



The Heights Headlines



May 27th, 2011

Have you heard . . .



**Awards Evening –
June 29th – 7 p.m.**

**Book Awards –
June 30th – 9 a.m.**

Both elementary and junior high track meets ran without incident. The weather cooperated, everyone was in fine form, and there was lots of wonderful participation by everyone.

Thanks to our parent volunteers for running the concessions both days. The food and snacks were great, as always.

Mrs. Yuzyk-Ayotte and Mr. Ohm did a super job of organization and set up.



**Onward to Divisionals on May 31st and Play Day
for the primary students on June 24th!**

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COMMUNITY APPRECIATION TEA

Community members - Volunteers - Parents
Come One - Come All!

Tuesday, June 7th, 2011
2 p.m.

"OUR COMMUNITY ENRICHES OUR LEARNING"

Please join us in the gym for refreshments. You will be entertained by primary students dancing, the band playing, Character Ed Tableaus and a musical theatre group presentation.

You all make up the community that enriches our learning at Sturgeon Heights
- and we certainly hope you can attend.



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION FOR 2011 – 2012:

Beginning in September of 2011, newsletters will be emailed out, one per family, once per month, as per monthly schedule.

We would like to begin to collect email addresses now. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school as soon as possible. Information required is your email address where the newsletter may be directed to. If you do not have access to a computer, please note that on the form and a copy will be given to your child. The newsletter will, of course, always be available, in color, for your perusal on our website at www.sturgeonheights.ab.ca

It may only be a small step in trying to help out the environment but if we can cut down on the paper being sent home, we are happy to take this step.



The Headstart class was learning the letter “P” – and look at all the little pink pig ears and noses!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

I would like to take this time to thank the parents of our school community for their ongoing support. We are very fortunate to have parents willing to commit their valuable time to enhance our school. Whether it is within classrooms or on school committees, your efforts make a difference to Sturgeon Heights and our students.

I want to pay a special tribute to those members of our School Council led by Chair, Tracey Buryska, and our Parent Fundraising Association, led by Chair, Suzanne Radchenko. These people commit to the management and operation of our snack shop, our fundraisers and to attend meetings to make recommendations to administration. Through these committees, parents have a voice to make recommendations to the school administration. Having our trustee, Mrs. Wendy Miller, a regular member at the committee table provides another opportunity for discussions to influence conversation at the Board table.

All parents are a member of the School Council and the Parent Fundraising Association. I invite all parents to attend our final School Council meeting of the year at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 to thank your committee, hear significant news about the direction of the school for 2011-12 and to have an opportunity to dialogue about the information to be shared.

On the agenda for our June 1 meeting, I will share data indicating the success of many of our efforts, outline our planning for classroom configurations and programming for 2011-12 school year, and introduce changes to our daily opening exercises. The latter will be a shift that may be significant for some families at our school.

For September, I plan to broaden the scope of our morning exercises to be more inclusive of our diverse community. This means that we will start each day with personal reflection which may include a focus on individual goals, interpretation of a quote of the day, a conversation around an attribute we value in our fellow beings, a personal prayer or a focus on a classroom creed. This structured time will replace the playing of the pre-recorded recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Support your School Council, your school and hear about changes first hand. I also invite parents to join me for coffee on Friday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. in our conference room to continue the conversations.

Garnet Goertzen, Principal



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The first step of our Learning Garden - Mr. Goertzen and Mr. Rufiange cut the sod!



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PROCEDURES DURING JUNIOR HIGH EXAM DAYS:

Beginning on June 22nd, junior high students start writing formal year end final exams. Exam dates for all of our junior high exams are based on those dates set by Alberta Education for grade 9 students writing Provincial Achievement Tests. Specific dates for each of the finals will be communicated through your child's teacher via teacher's websites and newsletters.

Typically, new learning is wrapping up in mid June and classroom teachers are focusing on review and supporting students on concepts which need reinforcement. Our final day for Trimester 3 options is set for Tuesday, June 21st.

When we begin our exam days, students are required to remain in the exam room for the entire duration of the exam (normally this will be as late as 11:00 a.m.). They are encouraged to bring something to read/study in the event they have finished their exam early.

