

Indus School

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Some Pertinent Information Regarding Indus Today
Parent Newsletter

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2 MILLION REASONS WHY EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT

I like to think that education is a great opener of doors that allows our students the choice of any future they desire. Some people consider this idealistic horse-hockey. Perhaps a more down-to-earth thought on the value of education is in order?

I would never suggest that money be the prime motivator in a person's life. That being said, most people would rather have more than less of it. This brings us to the concrete value of education. Students today who finish high

school and go on to some form of post-secondary education (technical school, trades, college, university, etc.) will likely earn about \$2,000,000 more than their peers who do not complete high school. Additionally, they will enjoy lower unemployment and, on average, live longer.

Focusing on making the most of lessons, seriously attempting to think through issues to solve prob-

lems, practicing reading and basic facts, completing assignments as well as possible, meeting deadlines and, generally being the best student one can be really does pay off.

Our Mission

The purpose of Indus School is to build in students a multi-faceted personal foundation to carry them successfully through life.

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS - PAPER COPIES?

We will use the list of parents from last year who requested that a paper copy of the newsletter be sent home. If you are not on that list, but would like to

be, please call the school office.

Electronic copies of the newsletter will be sent to households for which we currently have email

addresses. The newsletter is published at the beginning of every month.

LIVING ART AT THE LEIGHTON CENTRE- GRS. 1,2,3!

Grades 1, 2 and 3 recently went on a trip to the Leighton Art Centre. We couldn't have asked

ing our transportation. What a wonderful day!



for a better day! We were taught how to sketch and shade both our hands. We went on a beautiful nature walk, exploring bones, trees and even different types of animal dung! We incorporated our hearing and sound unit when we heard our echoes on Echo Hill. It was an amazing view and so neat when our echoes bounced off the hills. In the afternoon, we created a classroom quilt with crayon wax and a wire sculpture. If you have a chance, pop in to the library and see our wonderful creations.

I would like to thank Julie, our Leighton leader, for her wonderful expertise. We would also like to thank Parent Council for fund-



LIBRARY NEWS

Your family is back into the fall routine – hockey, music lessons, harvest, ringette, football, homework, chores, lunches, etc. It's not easy to find time to read with your child, but this doesn't have to be extra time you find; reading can be integrated into all your daily activities. Have your child read to you in the car (don't we all spend too much time there?!), or while waiting

for their sibling at practice (hockey, music, etc.) Use the time you already have!

Right from the first day of school, students ask me "When is Book Fair?" I love it! It will be November 5-8 and more details will be sent home later in October.

The Accelerated Reader (AR) program is underway, and at the time of this writing, students have

already read and quizzed on over 400 books in September! Thank you to our Parent Council, who pays for our online subscription to this very valuable reading tool.

Remember that children need to read independently, be read to, and read with. So go share a book with your children!

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS

If you have not already returned your students' registration forms for the this school year, please do so as soon as possible. It is

very important that we keep our records up-to-date with current permission forms as well as student personal information. These

forms were sent home with each student the first day of school.

SCHOOL FEES

We have sent home invoices for school fees for Grades 1–4 students and are very close to being able to do the same for Grades 5–9. We would ask that you **do not** send payment or pay online for Grades 5-9 students until you receive the paper invoices or check online to see what the exact payments for options will be.

To register, go to the Indus website and click on the last badge

at the top of the page.



Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps. After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account. (Parents were emailed Student ID numbers so they were able to register. If you still don't have your student numbers, please call the school office.)

Once we are more familiar with the program, it is our goal to have field trips, fundraisers, etc. available for online payments.

Fee waivers: You qualify to have your school and transportation fees waived if you receive a GST rebate from the government. For more information, please call the office.

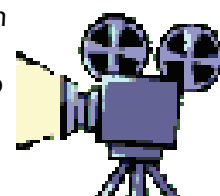
Please note that we still accept payments at the office for all fees.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Portrait day is coming—**Thursday, October 18, 2012** starting at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. Each student will receive a form distributed by Lifetouch Canada about one

week prior to the 18th. You are asked to complete the form and send it to school with your child the day of pictures. The form asks you to choose a pose and a background colour. The student will

take the form to the gym and give it to the cameraman that day.



