



The Heights Headlines



March 24th, 2011

Have you heard . . .



Thank you to all our parents, relatives and community members who come in to the school to volunteer and to support our students in their activities!

It certainly makes a big difference in the operations of our school to have you all around!

Spring Break begins for students on Friday, March 25th, 2011. School resumes at the regular time on Monday, April 4th, 2011.



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OPEN HOUSE

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 13TH**

FAMILY BBQ 5 – 6:30 PM



**CLASSROOMS OPEN
6:30 – 7:15 PM**



**COME ONE – COME ALL!
LOTS OF DISPLAYS AND
ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE!**

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

I encourage parents to attend our Open House on Wednesday, April 13. See the times for various events in the "open House" advertisement. Open House is a time for Sturgeon Heights School to showcase student work, activities and the opportunities for learning available at our school. It is important that the work and projects of students be viewed by a greater audience than just teachers and classmates. The products of our students in school are validated when seen by parents, neighbours and the community. We can all be proud of our students at Sturgeon Heights School and your children want you to see the pride in their eyes.

Our format for Open House is new for 2011. We are hosting a family barbecue with parent volunteers cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, a "pot luck" component with homeroom classes being asked to contribute very specific items or contribute a "Toonie" donation to allow us to cover off some of the items. The school is purchasing the meat. Everyone will eat in the gymnasium and be entertained by students during meal time while viewing slide shows with information and photos of our children in action. After everyone has had an opportunity to eat we will be opening up our classrooms to viewing.

Please come. Bring anyone along that is interested in Sturgeon Heights School and enjoy our school community.

*Garnet Goertzen,
Principal*



Students, staff, volunteers and family members joined together for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch.

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Cross-aged groupings worked so well for the Pancake Lunch – everyone needs a little help now and then.

FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Unlike winter, my message this month is going to be short. The open house is on April 13th and it should be a nice time to visit with our school community and celebrate the learning that takes place in our school. If you have not done so already, please sign up to contribute to the Open House BBQ. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you in April.

*Wayne Rufiange,
Vice Principal*

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FROM OUR TRUSTEE:

The hall of Sturgeon Heights has been busy this month to say the least. With all the arts activities as well as completing midterms and report cards, the students and teachers are looking forward to March Break.

I had an opportunity to attend the drama production put on by Junior High students. Bravo to both the students and teachers involved in the production. I enjoyed watching the primary students enjoy the production almost as much as watching it myself.

Sturgeon School Board and Administration have been determining the impact the March provincial budget is going to have on our Division. We are down seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the 2010-2011 school year and we are losing over one million dollars in targeted or one time funding for 2011-12 school year. Over the next few weeks, the Board will review our primary goals and determine how best to meet the educational needs of our students. We will continue to monitor how we can be more creative in how we can stretch our budget dollars. While it does not mean the provincial cuts to our education budget will not impact our schools, it will be the Board's objective to protect our school programs as much as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and staff a restful school break and I look forward to seeing all of you back in our school halls in April.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Wendy Miller
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**Welcome to the Sturgeon
Heights Mime Fest!**

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STAFF MEETING:

Wednesday, April 13th is the date of the next staff meeting at Sturgeon Heights. Students will dismiss at 12:20 p.m.

Grade 6 students finished up their project on space and aerodynamics by making and flying their planes in the gym.



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:

March 23 at 4:30 pm
April 13 at 6:00 pm
April 27 at 4:30 pm
May 11 at 6:00 pm
May 25 at 4:30 pm
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.

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The grade 4 students worked hard to make their wind-powered balloon cars run!



EASTER BREAK FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS:

Staff and students will not attend school on **Good Friday, April 22nd** and **Easter Monday, March 25th**. Enjoy Easter celebrations with family and friends.

ALBERTA OPERA PRODUCTION:

Students in Headstart, Kinderstart, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 6 will be treated to the Alberta Opera production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" on Wednesday April 6th.

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Kindergarten students tried their hand at "cup stacking." What an amazing job they did!

CAREER DAY:

Career Day for students in Grades 6 to 9 is quickly approaching. Speakers will be in from 1 to 3 pm on Tuesday, April 19th to share information on their prospective jobs with the students.

Easter Celebration

Thursday, April 21st, 2011
10:00 a.m. in the Gym

All are WELCOME to attend!



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SCHOOL CLOTHING FOR SALE:

Our school clothing sale in the Fall was very successful. Thanks to Mrs. Yuzyk-Ayotte for all her organizing! We do have a few items that were exchanged for other sizes. These items will be on display for purchase on Parent/Teacher interview evenings. If you would prefer, just give the school a call and we will hold the item for you.

