

# SPIRIT

June  
2017

Some Pertinent Information Regarding Indus Today

Please remember to keep  
our students safe from  
tree nuts and peanuts!

## First Student (Bussing)

Ride-along (before  
noon):

**403-948-9107**

Late Bus Line:

**403-250-0016**

Questions or Con-  
cerns?

**403-948-1180**

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## JUNE EVENTS

**Thursday, June 15th** – Used Book Sale  
**Monday, June 19th** – Grade 6 ELA PAT Part B  
**Tuesday, June 20th** – Grade 6 Math PAT  
**Wednesday, June 21st** – Gr. 7-9 Calaway Park Field Trip  
**Thursday, June 22nd** – Grade 6 Social Studies PAT  
**Friday, June 23rd** – Grade 6 Science PAT  
**Monday, June 26th** – Grade 9 Social Studies PAT  
**Tuesday, June 27th** – Grade 9 ELA PAT Part B  
**Tuesday, June 27th** – FUN DAY for all students in the  
afternoon  
**Wednesday, June 28th** – Grade 9 Math PAT  
**Wednesday, June 28th** – Last Day of School for Grades 1-8  
**Thursday, June 29th** – Grade 9 Science PAT  
**Thursday, June 29th** – Last Day of School for Grade 9  
**Friday, June 30th** – NO SCHOOL for students

## KINDERGARTEN MOTHERS' DAY GARDEN PARTY



With the beautiful Spring weather that the month of May brings, it also brings with it, us recognizing and celebrating our wonderful moms for Mother's Day! In the Kindergarten class, we decided to have a Garden Party and we invited our mothers and/or grandmothers to come in and have some fun with us. Each student got to

paint their very own flowerpot, plant some pretty flowers and have a delicious snack with Mom right along side of them. This activity was a fantastic culminating activity to our Spring Unit, where we learned about plants and flowers, read *Peter Rabbit*, and did some different writing and math activities about different things we do and see in the Spring. All of the Kindergarteners were so excited to have their mom come in and spend the morning with them and it was truly a very special day!





## GRADE 8 SOCIAL STUDIES

The Grade 8s have recently completed a mock-court in Social Studies. The students have been put into groups, and each group has been assigned to defend a reason for the Spanish exploration of the Americas. The 4 reasons for exploration are: Gold, God (religion), Geography, and Glory. The Grade 8s have done a great job in taking on the role of lawyers, through digging up evidence, and being persuasive in building a case for their group. They are developing important skills in collaboration and critical thinking, and having fun along the way too!



## GR. 6: "GIBBOUS" SOME MORE OREOS!

Students enjoy any school work they get to eat when they are done, and studying the phases of the moon was no exception. In a follow-up activity to learning the phases of the moon, the grade 6 class got to make a moon phase chart using Oreo cookies. They were hard at work, finishing their chart, so they could get to the eating. Though some groups had to wait a long time, as they were making sure they had their project correct.



## ULTIMATE (FRISBEE)



Your Indus Ultimate team was busy preparing for the first ever Provincial Ultimate Tournament, which occurred the weekend of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, at Glenmore Athletic Park. Leading up to this event, we travelled to Kelowna, B.C. and played in Sunflicker, Junior Division. In spite of 2 lightning delays and repeated rain, the kids worked well together against high schools from Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba. Next we played games against Junior High Schools at McMahon Stadium. The team had a great time under the bright lights and the goal posts. Shortly after, there was the Indus Tournament, where, in spite of serious wind, Indus came out on top. The tournament was well received by the attending schools, Calgary Academy and Bearspaw Christian. The week of May 27<sup>th</sup>, we had a real nail biter in High River, with very tight games against some of the local high school teams. Our final game was lost 8 to 9 on the very last point, scored by the High River SwatSquad in the last seconds of the game.

