

Indus School SPIRIT



Some Pertinent Information Regarding Indus Today Parent Newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

June 3	Hot Lunch	June 19	T/Th Kindergarten Awards Presentation 2:30 pm—3:30 pm
June 4	Band Concert @ 7:00 pm		
June 10-13	CO2 Dragster Races		
June 11-12	Grade 7 & 8 Outdoor Education Trip	June 20	Grade 9 Farewell BBQ School Awards Assembly
June 12	Used Book Sale 12:00 pm—3:00 pm		
June 18	Celebration of Learning (Grade 2) M/W Kindergarten Awards Presentation 2:30 pm—3:30 pm	June 23	K-3 Calaway Park
		June 26	Fun Day Afternoon Last Day for K-9

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PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST SCHEDULE

Friday, June 13	9:00—10:00 am	Grade 3	English Language Arts Part B
Monday, June 16	9:00—10:00 am	Grade 3	Mathematics
Wednesday, June 18	9:00—10:00 am	Grade 6	English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 19	9:00—10:15 am	Grade 6	Mathematics
Friday, June 20	9:00—10:00 am	Grade 6	Science
Monday, June 23	9:00—10:00 am	Grade 6	Social Studies
	9:00—10:15 am	Grade 9	Science
Tuesday, June 24	9:00—10:30 am	Grade 9	Mathematics
Wednesday, June 25	9:00—10:15 am	Grade 9	English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 26	9:00—10:20 am	Grade 9	Social Studies

All students are permitted an additional 30 minutes to complete a test.

Our Mission

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

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PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

We would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to Suzanne Hammond, a parent of two children who attend Indus School. Suzanne's company, Canada Cares, has graciously donated the funds in whole to enable our school to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator. The unit has been purchased and will be installed at the school in the upcoming weeks.

End of school is fast approaching. With this, parent council will be hosting a fun day for the last day of school, details to follow.

The AGM was held in May, a big thanks to all who attended. Executive was voted in as follows:

Chair: Michelle Alm

Vice-Chair: Christine Nunn

Secretary: Brenda Kuryk

Treasurer: Jeff Kearns

Hot Lunch Coordinators:

Rachel Cairns & Sherry Bishop

Casino Chair/Fundraising Coordinators:

Andrea Desjardins & Sherry Crowe-Swords

Special Events Coordinators:

Katherine Winkler & Sherry Bishop

Jane of All Trades:

Amanda-Jo Couture

The first meeting date for the 2014-2015 school year is

Monday, September 22nd.

Please note: All minutes and meeting dates are posted on the website under the School Council tab.

Happy Summer to All!

LIBRARY NEWS

Used Book Sale

It's almost that time of year again - for our annual used book sale! It will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday, June 12**. If you are spring cleaning and have books your family no longer uses, please send them to school (beginning June 1) for our sale. We will accept everything from toddler books to adult books, in decent shape please, (no encyclopedias, please) and parents are invited to come shopping also! All students will have the

opportunity to purchase books that day for the bargain price of just .25¢ each! This is a great way for everyone to get something "new" to read for the summer. Due to limited storage space at the school, please hang on to your donations until at least June 1st.

What library books does my child have signed out?

You can look it up! Koha is RVS' online library system. Students and parents may access library information from any device on which you have an internet

connection. On our Indus website homepage, there are badges across the very top of the page. Click on the blue K to get to Koha. You may search our library catalog without logging in, to browse through the amazing selection of books here at Indus. To see what your child has signed out, or to put a hold on a book, follow the instructions on the screen to login, or contact Mrs. Potter at the school for assistance. (lpotter@rockyview.ab.ca)

Please note: All books that belong to the Library must be returned by Tuesday, June 17th.

P.E.A.K. NEWS

During the month of May, the PEAK students went with Band 1 and Band 2 to a music festival in Bears paw. We played for a room full of students from around Rocky View and an adjudicator from the University of Calgary.

The adjudicator judged our performance and gave us both compliments and constructive tips to help the band play even better. In our class, the Band received both Excellent and Superior marks for sound quality, musicality and

technique as well as instrumentation and behaviour. It was a great experience and the students thoroughly enjoyed the musical day.

MUSIC NOTES

It's been a busy month for the band and music students. Our **Spring Band Concert on Wednesday, June 4** will be the band's final performance of the year. The students have made significant progress this year in their music, their discipline, and their attitude. Come celebrate their musical growth at the Spring Concert! Our rehearsal/preview at 1:30pm is open to audience members. The formal concert will be held at 7:00 pm in

the Indus gymnasium. All current band students should plan to attend.