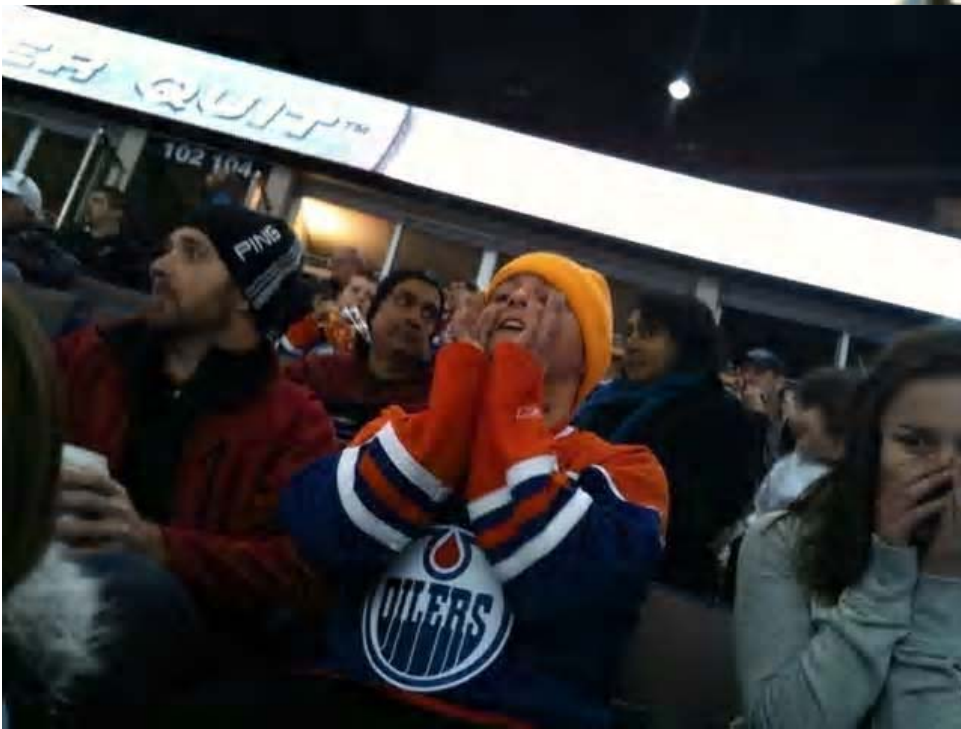
Adult Vest – size M	\$55
Zippered Hoodie – Youth’s size 6/8	\$30
Hoodie – pullover style – Youth’s size 14/16 Youth’s size S	\$27
T-shirt – long sleeved – Youth’s size 6/8	\$15
Sweatpant – logo on butt – Youth’s size L (2 pair)	\$30

Lifetouch Photography made portrait packages of our students in the Fall of 2010. In return, the school received a commission cheque in the amount of \$647.00. These funds are used for various student activities. Lifetouch also provides extra services to the school year in the form of ID cards, a montage picture, student directory binder, proof packages, color portrait strips, yearbook CD, plus various other little extras above and beyond!



Thanks to Lifetouch for their services and for the commission, and a big thank you is extended to all parents for participation in the school portrait program!

****Spring Portraits will be taken of all students on Monday, May 2nd, 2011. (optional program – packages will be sent home – purchase if you want – if not, return package to school)**



Mr. Ohm's class won free tickets to a recent Oil Kings Game. Everyone had lots of fun!



Constable Hawkins and Dodger came in to see the D.A.R.E. students at their final class!

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On Friday, March 18th Grade 6 students participated in the culmination of their D.A.R.E. program. The Graduation was held in the library and was very well attended by family members. Congrats, Grade 6 students! Great job!



Isaac and Ryan did well as the Masters of Ceremonies!



Here are the Grade 6 students, along with Constable Kading and Constable Jewer, their D.A.R.E. Instructors.



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**Basketball season wound up with a Pep Rally.
We had the teams, staff members and parents all
joining together to watch and play!**

Go – Eagles – Go!

**Congratulations to the Senior girls' who won
Silver in the Finals and to the Senior boys' team
who won the Sturgeon School Division
championship!**

**Allstars from SHS are: Nicole Brown;
Labrecque, Alexis Lema, Paige Shelemey, Jacob
Kaup, Teygan MacLowick and Matt Tipping!**



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Emma Lou and the Big Ragout - Drama Production



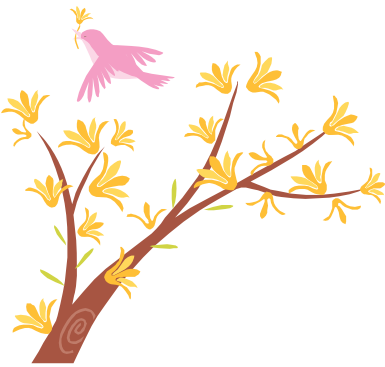
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L EARNING GARDEN PROJECT:

Spring will come one day – soon...