## GRADE 4 APPRECIATION FOR MOTHERS



Grade 4 students enjoyed the opportunity to tell their mothers just how much they loved them. The students created definition poems highlighting the specific qualities of their much-loved mothers. The poems were then turned into bookmarks or fridge magnets for each child's mother. Writing what they love about their mothers came easily to each child. Mothers may doubt their own abilities, but your children



see each one of you as the perfect mother for them. When they saw how their own mother reacted emotionally to their poem, they began to realize the power of writing.

In Art students created block ink pictures. I know many of them gave these pictures to their mothers as another expression of their love.

## FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

Something is waiting for many children each summer and their parents don't even know it's out there. It's called the "summer slide," and it describes what happens when young minds sit idle for two months.

As parents approach the summer break, many are thinking about the family vacation, trips to the pool, how to keep children engaged in activities at home, the abrupt changes to everyone's schedule—and how to juggle it all. What they might not be focusing on is how much educational ground their children could lose during the two-month break from school, particularly when it comes to reading.

Experts agree that children who read during the summer, gain

reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward.

There are programs at your local public library, and lots of ideas to help your child love reading, even through the summer months!

A membership at Chestermere Public Library is just \$25 for a family for a year, and you can also use other Marigold libraries (Airdrie, Strathmore, etc.) as well as Calgary Public Library (some restrictions there). Keep your kids reading all summer long!

Our annual used book sale at Indus will be held on **Thursday, June 15**, and you can send in books with which your household is finished. We will accept everything from toddler books to adult

books, in decent shape please. Please send your donated books to the school by June 14. Sale goes from 12 – 3 p.m. and everyone can shop for just 25 cents per book, and parents are invited to come shopping also! If you are available to help set up the sale on Thursday morning, please contact Mrs. Potter at the school or [lpotter@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:lpotter@rockyview.ab.ca).

**Please note:** All books that belong to the Library must be returned by **Thursday, June 15**. If you want to know if your child still has library books checked out, you can log in to Koha and check your child's record. If you are unsure how to do this, please email me at [lpotter@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:lpotter@rockyview.ab.ca).



## GRADE 5 TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Our Grade 5 students experienced their first Track and Field day. They practiced short and longer distance running events including the 60 metre and 320 metre runs. They also competed in two field events: shotput and standing long jump. It was impressive to see the level of intensity each child demonstrated while participating in each event. Hopefully this level of competitiveness will continue and we will see these students represent our school starting in Grade 7. Ryder won the 60m and 320m races, Ben had the longest jump, and Scott was our winner for the shot put. Samantha was our top female athlete, finishing in the top five in all events.



## BAND NOTES



The Band program's Spring Concert was on Thursday, June 8th at 7 pm in the Indus School proudly presented the results of their hard work.

As a reminder, if you have rented your child's instrument from the school division, it is due back to the school on June 15th so that it can be sent in for maintenance over the summer.



The Band celebrates a successful Festival performance with a play structure group shot. We returned from the West Fest Band Festival with a ranking of Excellent this year.



## GRADE 2 CRAWLING AND FLYING ANIMALS



The Grade 2s went on a field trip and didn't need to leave their classroom! They had a special visit from 'Buggie' to help solve a crime mystery! They were given suspects and clues, and found out that Buster Bee was guilty of stealing the honey! Students had fun learning about ways in which small crawling and flying animals eat, what they eat, how they protect themselves, and what they live in. They even made their own bug catchers that we will use to do further investigations on insects. Thank you for the parent volunteers and Mrs. Allard, who helped with the stations.



It's time for Indus School's annual

## *USED BOOK SALE!*

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Indus School Gym

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

All books are just .25¢ each!

Get something "new" to read for the summer! Donations are accepted! You can send in books with which your household is finished. We will accept everything from toddler books to adult books, in decent shape please. (No magazines or encyclopedias please) Please send your donated books to the school by June 14. Sale goes from 12 – 3 p.m. and everyone can shop for just 25 cents per book, and parents are invited to come shopping also! If you are available to help set up the sale on Thursday morning, please contact Mrs. Potter at the school or at [lpotter@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:lpotter@rockyview.ab.ca).