In May, band students from Grades 5 through 9 attended the RVSD Band Festival at Bearspaw School, where they performed as one big band and were adjudicated. Congratulations to the band members on earning a very high ranking of "Excellent Plus". A special thank you to Jessie, Dana, Shawn,

Mrs. Oloman, and Mrs. Beal for accompanying us on our trip.

In other music news, the Grade 4 and 5 students have been learning all about the instruments of the band and orchestra, and have chosen their favourites. Students are already registered for the beginner band in 2014-2015. It's sure to be an exciting class!

GRADE 3 NEWS : LEARNING COMES ALIVE!

The Grade 3 classroom is coming alive, literally!

We have slowly acquired new animal (and plant) friends throughout this school year. Our year began with a fish named Lucky (who, as it turned out, wasn't so lucky after all...). Then we adopted a new fish: our beloved Flame. He is now very happy in his forever home at Marley's house. Our American Bullfrog tadpole is currently in the process of becoming a froglet and we have been able to actively witness the lifecycle changes! To top it all off, we received our new and final pets last Friday: the caterpillars. We quickly got to work in creating our Butterfly Caretaker groups and carefully filled our



terrariums with living and non-living things that we thought would be important to a butterfly's environment. All students did an excellent job of adding just the right ingredients!

All of our pets this year have helped us to become active and engaged learners. Students are excited to come to school each day and study changes that sometimes seem to occur overnight. We have become good at asking questions and seeking out answers. As we progress through the final portion of this year, we will continue to study these lifecycle changes and reflect on the changes within our own selves. There have been many. I feel lucky to have witnessed so many changes in your children this year and to have been an important part of their lives as well. They have taught me many important lessons this year and I will miss them dearly!

GRADE 2: SMALL, CRAWLING, AND FLYING ANIMALS

The Grade 2 students have been very excited about the animals in our classroom this past month! Students spent the month of May observing our live ant farm in which they closely studied harvester ants in their colony and learned many interesting ant facts. Students observed that there were builder, feeder, guard and nurse ants.

Did you know that an ant can carry a load that weighs twenty times more than its body weight? This would be like an average size human lifting a car! Students will continue to observe the Painted Lady Butterflies throughout the month of June, as well as Earthworms. They will also be completing individual research projects on a small, crawling or flying animal of their choice.

We will also spend the next few weeks getting ready for



our celebration of learning to wrap up the I AM CANADA project. Please stay tuned for more information and don't forget to save the date and invite friends and family to come on **Wednesday, June 18th** from 12:45 to 1:30pm.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank all parents

for their continued support. I have had a wonderful year working with your child and will look back on this year with very fond memories.

FACTS ABOUT MATH

Developing basic literacy and numeracy skills is a primary focus from Kindergarten to Grade 4, and a continued focus through to Grade 12 in Rocky View Schools and across the province.

As with all programs of study, Alberta Education is responsible for developing the math curriculum, while teachers are responsible for its delivery.

Alberta's math curriculum has a balance between constructing math concepts and number facts

and operations. By the end of Grade 3, students are expected to commit to memory addition and subtraction facts to 18, and by Grade 5 multiplication and division facts up to 9×9 . As students mature, they build on these math concepts by applying them to activities, solving problems, and later transferring them to real world tasks. This includes personal budgeting, constructing projects, and higher level applications such as statistics.

As every child learns differently, a single approach to learning would allow only some students to succeed. Rocky View teachers employ a variety of approaches to address the learning styles, cultural backgrounds, and developmental stages of each child. For further information on Math in RVS and Alberta, go to our school website and look under "school news".

GRADE 1 NEWS

Grade 1 is gearing up for year-end and all the fun that includes! We are looking forward to our trip to many outside play and learning opportunities and to continuing to master more and more words in June and over the summer. In Language Arts, we continue with our *Daily 5* model which includes Guided Reading groups with focuses on spring and spring animals. All Guided Reading groups are working on sequencing, organization skills as well as phonetics and vocabulary. Our current science unit is very exciting and is wrapped around spring weather and our in-class plants and caterpillars. We are practicing scientific observation, comparing two very different plant species, and



observing change over time as our caterpillars go from small insects to beautiful butterflies. In Social Studies, we are wrapping up our Community Scrapbook and will soon turn to our final unit – how we and our community change over time.

Our final Mathematics unit is 2-D and 3-D shapes in our world. This should wrap up well in time for some year-end review and a glance ahead to Grade 2 math.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: DUCKLING EGGS!