We will be running regular classes through June 21st. At the conclusion of the junior high exams on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, a quiet environment will be provided for students to prepare for subsequent exams. Although the coursework and exams will be completed by noon on June 27th, junior high students may attend school on June 28th to assist teachers in final preparations for the summer and their transition into the next year. There will not be any students at school on June 29th.

In the event that parents are excusing students from classes after the exam writing time (June 22nd, 23rd, 24th or June 27th) notice must be provided to the school in writing with the specific dates and times of departure from the school. We need this information in order to confirm student accountability to either parents or the school. The school cannot accommodate students who are trying to make last minute plans to arrange rides, therefore, **all arrangements for departures from school on exam days must be made in advance.** The school cannot allow a child to accept a ride from anyone other than their parent/guardian unless signed parental permission with details is provided to the school office.

Please note that it will not be acceptable to excuse your child from school and then have them return to take the bus home. Once your child has been signed out for the day, they cannot return to the school without a parent signing them back in.

All of these expectations on students and parents are necessary to keep your children safe.

Thank you.

Garnet Goertzen, Principal

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FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

One month to go. I mentioned in the last newsletter that student focus begins to wane this time of year and we all need to do our best to help the children do their best. Soon will be the freedom of summer vacation but there is still school work to take care of. Junior high students can be expected to spend a little time each night studying for their upcoming final exams. Younger students are wrapping up their final assessments and may have examinations too.

June is also a time to reward students for a job well done. There are many activities planned that help to break up the time needed to complete the grade level curriculum. In all our lives it is about the balance of getting our work done so that we have some time to have fun too. Please make sure that your child is prepared for the activities his or her class is participating in. Sun screen and bug repellent are two items that come to mind.

Thank you to Mr. Ohm and Mrs. Yuzyk-Ayotte for their work with the elementary and junior high track meets. The students that have qualified will be off to Division Track Meet in Namao for elementary and Redwater for junior high on Tuesday May 31st.

Have a great June.

Wayne Rufiange, Vice Principal



Learning Garden teams met outside to begin the planning process.

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FROM OUR TRUSTEE:

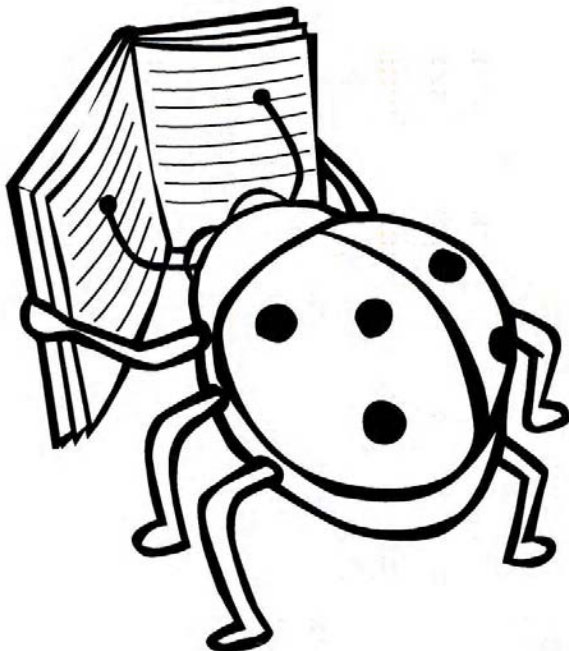
Activities always increase dramatically at this time of year for our students and staff. The Primary grades are involved in new discoveries, the elementary and junior high students participate in the intramural games, track and field events and of course the preparation for final exams and the first round of PATs for grades 3, 6 and 9. And of course not at all least, the grade 9 class is busy preparing for their final celebrations and grad ceremonies. These activities, of course are all good signs that we are ending another school year at the Heights.

I am impressed with the resolve of our junior high students who will be enduring 30 hours of not eating anything but a bowl of rice in the upcoming famine experience. Good luck to all who are involved. The lessons you will learn, I suspect will be many.

Our last School Council meeting of the month will include a discussion on a new Religious Instruction/Activities policy that will be created for Sturgeon School Division. I encourage you to come to the meeting on June 1st and share your thoughts on this issue. Presently, the policy is now at the draft stage and will not be finalized until at least the June 22nd Board meeting and after the Board feels we have had the necessary parental input.