As mentioned in our last newsletter, students and staff are in the planning stages of putting together a Learning Garden project that will involve students from the design stages through construction of the garden and ongoing maintenance and development. It will become a tool for learning and a catalyst for deeper understanding. We are hopeful that parents will also become involved in this project. If you are aware of any grants, resources or have access to supplies or services that will assist us in keeping costs down, please call the school. **As Spring approaches one of our first jobs will be to rototill the garden area in preparation for planting. If you could spare the time to bring in a machine to accomplish this for us – it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the school and let us know if this can work for you!**



Grade 5 students enjoyed their projects with Hands-On Science!



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ST. ALBERT ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL



Musical Theatre Performance
Monday, April 11th 11:00 a.m.
Arden Theatre
Class 97330

Choir Performance
Thursday, April 14th 12:30 p.m.
(Please note time: change from original letter)
St. Albert United Church
Class L115A

Band Performance
Thursday, April 14th 10:45 a.m.
Arden Theatre
Class 11000D

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Camilla School – Annual Used Book Fair

Paperback books, Hardcover books, CD's and DVD's

All items under \$1.00

(Plant and Bake Sale as well)



Friday, April 15th, 2011

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Riviere Qui Barre Arena

For more information, call Camilla School at 780 939 2074

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3  "Dare to Soar"	4 Classes resume Keys to Future Workshop – 8W (Day 7)	5 (Day 8)	6 Alberta Opera – Jack and the Beanstalk – a.m. – HD, KS, ECS to Grade 6 Planning for Post Sec. Workshop – 7M (Day 1)	7 Looking for a Job – Grade 9 Badminton (Day 2)	8 Planning for Post Sec. Workshop – 7/8R Band members to Jazz Workshop – Blk 2 (Day 3)	9
10	11 Popcorn in Snack Shop \$1 Rotary Festival Musical Theatre Arden Theatre 11 am (Day 4)	12 Planning for Post Sec. Workshop – 8W (Day 5)	13 Staff meeting 12:20 p.m. Dismissal OPEN HOUSE BBQ 5 – 6:30 pm Classrooms 6:30 – 7:15 pm (Day 6)	14 Rotary Festival Choir – a.m. St. Albert United Church 10:20 a.m. Band – p.m. Arden Theatre 10:45 a.m. (Day 7)	15 SCHS staff to talk to Grade 9 – Blk 6 (Day 8)	16
17	18 PFA Meeting 6:30 pm School Council Meeting 7:30 pm (Day 1)	19 Career Day – 1 – 3 pm – Grade 6 to 9 (Day 2)	20 "Retro Day" (Day 3)	21 Easter Celebration 10 a.m. – All Welcome! School Outdoor Clean up Badminton (Day 4)	22 Good Friday No School for Students or Staff	23 
24 	25 Easter Monday No School for Students or Staff	26 ECS to the Base Popcorn in Snack Shop \$1	27 Grade 4 – TIMMS	28 Hot Lunch - tba	29	30

April 2011

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 Spring photos for all a.m. in the Gym (Day 1)	3 (Day 2)	4 (Day 3)	5 Sturgeon Evening of Music – SCHS (Day 4)	6 (Day 5)	7 Badminton finals
8	9 (Day 6)	10 (Day 7)	11 Staff meeting Dismissal @ 12:20 p.m. (Day 8)	12 (Day 1)	13 (Day 2)	14
15  "Dare to Soar"	16 Elementary Track Meet at SHS (Day 3)	17 PAT – Grade 3 LA / Pt A Junior High Track Meet at SHS (Day 4)	18 PAT - Grade 6 LA / Pt A (Day 5)	19 PAT – Grade 9 LA / Pt A Awesome Bridges – 3S (Day 6)	20 PD Day – No School for Students	21
22	23 Victoria Day Holiday for Staff and Students	24 (Day 7)	25 Rainout Date for Elementary Track Meet at SHS (Day 8)	26 Rainout Date for Junior High Track Meet at SHS (Day 1)	27 P.A.R.T.Y. Program Gr 9 8:45 – 2:30 pm (Day 2)	28
29	30 Grade 4's and 5's to Provincial Museum (Day 3)	31 Divisional Track Meets Elementary to Namao Junior High to Redwater (Day 4)				

May 2011