The Kindergarten has been vibrating with excitement since the arrival of our duckling eggs! Our anticipation heightened when we held the eggs up to our ears and heard for the first time the peeping and pecking originating from inside the shell. The first duckling hatched Monday, May 26 followed by our second duckling that hatched Wednesday evening after a long struggle to emerge from its shell. One duckling unfortunately did not survive the hatching process. The children have used their senses to observe the process while documenting, photographing and video recording our duckling's

development. Students will keep a journal tracking and measuring the growth of our ducklings. Soon we will get to view their exceptional swimming skills!

If anyone would like two ducklings please contact Terri Burris.



GRADE 5 DANCERS



May turned out to be a fantastic month to learn how to dance. Ms. Broxham taught the kids some hip-hop from a CD, but several of the Grade 6 students taught the Grade 5/6 split how to two-step. They had such a great time, that the 4/5 split got involved in both dances. The Grade 5 "student teachers", Mckinley and Chase, taught the

Grade 5 class how to two-step and added in the octopus. Seeing how fun this was, the Grade 4 class wanted to participate. The gym classes were combined and now all of the Division 2 students are becoming amazing two-steppers! In the next few weeks, we will be branching out into some country line-dancing.



Thanks so much to *Coach Preete* for accepting a dance offer from Grade 5 student Kobe. You looked great out on that dance floor!

THE ULTIMATE TEAM

This spring season for the Indus Ultimate team has been an excellent one. We have participated in 2 tournaments so far. Our return to Sunflicker, in Kelowna B.C., showcased our growth and ability. While having lost all our games against the, primari-

ly, high school teams, we held our own. No game was a runaway and one even came down to the wire at 12/11.

The second tournament, *Showdown in Calgary*, saw Indus bring home **1 win and 1 draw** against local high schools.

This resulted in a **3rd place** finish and set the tone for the final tournament of the season, CYUT #6. Indus defended its title on May 31st and they are now the **champions** for a third year in a row.

Go Indus Ultimate!



GRADE 9 FAREWELL

June is fast approaching and it is time to start thinking about Grade 9 Farewell. Indus has provided many of our students with a unique experience, being together since early elementary and some since Kindergarten. Whether students have been here for 10 years or 6 months, we feel it is important to build an Indus Farewell tradition. A tradition that includes as many parents, guardians, family members, staff and students as possible. The date has been set for

Friday, June 20th. Outlined below are the activities and events that are being planned.

10:45 – 11:15 – Whole school Grade 9 photo presentation - "Now and Then" (family and guests welcome)

11:15 – 12:00 – At this time group/individual pictures will be taken. We will be setting up for the BBQ party. Mr. Green and Mr. Winters will organize outside activities for students as needed during this time.

12:00 – 1:00 – Family BBQ – hot dog eating, chatter/ reminiscing, clean-up

Please note: Grade 9 students are asked to come nicely dressed to school for the afternoon events. Morning classes will run as usual.

Parents who have volunteered to help will be contacted by Ms. Hart for specifics.

EXAMS FAST APPROACHING FOR DIVISION 3 STUDENTS

Exam week is fast approaching and division 3 students should be doing some review at home. By now, teachers should have given their students the outline as well as explained the type of test questions they should expect to find. Exam tutorials are provided for most exams in the afternoons of exam week, but teachers are available for help during some recess and lunch breaks. Students are asked to set these sessions up in advance with the appropriate teachers. Exam marks will be attached to the final report card.

Division 3 Exam Schedule For June 2014

Grade 9

Date	Course	Time	Afternoon Tutorial
Mon, June 23	Science	9-10:15 (+30 min)	Math
Tues, June 24	Math	9-10:30 (+30 min)	ELA
Wed, June 25	ELA part B	9- 10:15 (+30 min)	Socials
Thurs, June 26	Social Studies	9-10:15 (+30 min)	Independent work block

Grade 8

Date	Course	Time	Afternoon Tutorial
Mon, June 23	ELA	9-10:15 (+30 min)	Science
Tues, June 24	Science	9-10:15 (+30 min)	Math
Wed, June 25	Math	9-10:30 (+30 min)	Socials
Thurs, June 26	Social	9-10:15 (+30 min)	Independent work block

Grade 7

Date	Course	Time	Afternoon tutorial
Mon, June 23	Science	9-10:15 (+30 min)	ELA
Tues, June 24	ELA	9-10:15 (+30 min)	Socials
Wed, June 25	Socials	9-10:15 (+30 min)	Math
Thurs, June 26	Math	9-10:30 (+30 min)	Independent work block