YOU CAN'T CATCH ME...I'M THE GINGERBREAD MAN!

September is such a busy month in the kindergarten!! It is a major adjustment for many of the little ones but it is such a precious age in which children still possess an innocent belief in magic. Miss Char led us into that magical world when she interrupted our story and exclaimed that she saw a gingerbread man racing toward the gym! Our school tour began as the children eagerly pursued this fictitious character and earnestly tried to decipher the clues he had left behind. Their quest led them to all areas of the school as they excitedly asked Indus students and staff members if they had seen a gingerbread man. The gingerbread man was finally discov-

ered in Mrs. Wood's office! When we brought him back to the kindergarten, he had lots of friends waiting for him, ready to be decorated. We eventually finished our story and then retold it many times using our felt board during literacy centres and of course ate our gingerbread cookies!

We are all looking forward to a pumpkin hunt at Butterfield Acres, October 11th.



Laura proudly displays her gingerbread man..

LATE BUSSES AND RIDE-ALONGS

If your child's bus does not arrive on time in the morning or is late dropping off at home after school, please call the Rocky

View Transportation Late Line at 403.250.0016.

If your child will be riding on a

different bus, please call the Ride-Along at 1.403.948.9107. This call must be placed before 12:00 noon the day of the ride.

FANTASTIC FALL BEGINNINGS IN GRADE 6!

We are off to a fantastic fall start in Grade 6! Students are understanding and following classroom routines and procedures. I'm very happy to report that students have filled the marble jar. We will be planning a celebration to reward students for their excellent student skills. Please watch for pictures of our celebration in next month's newsletter. One of our favourite projects just happens to be in French. We are currently creating a monster (in the spirit of

upcoming Halloween) and labeling all of its body parts 'en français'.

We are also embarking on two major interdisciplinary projects in October. One is our 'All over Canada' project, which will see the class develop a giant map of Canada entailing research about each province or territory that our students brainstormed as important knowledge about Canada. We will also delve more deeply into writing! All

Grade 6 students will be trying on their mystery author style. They will write a mystery story and then recreate a scene from their story in a multimedia project. I'm looking forward to seeing their crime scenes, as students have been fabulous investigators in Science!

MUSIC GALORE

This year, Mr. Kim will be teaching music at Indus School to students of all grade levels, from K to 9. The younger grades will be singing and clapping, dancing to the rhythm of children's

songs and pop, while the older students will be introduced to the basics of music theory and history. The formation of the *Percussion Club* is under way, and several out-of-school con-

certs are being planned, including an overnight Band trip. Keep your ears open and stay tuned for more details on these exciting events.

NED SHOW OCTOBER 30

The NED Show will be held in the school gym on October 30 at 9:00 a.m. This is a free show that uses yoyos to deliver the message ... Never give up, En-

courage others, Do your best.® We will be facilitating the sale of their yoyos for the week following the show. In addition, students will have an opportunity to

enter NED's Writing Contest by submitting an essay of 250 words or less. Winners will be recognized on their website and with cool prizes.

WELCOME TO GRADE 4

We have had an exciting first month. September of any grade carries with it many changes, but moving to Grade 4 also brings with it a shift to Division II. It seems most were excited to become part of this older group. The physical shift in classroom location to a new part of the building, plus a new door to enter was a welcome transition. Grade 4 also brought with it the opportunity to work with a specialist teacher (Mr. Kim) in music. This class LOVES music. Even when it isn't music, most students

in this class enjoy humming. Although at times this can be frustrating, I must remind myself that unconscious humming must be interpreted as joyful children. This year the students also have the opportunity to take a second language, French. Most seem to be enjoying this, especially the songs. We were fortunate to have three new students join our Indus community. Harley, Immy, and Morgan have already told the class that this is the best school they have ever attended. They feel that the other class

members have made them feel very welcome. After only a month, I can see that this is a group who demonstrates respect towards one another. Disputes are discussed openly with others giving suggestions for resolutions. Positive attitudes towards new learning have been obvious. Furthermore, it is a pleasure to see the healthy food that each child brings to school. Brain food really does make a difference. I look forward to working with these enthusiastic children.

