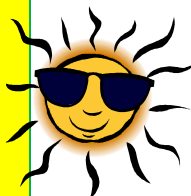
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Coming In June

June 3 District Track and Field (Grade 4) at Osoyoos Elementary School
June 6-9 Swimming Program
June 13-16 Swimming Program
June 22 Grade 1 Field Trip
June 24 Fun Day
June 29 Last Day for Students, Year End Assembly, and Report Cards Issued
TBA Grade 3, Grade 4, Kindergarten Field Trips

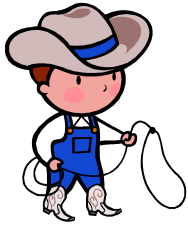


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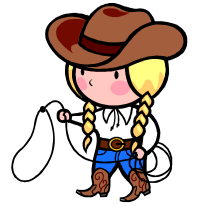
- May Meal Envelope – due by Wednesday, May 4!
- StrongStart Calendar, CAPC Calendar
- District 2011-2012 School Calendar
- Grade One Students only – Letter & Book

May Meals Menu

May 5 - Pizza Pop, Green Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit
May 12 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Caesar salad, Fruit
May 19 - Turkey Hot Dog, Veggies & Dip, Fruit
May 26 - Soft Shell Taco (with meat and cheese) Fruit



Here Comes May



2011-12 District Calendar

Attached to this calendar is the 2011-12 District Calendar, with opening day, closing day, holidays and other important dates. The Ministry requires that this calendar be distributed to parents before the end of May.

District Relay Meet

On Tuesday, May 3, twenty-four Grade 4 students from Cawston Primary School will compete in the annual District Relay Meet at Oliver Elementary School. Our relay teams have been hard at work practising running and passing the baton. Thank you to Mr. Bridgman and Mr. Fairbrother for coaching our teams. Good Luck!

Pen Pal Visit

On Tuesday, May 3, Miss Webster's Grade 3 class will be visiting their Pen Pals at Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School in Oliver. They will do some craft and sporting activities and have lunch together at the school. Miss Webster's class has exchanged letters all year with their Grade 3 pen pals at TEN.

Miss Webster's class has done our school "refundable" recycling all year long – gathering bag after bag of juice boxes and other refundable recycling which Miss Webster takes to the recycling depot for us. This special trip for her class is our way of saying "thank you" for all their hard work.

Jump Rope for Heart

On Thursday, May 5 from 1:15 - 2:15, all the students and staff of Cawston School will participate in "Jump Rope for Heart". Information and pledge forms were sent home on April 18 with our mid-month newsletter. All pledges and donations will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The students get to skip and be active for one hour while raising money.

Each year at Cawston School, we try to do two fundraisers to support worthwhile causes. We always do the Terry Fox Run to support cancer research and then one other. This year, we have chosen to fundraise for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Participating in these events helps our students understand the importance of "doing for others", which is part of our Social Responsibility curriculum.



PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00. The agenda will include a presentation of the draft 2011-12 School Plan. We are happy to be able to say that the new, smaller-sized playground, which our PAC spent two years fundraising for, has been ordered. We are hoping to have it up and in place by September.

Princeton Band Concert

On Thursday, May 12, from 11:00 - 11:30, the Princeton Band, under the direction of Mrs. Myrna Coates, will perform a concert for our students. We look forward to this entertaining concert each spring. Families are welcome to come out and hear some great music with us!



Picture Day

We will be taking our group class photos and school panorama photo on Thursday, May 19. We will begin at 9:00 in the morning with the panorama photo. Don't be late!

Western Days Assembly

Put on your cowboy hat and western duds and join us on Friday, May 20 for our annual, always-popular Western Days Assembly. The program will feature cowboy songs and dances as well as the traditional Cawston May Pole Dance, which has been performed every May at Cawston School since the 1950s. We will also have the infamous teacher barrel-race, choreographed as always by Rhinestone Cowboy Lucich.

