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MESSAGE FROM CHAEL WYPER

Imagine Indus

December 3 is your chance! This evening we will be setting long term goals for Indus School. This will be the third of three evening sessions called *Imagine Indus*.

During the last session, members of the school community gathered together and identified

the reason we are here. It was summarized in the statement: **The purpose of Indus School is to build in students a multifaceted personal foundation to carry them successfully through life.**

At the first session, the characteristics we value were identified and clarified: **Accomplishment, adventure, com-**

munity, creativity, hard work, honesty, joy, respect, service, and spirit best describe what is important in our school community.

Guided by these values, we will set goals toward our purpose tonight at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and join us!

Our Mission

Indus School provides an environment that inspires learning for all in our school community.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Dec. 1 NO SCHOOL - PL Day for staff | Dec. 9 Gr. 6 Craft Sale Fundraiser (K-3) | Dec. 16 Dress Rehearsal 1:00—2:00 pm |
| Dec. 2 Hot Lunch (Tacos) | Dec. 11 Gr. 6 Craft Sale Fundraiser (Grs. 4-6) | Dec. 18 Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 3 Imagine Indus (7:00 pm) | Dec. 15 Set-up for Concert at 1:00 pm | Dec. 19 Clean-up at Arena at 9:00 am Last day of classes |
| Dec. 4 Gr. 6 Candy Cane Gram Fundraiser (K-3) | | |
| Dec. 8 Council Executive (6:30 pm) | | |

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CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

Christmas Concert

The Indus School Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Indus Recreation Centre.

Set-up

We will be setting up for the Concert on Monday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m. If you are available to help out, please call the school office at 403-936-5855.

Dress Rehearsal

The dress rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, December 26th at 1:00 p.m. Families and commu-

nity members are welcome to attend the rehearsal.

Raffle

We will be holding our annual Christmas Raffle during the concert. Please refer to the green notice that went home on November 25th.

Food Bank Donations

We will be accepting Food Bank donations at the door the evening of the Concert.

Adopt a Family

Arrangements are being made to Adopt a Family again this

Christmas. Anyone wishing to make a donation, will be able to do so at the Concert. Please watch for further information to come home about our Adopted Family.

Clean-up after Concert

Clean-up and dismantling of the stage will take place on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome!

Christmas Vacation

The last day of classes will be Friday, December 19th. Students will return to school on Monday, January 5th.

KINDERGARTEN NOTICE—FRIDAYS BEGIN

In addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays, Kindergarten students will begin attending every other Friday, on December 12th. The following is a list of the Fridays they will be attending school for the remainder of

this school year:

December 12

January 16 and 30

February 13 and 27

March 13 and 27

April 24

May 15 and 29

June 12 and 26

Please note that we have notified all of the bus drivers accordingly.

CHRISTMAS DAY CAMPS

The Langdon Youth Council will hold Christmas Day Camps for 7 to 12 year olds, on Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with before (7:30) and after (5:30) care available.

The camps will be held at the Langdon Field House, and activities will include holiday crafts, games and festive fun, such as "Pass the Present," making deco-

rations, wrapping races and turning your leaders into Christmas Trees. Each day will be different and will include a special activity.

The cost is \$35.00 per day or \$60.00 for both days. Before and after care is an extra \$10.00 per day.

To register, or for further information, please call Ashley at 403-836-7894. Registration packages

can also be picked up at Indus Graphics on Centre Street in Langdon.

Fees can be paid in cash or by cheque and are due by December 18th.

The Langdon Youth Council

SHE CAN'T MOVE, SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES?

The Grade 4/5 class began their floor hockey unit at the beginning of November in a bit of an unorthodox way: using blue foam utility balls. Using the blue foam balls normally reserved for dodgeball, the class invented a new game that was a cross between lacrosse and floor hockey, but without any body contact. Playing the game involved the ability to think quickly, pass accurately, and work together; all without the ability to move once you had the ball in your possession. The object was the same as in hockey and lacrosse, to put the ball into your opponent's net. The only way to move the ball however was to pass it; students could not move once they were holding the ball, even

though the defenders could. The students spent a week playing

this new game and had a blast.



CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

It's time to start collecting Campbell's Soup labels again! When we have enough labels, our school will be eligible to receive free items from the program. Please save the entire label off of the eligible products and bring them to school. (We have attached to this newsletter, a sheet outlining the eligible products.)

As well, Case UPC codes can be used and are found on the cardboard box that **Foodservice Products** are shipped in. Further details about this program, are available on the website at www.labelsforeducation.ca.

Each classroom will save the labels separately and we'll count and keep a record at the end of

each month. These records will be posted, and at the end of the school year, the classroom that collects the most labels will win a prize.

Thank you for your participation in this program.

Susan Wall and
Tracey Schroeder

LOST AND FOUND



We displayed all of the clothing articles in our *Lost and Found* this week and asked students

to claim any items that belonged to them. However, there are still numerous hoodies, coats, sweaters, etc. that are unclaimed.