There has been some informal discussion about the calendar changes proposed by Edmonton Public School Board on moving to creating a holiday week in November, by starting the school year one week earlier in August. While it is not necessary for Sturgeon School Division to follow changes that may or may not be made with in Edmonton Public, their idea has started the conversation in our Division. I will be asking for some input from members of Council at the June 1st meeting. This will be another good reason to come out and share your thoughts. I hear the coffee is always on and it is hot!

The budget process continues. I think it is fair to say that Sturgeon School Division is projecting a deficit on next year's budget and Trustees are involved in ongoing discussions to determine the best course of action. As in previous years the Board will try to have minimal impact in the classroom but the challenges are increasingly more difficult and complex.



If you are unable to attend the School Council Meeting June 1st and wish to provide me with any input on the above mentioned issues or for that matter any other topics, I encourage you to please contact me.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Wendy Miller, Trustee
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LARNING GARDEN UPDATE:

Our Garden is progressing! The sod has been removed, ground roto-tilled, soil delivered and planning has begun. Teams have had the opportunity to meet their teammates and begin to plan their space. Older students began putting together the raised planter boxes this week.

Many thanks for our partial funding to Toyota Evergreening Project, and to Sturgeon Valley Fertilizers, Rockland Landscaping Supplies, St. Albert Greenhouse, Canadian Tire, and the many families and friends of Sturgeon Heights that have donated supplies and time. We certainly appreciate all the support to get our Garden up and running.

If you have been in the school on a “Learning Garden” day you may have noticed many pair of jeans being worn by staff members. It is certainly not our usual form of dress for a work day, but given that there is outdoor work, sitting on grass, etc. involved, it was decided that jeans would be acceptable for Learning Garden days! Please excuse our casual style!

Hopefully we will get to planting next week, weather permitting. Please feel free to stop by and visit our garden as it progresses!



The soil has arrived!

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BOARD MEETING:

PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME!

Sturgeon School Division places great value on the input received from parents and community members. Our Board meets at the division office in Morinville (9820-104 St.) twice a month on the following dates in 2011:

June 8 at 6:00 pm
June 22 at 4:30 pm

All those who wish to attend and provide input are more than welcome.
Please visit www.sturgeon.ab.ca for more information.



The older students begin to work on the raised planted boxes that will surround our Garden.

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Mr. Goertzen gives a helping hand!



All the older students took turns building!

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SNACK SHOP:

The last day the Snack Shop will be open for business this year is **Friday, June 17th**. Thanks to the PFA and all the parent helpers that have been running the snack shop this year! Please ensure that your children have adequate lunches and snacks with them for the remainder of the school year, as there will be no Snack Shop available after **June 17th**.

For those students who are ordering from The Lunch Lady on Wednesdays, those lunches will continue until the 22nd of June. Students may look forward to The Lunch Lady on Wednesdays again next term.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL:

All parents are invited to join Mr. Goertzen for coffee on **Friday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m.** in our Conference room. Spend some time chatting with Mr. Goertzen and other parents!

Twin Day was a huge success with students and staff!



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**The Kinderstart class even had some “triplets” on Twin Day –
and the afternoon Kinderstart class dressed as an entire “orange” group!**



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THEME DAY:

Monday, June 6th is “Pyjama Day” at Sturgeon Heights! Wear some of your snazzy PJ’s to school for the day!

JUNE STAFF MEETING:

The June staff meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 8th, 2011**. Students will dismiss at **12:20 p.m.** on that date.

LOST AND FOUND:

Articles from the Lost and Found Box will be set out on tables from **Monday, June 20th** to **Tuesday, June 28th**. Students are asked to take care that they leave nothing behind (shoes, etc.) in their desks and lockers, as anything left behind will be sent out of the school shortly after dismissal on **Thursday, June 30th, 2011**.

NO SCHOOL:

There will be no classes for students on **Wednesday, June 29th**. Staff will be busy with preparations for the Awards Ceremony at 7 p.m. and report cards the next day.