## GRADE 1 SESQUICENTENNIAL

Preparation for our sesquicentennial Canada 150 Celebration catapulted the Grade 1 students into a constant state of excitement and inquiry learning discovering Canada and more specifically British Columbia. Through Michael Mitchell's song and slideshow *Canada Is...* we learned that Canada is much more than the Rocky Mountains or the prairie cowboy. Canada is a land that welcomes our neighbours to this great land of peace, faith and love. One cannot be untouched by the profound words of this song and the Grade 1 students persevered to learn the many verses acquiring a true love for their nation.

Through watching breathtaking videos depicting British Columbia's abundance of forest, mountains and water, students learned what this diverse province has to offer from wildlife, history and geography with spectacular mountain climbing in the Rockies and whale watching on the Pacific. The Grade 1 students will celebrate their learning with pride, at the Canada 150 Celebration via a mural portraying a journey commencing at the Alberta-BC border through to Mile 0 in British Columbia's capital city of Victoria. Our tour follows the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the TransCanada Highway where history comes alive with the building of the spiral



tunnels in Yoho National Park, and the 14.6-kilometre Mount MacDonald Tunnel in the Roger's Pass. The route passes by Shuswap Lake following the Thompson River to the mighty Fraser River. Hell's Gate plunges one back into history and the hardships of constructing the CP railway through mountains and canyons from coast to coast. Our mural follows the Fraser River to the Pacific and we catch a ferry to Vancouver Island concluding our travels at the capital city.

In addition to learning the geography, history and vegetation of B.C., students also honed their research skills, notetaking and technological proficiencies to produce a polished report of a B.C. animal of their choice. All will be displayed at our Canada 150 Celebration!



## JUNIOR HIGH EXAM SCHEDULE

As a culmination to a year of learning, the students in Grades 7, 8, and 9 will be writing final exams. The Grade 9s will write Provincial Achievement Tests, the Grade 7s & 8s teacher-developed exams.

The tests will start right after homeroom and will run until about 11:00. Upon finishing their tests students will have the option of going home to review for the next day's test, or of staying at school to study with the help of a teacher.

Please note that students leaving the school must be signed-out by a parent or designated adult. Parents wishing to designate another adult to pick up their children will need to complete a form giving permission to do so.

	Friday, June 23	Monday, June 26	Tuesday, June 27	Wednesday, June 28	Thursday, June 29
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>Science 7</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mr. Winters	<b>ELA 7</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mrs. Olson	<b>Math 7</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mr. Green	<b>Social 7</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mr. Winters	<div>Be sure to return your textbooks to the library as soon as you are finished with them!</div>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Math 8</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mr. Green	<b>Science 8</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mr. Green	<b>Social 8</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mr. Winters	<b>ELA 8</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 11:00am  Supervisor: Mrs. Olson	
<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Study Block</b> Exam Bank Practice  Supervisor: Mrs. Olson	<b>Social 9</b> <b>PAT</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 10:20am  Supervisor: Mr. Winters	<b>ELA 9 – Part B</b> <b>PAT</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 10:15am  Supervisor: Mrs. Olson	<b>Math 9</b> <b>PAT</b> Starts: 9:00am Ends: 10:30am  Supervisor: Mr. Green	
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## WELCOME MR. MACDONALD– OUR NEW AP

We are pleased to announce that our new Assistant Principal will be Colin MacDonald. Mrs. Graham's retirement will leave a big gap in Indus School. While it will be a huge challenge to fill her size 8 shoes, Mr. MacDonald is excited to try.

Originally a high-school Math and Science teacher on Prince Edward Island he, along with his wife and two daughters, moved to Airdrie so he could work for Rocky View Schools four years ago. Since then he has build a

reputation as an innovative and effective educator, teaching Math, Science, and Options to the middle-school students in Langdon.

To prepare himself for the shift from teaching to administration, Mr. MacDonald has completed Levels 1 & 2 of RVS' Administrative Learning Program and is very close to finishing his Master's Degree in Education Administration.

Welcome to Indus, Mr. MacDonald, we look forward to working with you!