It is our practice to take all Lost and Found items to a Charity

over the Christmas Break, so please have a look the next time you are in the school. If you know certain items are lost, please ask your child to check the Lost and Found.

LIBRARY NEWS

A huge thank you to all our In-dus families who purchased books and other items at the "Pyramid of Books" Book Fair. Once again, it was a very successful fair. Your purchases mean that the library receives free books, and all our students are excited about that! As I get those new books processed over the next few weeks, students will be enjoying reading some brand new literature!

Book Fair could not be done without my "Freaky Book Fair Moms" (that's THEIR term, not mine!). From setup to building amazing decorations, and everything in between, special thanks to Pam Dombowsky, Sue Wood, Sue Lefebvre, and Dani McKearney. These amazing Moms decorated and shopped like

crazy!!!! (Yes, they're also my best customers!) Pam no longer has a child at our school, but just couldn't give up her Book Fair addiction! And I am very grateful!

With the Christmas season upon us, here are some ideas for under the tree, or suggestions for Santa:

Chapters gift card—Magazines (teen mags for the older kids, a Nascar, Corvette or hunting magazine for teen boys, and Chickadee or Ladybug for younger kids. Santa always brings the adults in my family their favourite Vogue or Gossip mag!)

Comic books are a special treat – it's still reading!

Costco has the new 2009

Guinness World Records book for about \$15.00. I have 5 copies in the library. Almost 50 students have checked them out since September, and the waiting list goes until January!

Children young and old enjoy having Christmas stories read to them, so dust off those long-forgotten books on your bookshelf, and cuddle up some evening for story time. They never get too old for hot chocolate and a Christmas story read aloud!

For those who are already asking, next Book Fair is in March! Merry Christmas to everyone, and don't forget to read over the holidays!

SUTP COUPON BOOKS

We have five (5) SUTP coupon books left to sell at a cost of \$20 each. These are great value; use it for Christmas shopping or to

plan a mini ski vacation. We also have Red Deer and Edmonton books available if you have friends or relatives in those areas.

Great gift idea too! A copy is available at the office if you wish to have a look.

READING RULES IN GRADE 3!

The Grade 3 Smarties spend a lot of time reading and understanding a variety of different types of text. Students share a story in a group by reading and discussing the book. Upon completion of the book, students must choose three activities that best show their understanding of that book. Students complete activities such as flip flap books, Venn diagrams,

word searches, book covers, character sketches and finding

"Ask your child about the book he/she is working on."

similes. Each student hands in work that they believe is WOW work to be assessed. Students

also write me letters about their new understandings and wonderings about the book. Sharing and showing understanding has improved fluency and comprehension.

I am very proud of the hard work the Grade 3 students have demonstrated during reading time. Ask your child about the book he/she is working on.

PEACE IS... BY THE GRADE 2 GEMS

In November the Grade 2 Gems listened to the story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. They learned about the tragedy of war and how it steals the lives of many innocent people. Sadako's hope and dream for peace in our world continues to be passed on and the Grade 2 Gems wrote their own messages of peace.

Peace is loving. Peace is caring. Peace is freedom. Peace is kind to one another. Peace is thankful.
~Miranda

Peace is loving each other. Peace is joy, happiness and kindness.
~Carley

You should be kind to one another. Peace is for love. ~Journie

Peace is when you don't have to worry about getting your legs and arms blown off from land mines. Peace is also love and when you do not have to worry about war.
~Dakota

Peace is love. Peace is inside of us.
~Mitchell

Peace is you don't have to worry to go outside. Peace is not being shot outside and you don't have to shoot another person. ~Kalum

Peace is freedom. Freedom means you don't have to worry because

you have love inside of you. ~Shyla

Peace is freedom. Peace is thankful. Peace is free from war. ~Sam

Peace is freedom. Peace is no war. Peace is love. Peace is happiness.
~Derek

Peace is love. Peace is lucky and good. Peace is happy and fun. Peace is thankful. ~Craig

Peace means freedom. Peace means not having to worry about stepping on a land mine. Peace is not having to worry about getting killed. Peace is inside of us. Peace means being kind to people and not fighting. Peace is remembering the soldiers that died. ~Marla

Peace is loving. Peace is remembering army men. Peace is thankful.
~Devyn

Peace is love. Peace is thankful and special. Peace is remembering.
~Marcus

Peace is thankful because you don't have to worry about being shot and having to shoot people.
~Aiden

Peace is special and remembering happiness and freedom. I am thankful for the soldiers who went to war and fought the Japanese. Now our country is safe. ~Skylar

Peace is loving and special. Peace is when the wars stop. Then it is peace. When guns stop, when the

bombs stop, then the war is over.
~William

Peace is loving, caring, giving, generous, and thankful. Two doves make a pair. Two doves are good luck. Soldiers fought in the war for us. ~Faith

Peace is love and freedom and remembering. We have peace in our world. You don't have to worry about going out to play or worry about wars. Peace is in all of us.
~Cassidy

Peace is loving each other. Peace is kind to one another. Peace is remembering the people who fought for us. ~Taylor

Peace is loving another. Peace is being thankful to another. Peace is special to you and other people.
Kalyn

Peace is kindness. Peace is quiet. Peace is remembering all the soldiers. Braden

Peace is not worrying about diseases (from the atom bomb). Peace is remembering the soldiers' death and sadness. Peace is love. Peace is inside of you. Doves and poppies are signs of peace. Peace will come to the soldiers and the people that had to live through the war, the death, the guns, the noise, and the injuries from land mines. Peace is being thankful that the war is over.
~Jaden

WE GOT THE POWER TO SAVE POWER!