PICTURE THIS ...

In September the Grade 7s worked on parts of speech in the Language Arts curriculum. One of their assignments involved

drawing a picture and labeling it with different parts of speech, such as nouns and prepositions. The 7s did a fantastic job; they

were both fun to look at and creative. I can't wait to see what they do in the future!

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 2 Track & Field Meet Grs.. 7 & 8
Oct. 5 No School. PL Day
Oct. 8 No School. Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 11 Kgt n . trip t o Butterfield Acres

Oct. 16 Technology Evening for parents at CLM
Oct. 18 School Photos
Oct. 30 NED Show
Oct. 31 Haunted House



Online Safety Presentation

Technology Tips - Workshop

“Tools of the Culture”

Part One - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Constable Kathy Macdonald, Cyber Awareness Coordinator, Calgary Police Services will present and discuss **Online Safety** and **Cyber Awareness**.

What: Online Safety Presentation and Technology Tips navigating RVS “Tools of the Culture”

Part Two - 7:30pm - 7:45pm

Brief overview of the “Tools of the Culture” and help deciphering Rocky View technology terminology, review how students log in, find out where you can learn more ...

When: October 16, 2012

Where: Chestermere Lake Middle School

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Part Three - 7:45pm - 8:30pm

Rocky View Schools Learning Specialists will host a carousel of **“Technology Tips”** sessions. These short sessions will be a mixture of hands on, presentation and discussion. Possible session topics might be; Google Docs 101, Moodle - What is it?, MindMeister - Lets make a Map!, Podcasting for Beginners, Wikis and Blogs

Other: The first hour will be a large group presentation. During the last hour you will be able to pick and choose from a variety of sessions. This is a drop in - come and go as you please!!



PICTURE DAY & CLASS PHOTOS

October 18, 2012



RETAKE DAY November 19, 2012

Watch for your pose and color background choice flyer which will be sent home prior to photo day. Have your child return this flyer to the photographer on photo day. If the flyer is not returned your child will be photographed in a standard pose with a standard background.

The envelope your child will bring home from school approximately 10 days after photo day will contain your child's proofs and important order information.

Your completed photo order must be returned to the school your child attends by the "IMPORTANT ORDER DUE DATE" stamped in red on the order portion of the form.

Mail **LATE ORDERS** directly to Lifetouch Canada Inc. or call 1.866.443.9648 to place the order over the phone.

IF YOU REQUIRE A RETAKE, CHECK THE BOX ON THE ORDER FORM, SIGN IT AND HAVE YOUR CHILD RETURN IT THE TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON RETAKE DAY NOVEMBER 19th.

Please contact Lifetouch if you have questions regarding proof order forms and picture packages.

Lifetouch Canada Inc. - 1.866.443.9648

DID YOU KNOW?

Order one package for your child & all additional packages of equal or lesser value for the same child are ½ price! Further information will be on the proof order form.

Are you eligible for our Family Plan? In all Lifetouch photographed schools, your first two children pay full price for their package choice and each additional child in the immediate family receives the same package *FREE*. Further information will be on the proof order form.

NEW ORDER OPTIONS!! You will have the option of ordering using the traditional paper order form, or ordering online using the instructions outlined on the order form.

Each child receives a complimentary class photo, which will be taken in the spring.

Lifetouch is thrilled to be partnered with the **Canadian Centre for Child Protection**, one of Canada's leading experts in child protection. Your proof sheet will have 2 complimentary wallet-sized child safety cards, called Pictures 2 Protect. If a child is missing, parents can request through the CCFCP that a Lifetouch portrait of their child be provided to law enforcement to aid search efforts. Lifetouch will respond on a 24/7 basis to aid search efforts. For more details on the CCFCP, please visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC4u_YRb3WY & <https://protectchildren.ca/app/en/>