This year our assembly will feature students from Ms. Kruger, Mrs. Reichl, Mrs. Brunton/Nunes, Mr. Lucich and Miss Martin's classes as well as the Cawston School Choir. It's a great afternoon of fun and laughter, western style. Hope to see you there!!



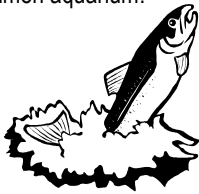
Grade 4 Track Try Outs

On Wednesday, May 25, our Grade 4 students will go to SESS to try out for the District Track Meet.

This year, the District Track Meet is at Osoyoos Elementary on June 3.

Salmon Fry Release Field Trip

Once again this year, Mrs. Ring, our Aboriginal Support Worker, and Miss Webster's class, have participated in the Fisheries Salmon Fry Release Program. They have lovingly hatched and cared for an aquarium full of salmon fry all year. On May 24th, Miss Webster's class, Mrs. Ring and the Grade 3 and 4 Okanagan Language & Culture students will join in the salmon release celebrations happening at Green Mount Road and the Okanagan River Channel. This will be followed by a feast and other activities at the En'owkin Centre on the Penticton Reserve. So, if you see a salmon swimming in the Okanagan River this summer, it just may have come from the Cawston School salmon aquarium.



Welcome to Kindergarten

We will welcome our 2011-12 Kindergarten class to Cawston School for a "Welcome to Kindergarten" celebration on Thursday, May 26 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers, our school Librarian and the Principal will meet with all the parents and soon-to-be Kindergarten children. We will have some fun, exciting centres and activities for the families and teachers to do together and we have a great "take home" bag of goodies for the incoming Kindergarten children. Families of the Kindergarten students will be receiving an invitation to this special event in the mail very soon.

If you know of any families who have not yet registered their children for Kindergarten in September, please encourage them to register immediately. We want them to be able to join us on May 26 for our celebration!

Grade 3 Recycling Club

Every week, a dedicated group of Grade 3 students spends one of their noon hours with Ms. Thiel collecting all the school's paper and plastic recycling. Students in the Club are Dayton Hockey, Tristin Young, Eve Mack, Sophia Zebroff, Zoe Vriends, Sadie Hockey and Dakota Marsel. During April, this group also highlighted Earth Day by reminding all students in the school to keep our school grounds garbage free. In May, our Grade 3 Recycling Club will continue their focus on keeping our school grounds clean as well as keeping up with all the recycling. You can see their "Garbage in the Garbage Cans Please" posters throughout the school. Well done Recycling Club!



Year End Field Trips

As the school year comes to a close, it is time for our year-end field trips. Watch the calendar for dates and information about the upcoming trips for your children. Please note that the field trip permission forms, which are sent home about a week prior to the field trip, MUST be signed and returned to the school in order for your child to participate in the trip.

Our first year end trip will be on Friday, May 27 when all of our Grade 2 students will attend the Children's Festival in Penticton. Special thanks to the South Okanagan Community Foundation who provided all the tickets for our Grade 2 students. We would not be able to attend this event without their generous donation.

We also want to say one more big Sunflower THANK YOU to all the parents who supported our Mathathon fundraiser in February. Proceeds from the Mathathon will be used to pay the bussing costs for all our year end field trips. Without this support, in this era of increasing costs and tightening school budgets, we would probably not be able to provide these wonderful opportunities for our students. So thank you!



High Five Focus

Our High Five focus for May will be "Cooperate". Each morning on the announcements, Mrs. Bews' class will give us suggestions for how to "cooperate". They will also decorate the High Five bulletin board just outside the office.

Special thanks to Mrs. Reichl's Kindergarten class who did the announcements and bulletin board in April. Their ideas for how we can "Be Polite" were excellent.

Important Notice

Are your children descendants of First Nations, Metis or Inuit peoples? If yes, they qualify for additional service through funding from the Ministry of Education. This funding is used by the school district to provide additional academic support and cultural programs to these students. Parents, guardians or students over 15 only need to self-identify to qualify for this funding. Please note that **you do not need a status card or Metis card to qualify**. If your child is of Aboriginal Ancestry, please go to your school and complete the required forms.