In Science, Grade 5 students in Ms Javorcikova's class have been busy searching and discussing how to decrease electrical energy consumption. Students were discovering and exchanging ideas on how to conserve electrical energy at school and home. Through an Internet search students discovered that wind and solar powered energy



are the waves of the future for

generating electricity. Both methods are extremely powerful as well as excellent for the environment.

Ask a student to find out what you can do to reduce electrical energy consumption in your home or at school.

You have the power to save power. It is up to you!

HOOT! HOOT! BY THE GRADE 1 SUNSHINES

We are learning about special birds called owls. This is what the Grade One Sunshines know about owls. We made some mind maps about Barn Owls. The titles were: 1. Habitat (where the homes are), 2. Enemies/Predators/Villains (animals that can kill owls), 3. Diet (things that they can eat), 4. Appearance (what owls look like). Here is what we have learned so far.

Ashley: Owls have predators.

Douglas: Barn owls have holes on the side of their heads. These are their ears.

Samson: Barn owls have heart-shaped faces.

Riley H.: I know that owls swallow their food whole.

Adam: Owls spit out the bones and the fur of their food in pellets.

Riley B.: I know that owls have 4 strong toes and claws called talons.

Ethan: When owls are 2 months old, their parents push them out of their home.

Adele: Barn owls can live in barns.

Gavin: I know that barn owls can live in old, broken-down buildings.

Alexander: Some owls have stick out feathers.

Nicole: The Great Horned Owl can eat other Owls.

Rhys: Barn owls have heart-shaped faces but they have

white on them.

Emma: I know that owls are nocturnal. They sleep in the day and they're awake in the night.

Navdip: Barn owls' enemies could be foxes, Great Horned Owls or cats.

Austin: Barn owls have flat faces.

Timothy: Barn owls hoot and hiss when they are scared.

Zachary: Barn owls grab the mice with their talons.

Cassidy: Barn owls eat rats, mice and small rodents.

Jacob: Owls grow fast.

Joshua: They live in steeples.

Tristin: Owls perch. They sit on their toes.

GRADE 6 - MS. HART

The countdown is on for Christmas holidays, but the Grade 6 students are looking towards May and their Outdoor School Trip. They will be selling *Candy*

Cane Grams and having a small craft/bake sale this month to help raise money for the trip. The class has been abuzz, making wrapping paper and color-

ful baubles to sell at the sale. Dates for these sales are listed in the *Dates to Remember* section of this newsletter. Watch for upcoming fundraising events in the New Year.

WHAT WOULD KINDERGARTEN BE WITHOUT A GOOD IMAGINATION?

The kindergarten students have been learning about fairy tales and how to retell them. With the use of puppets, students have been learning all of the ele-



ments of a good story. Their story retells contain main characters, a hero, a villain, have a beginning, a middle, an end, and they also

have problems and solutions. They are gaining knowledge of how to use expressive voice, emotional fluctuation, and creativity when compiling several versions of one fairy tale and making it their own story.

In the next unit, we will be looking at service people in our communities. We will also be investigating the process animals go through to prepare for winter.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

All products are worth 1 point unless otherwise stated.



V8 / V8 Splash Beverage -
354 mL / 474 mL / 950
mL



Pace Salsa - 428 mL /
642 mL



Habitant - 227 mL /
398 mL / 796 mL



Gardennay - 500 mL / 1 L



Prego - 1.75 L



Ramen
(Hearty Noodles, Gattuso)



Soup at Hand - 284 mL



Chunky to Go Bowls -
420 mL



10oz / 284mL, 28oz /
796mL, 48oz / 1.36L
condensed soup



1.89L beverage or
vegetable cocktail



10 oz / 284 mL, 19oz /
540mL and 14oz / 425g
soup or chili



1.36 kg, 28g, 168g, 180g,
190g and 200g crackers



19oz / 540mL Ready to
Serve soup



500mL and 900mL
broth



375mL, 675mL
Prego



Campbell 's® Healthy
Request® Bowls – 420
mL

= 1 point

When you submit the labels:

- * Be sure to include the UPC and front label. English UPC only.
- * UPC only is required for *Pepperidge Farm*® products and *Campbell's*® Ready to Use Broths.
- * All Labels are eligible if they are a *Campbell's* product – record beside "other" and in the "note" field identify the product.
- * Labels from the United States are not eligible in Canada.

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information,
please visit**

<http://plone.rockyview.ab.ca/indus>.

**Look in the staff
tab for your
child's teacher.**