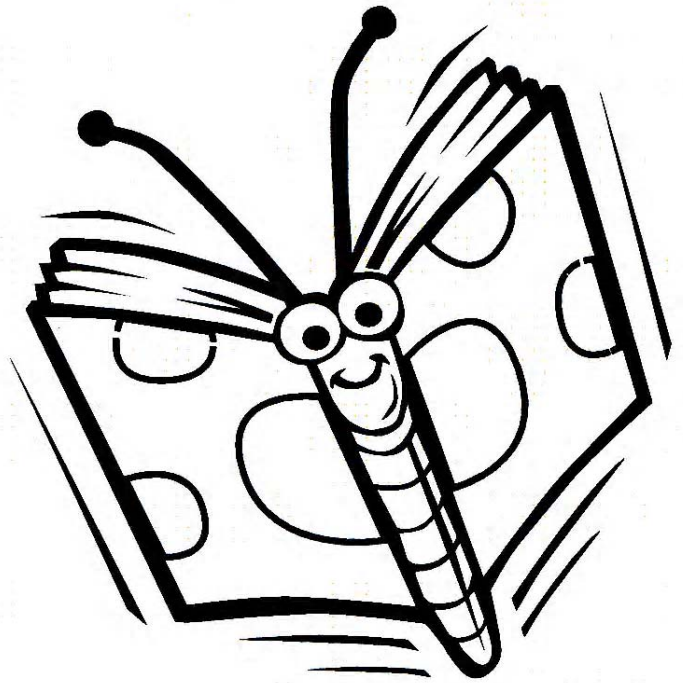
AWARDS PRESENTATIONS:

Year-end awards for various achievements will be presented at our Awards Ceremony on **Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us – all are welcome to attend!

BOOK AWARDS:

On **Thursday, June 30th**, Book Award presentations will take place beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the gymnasium. High Flyer awards will follow.

Students will return to their homerooms at the end of the Book Awards.



DISMISSAL:

The last day of school for grade 1 to 9 student for the 2010 – 2011 school term will be on **Thursday, June 30th**. Dismissal time is **Noon**.

REPORT CARDS:

Report cards will be handed out on **Thursday, June 30th, 2011**. If your child is **NOT** going to attend school that day, please ensure that we have a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can forward the report card and enclosures to you. Please ensure the envelope is a large one and that it contains sufficient postage.

If there is no envelope provided and your child is not at school on the last day, the report card will be held in the school until September.



The primary students had fun with their building projects!

REGISTRATIONS:

Registration packages are now available for students in Kindergarten to Grade 9. If you are aware of anyone moving in to your neighbourhood, please advise them to come to the school and pick up a package.

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Under the watchful eye of the instructors, primary students completed their building projects!



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MOVING?:

Do you know of anyone moving in to your area at the end of the school term? Are you planning on moving or changing schools at the end of the term? Please let the school know information for either of the above as soon as possible as it certainly makes the transition in to the new school year much easier for everyone!

GRADE NINE STUDENTS – CALM 10:

For your information, if you are planning on taking CALM 10 at Sturgeon Composite High School next year – it can be taken during the summer through Morinville Learning Centre. Registration forms and course info is available for pick up by Grade 9 students in the Sturgeon Heights office. The Learning Centre needs names and phone numbers as soon as possible; however, materials will not be released until mid June.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS' CONFERENCE:

Sturgeon Heights students were excited to participate in the **Young Scientists' Conference** on **May 7th**. The students had the opportunity to choose from a variety of sessions to participate in throughout the day. It was an excellent opportunity for them to be involved in science-related activities. It was an exciting and informative day for them and a wonderful extra-curricular event!

Students participating from Sturgeon Heights were: Jacob Bakker, Brandon Belanger, Haley Benwood, Caleb Kryton, Jaxon Strembitsky and Faith Tallas

SPRING PICTURE PACKAGES:

You recently received home a Spring Picture package of your son/daughter and in some cases, sibling packages. There is no obligation to purchase the package(s) – the opportunity is merely provided to you. If you are not purchasing any part of the package, please return the entire package to the school as soon as possible. If you are purchasing a portion of the package, please return cash/cheque and photo sheets you do not wish to purchase. We are planning on having all the pictures accounted for by the end of May.

Thanks for your attention to this.



P RIMARY PLAY DAY:

Primary play day for students in grades 1 to 3 will take place on Friday, June 24th. Volunteers and spectators are welcome to attend! Students, staff and parents always have lots of fun in the busy and active day.

S CHOO L FEES:

Please find attached a Fee schedule for the upcoming school year. If you would like to pay your fees now for the 2011 – 2012 school year, please feel free to do so. Thanks!

S CHOO L CALENDAR:

Please see attached the Division calendar for the upcoming school year. As parents are already trying to plan holidays, this might be helpful! Remember – dates do periodically change so please check out the School website for up-to-date changes.

“HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS ON JUNE 19TH!”

**I love you because you're
my father,
But you're really so much
more;
You're a guide and a
companion;
You and I have great
rapport.
You pay attention to me;
You listen to what I say.
You pass on words of
wisdom,
Helping me along the way.
Whenever I'm in trouble,
You always have a plan.
You are the perfect father,
And I'm your biggest fan!**

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Hammers in action!



Meet the Street
 by Maureen Rooney and Paul Pufyl
 Rooney and Pufyl Educational Theatre Productions
Sunday, June 12, 2011

St. Albert's theatre professionals are joined by very talented high school drama students as well as our own Mayor for an all local cast.

Your ticket is your passport back in time! On June 12th hop on board a bus that will take you to see 8 short plays about Perron, Cunningham, Riel, Grandin, Giroux, Poundmaker, Akins, and the man who started it all, Lacombe. The bus boards at Servus Credit Union Place at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets: \$20 Adult \$7.50 Child
780.458.4630





To find out more about Rendezvous 2011, visit www.rendezvous2011.ca

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Sturgeon Family Fun-Day

Calahoo
July 17, 2011

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Toonie Pancake Breakfast
Calahoo Arena / Ag Grounds

Coronado
August 7, 2011

12 to 4 p.m.
Coronado Hall

Free Activities include:

- high strikers (adult and kid)
- dunk tank
- football throw
- hockey shoot
- bouncy castle
- laser tag
- petting zoo
- face painters
- 9-hole golf

Volunteers needed!

If interested in assisting with
the event call Samantha or
Jessica at 780-939-8334.




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**All hands on deck – great job by our older students!
Spring must be here – Mother Nature is beautifying our School!**



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Parent Name: _____

(Please print)

Email address: _____

I DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER – please continue to send home a paper copy of the newsletter. Check the box, if applicable!

**The newsletter will, of course, always be available, in color, for your perusal on our website at www.sturgeonheights.ab.ca

Please return this form to the School by the 15th of June, 2011. Thanks!



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2011-2012

REVISED – MARCH 9, 2011
APPROVED – MARCH 23, 2011

- School offices open August 24
- Div. Prof. Dev. Day – No classes August 29
- Div. Prof. Dev. Day – No classes August 30
- Gr.10 Registration/1st semester (pm) August 30
- Operational Non-Instructional (K-9) August 31
- Gr. 12 Reg. (am); Grade 11 Reg. (pm) August 31
- All classes (full day) September 1
- Labour Day – No classes September 5
- Prof. Dev. Day – No classes October 7
- Thanksgiving Day – No classes October 10
- In lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews November 10
- Remembrance Day – No classes November 11
- Instructional A.M.; Dismissal at noon December 23
- Christmas Vacation Dec. 24 – Jan. 8
- Prof. Dev. Day – No classes January 31
- First day of Semester Two February 1
- Teachers' Convention – No classes February 9 & 10
- Family Day – No classes February 20
- Prof. Dev. Day – No classes March 5
- In lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews March 23
- Spring Vacation March 24 – April 1
- Good Friday – No classes April 6
- Easter Monday – No classes April 9
- Prof. Dev. Day – No classes May 18
- Victoria Day – No classes May 21
- No classes except for grade 12 for provincial exam writing (AM) June 28
- Last day of classes – Dismissal at noon June 29
- Summer Vacation begins June 30



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- Operational Day – No Classes
- ½ Day Instructional and ½ Day Operational
- Non-Operational Day
- Professional Development
- ½ Day Instructional; P.D./Staff Meeting (p.m.)

STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RENTAL CHARGES – 2011 / 2012

We have been advised by Sturgeon School Division that the Instructional Materials Rental Fees are now due and payable at the school for the 2011 – 2012 year. A schedule of these fees is listed below:

Grades 1 to 6	\$68.00	(Instructional materials \$55.00 + \$10.00 Agenda Book + \$1.00 Friday Envelope + \$2.00 Student Events)
Grades 7 to 9	\$80.00	(Instructional materials \$67.00 + \$10.00 Agenda Book + \$1.00 Friday Envelope + \$2.00 Student Events)

These charges must be paid or alternative arrangements made with the school principal by **Friday, September 16th, 2011**. Parents wishing to make alternate arrangements are asked to call the school for full details. If the charges are not paid or alternate arrangements made, then instructional materials (textbooks and workbooks) will not be issued.