Thank you,
Helen Gallagher
First Nations Contact Teacher
SD # 53

April in Review



Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Thank you to ALL the families who attended our parent conferences in April. We had the best attendance ever!! We hope you found the conference informative and enjoyable and we want you to know we appreciate the support you give us by taking the time to come to the conference. Your child's education becomes the best it can be when we work together!

Book Fair

We all want to say a gigantic Sunflower THANK YOU to Mrs. Lucich and Miss McGunigle for organizing our Spring Book Fair. Thanks to the support of our families, the proceeds of our Fall and Spring Book Fairs have provided almost \$5,000.00 worth of free books and materials for our school. Way to Go!!

Congratulations to Dayton Hockey (Miss Martin's class), winner of the Book Fair Door prize. Dayton won \$25.00 worth of books for himself and \$25.00 worth of books for his classroom.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted at the Spring Book Fair: Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Ety, Mrs. Caswell, Mrs. Douangpanya, Ms. Alkestrup, Mrs. Schwetje, Mrs. Witter, and Mrs. Hare. We could not have done this without you.

Ready Set Learn

We had our annual Ready Set Learn Celebration on Wednesday, April 20. We were delighted to have eighteen three and four year olds and their parents join us for some literacy and math activities, crafts, stories and lunch. Special thanks to our teachers, Mrs. Reichl, Ms. Kruger, Mrs. Doi and Mrs. Lucich, our StrongStart facilitator, Ms. Alkestrup, and our cook, Mrs. Douangpanya, for organizing this event.

We also want to say thank you to the Community Service Providers who attended: Linda Partington (Public Health Nurse), Elizabeth Bell (Infant and Toddler Development Program), Kirsten Nelson and Sarah Lowe (OSNS), Naomi Ludington (Literacy Now) and Carl Gunderson (Interior Health Dentist). Thank you also to the Okanagan Regional Library for their display.

Drum Workshop

On Friday, April 8, all the students of Cawston School participated in a drumming lesson with master drummer Bobby Bovenzi. Mr. Bovenzi brought drums for each student in every grade group and taught them several songs and rhythms. In the afternoon, the entire school gathered in the gym and each grade performed one of their drum songs. It was amazing to see how much the students had learned in one lesson - Mr. Bovenzi is indeed a talented teacher. Thanks to Mr. Fairbrother who arranged this workshop for us.

We also want to acknowledge and offer a Sunflower thank you to "Pro Organics" and "Spuds". In the fall our Grade 4 Leadership Club and the Grade 3 classes painted produce bins advertising Cawston as the Organic Capital of Canada. These bins held Cawston organic farm produce in stores in the Lower Mainland. "Pro Organics" and "Spuds" made a donation to the school and that donation paid for this incredible workshop.

Four Chiefs Food Flag Assembly

We had a wonderful assembly on Monday, April 18, to officially unveil our new Four Chiefs Food Flags. Mrs. Louis, our Okanagan Language teacher, read the legend "How Food Was Given" while our four food chief actors, Logan Anderson-Fraser, Brandon Louis, Riley Franklin and Autumn Bent, acted out the story, ending with the four flags being brought into the gym for the first time. We were especially pleased to have the students and staff from the Ntamtqen Snm'a?m'aya?tn School come to our assembly and participate in the singing (we sounded great together!!). A Sunflower thank you to Mrs. Theresa Dennis who opened the assembly for us and to Mrs. Ring and Mrs. Caswell, who, along with Mrs. Louis, organized this special event at Cawston School. We also want to thank the families and guests who attended this assembly, including our new Superintendent, Mrs. Beverly Young, and the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Jim Insley.



SESS Band Concert

On Wednesday, April 27, the SESS Grade 8 Concert Band presented an outstanding concert for our students. Band conductor, Mr. Jonnie Bridgman, explained the different instruments and the band played a number of songs. It was wonderful to have so many "Cawston graduates" (including Mr. Bridgman himself) back at CPS, sharing their musical talents with us.