**INVOICE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FEE
STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL**

Grade 1 to 6 \$68.00

Student Name	Grade	Fee

Grade 7 to 9 \$80.00

Student Name	Grade	Fee
TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED		





PLEASE NOTE: Junior High Complementary Course fees will be collected separately upon the commencement of Complementary Courses.

Please total all fees for your children and return them along with this invoice with your eldest child. Payment may be made by cheque or cash. Please make cheques payable to STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL.

Signature of Parent

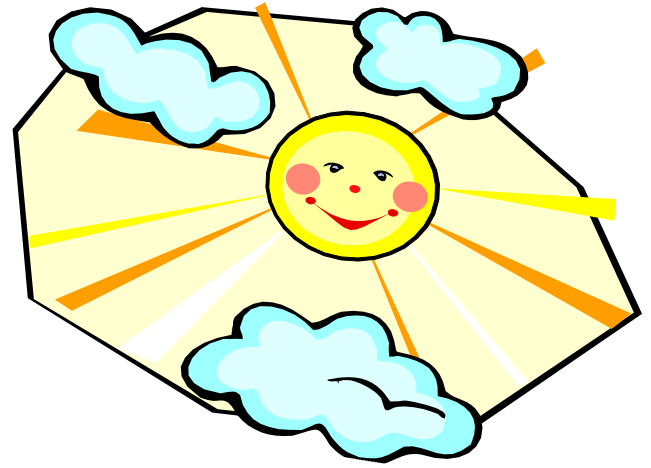
Date

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 City Centre Art – Grade 9 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm (Day 5)</p>	<p>2 Rainout Date for Divisional Trackmeet Primary to Childrens' Festival (Day 6)</p>	<p>3 Coffee with the Principal 9 a.m. All Welcome! City Centre Art – Grade 7 (Day 7)</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Primary – Drive in Movie p.m. PYJAMA DAY! (Day 8)</p>	<p>7 Community Tea 2:00 p.m. Join Us! Popcorn in Snack Shop (Day 1)</p>	<p>8 Staff meeting Dismissal at 12:20 pm (Day 2)</p>	<p>9 Grade 9 Farewell 6 to 10 pm in the Gym (Day 3)</p>	<p>10 Grade 9's to West Edmonton Mall Last day to sign out Library books. (Day 4)</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 PAT Grade 3 LA/B Grade 6 Social Fit for Life - Archery (Day 6)</p>	<p>15 PAT Grade 6/LA/B French Option fieldtrip to the Creperie (Day 7)</p>	<p>16 PAT Grade 3 Math Grade 6 Math (Day 8)</p>	<p>17 PAT Grade 6 Science LAST DAY FOR SNACK SHOP (Day 1)</p>	<p>18 Please ensure your children have lunches for the remainder of the school year</p>
<p>19 Happy Father's Day! </p>	<p>20 Junior High – Fun Water Day (Day 2)</p>	<p>21 Popcorn in Snack Shop Grade 5 Fieldtrip to Strathcona Wilderness Centre (Day 3)</p>	<p>22 PAT Grade 9 LA/B (Day 4)</p>	<p>23 PAT Grade 9 Science (Day 5)</p>	<p>24 PAT Grade 9 Math Primary Play Day (Day 6)</p>	<p>25 </p>
<p>26 </p>	<p>27 PAT Grade 9 Social Primary to John Janzen Centre (Day 7)</p>	<p>28 Primary classes swimming (Day 8)</p>	<p>29 No Classes for Students Awards Presentations 7 pm</p>	<p>30 Book Awards 9 am Report cards handed out / Dismissal at Noon Admin in the school until 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Enjoy your summer holidays!</p>	<p>June 2011</p>

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



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	JULY 5	AUGUST 24	AUGUST 29	AUGUST 30	AUGUST 31	SEPTEMBER 1
	ADMINISTRATION AT SCHOOL 9 A.M. - NOON	SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS	PD DAY	PD DAY	PD DAY	GRADES 1 TO 9 FIRST FULL DAY OF CLASSES
SEPTEMBER 5 LABOUR DAY NO CLASSES						

July / August / Sept. 2011

