

# Bowden Grandview School

November 24, 2011

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### School Pride!

This month has been another great month at Bowden Grandview. Volleyball has wrapped up with a flurry of games and the both girls' teams did us proud. The girls also played the staff and everyone had a ball! Our Interact club has also been busy with our shoe box campaign which wrapped up successfully, as well as running our very entertaining Sumo event. We also had a very nice Remembrance Day service that was MC'd by Kendra Reimert; it was rewarding to see the amount of respect our students showed during the service, well done kids. This past Wednesday, the mullets and leg warmers came out of the closets for our '80's day – oh, the fashions of yesteryear! The grade 4 class also had a schooling in the blues with a visit from Pastor Russ Howard from Spruce View. Now we are breathlessly awaiting a bagpipe blues piece from Mr. Whitehead. Coming up, we have an elementary assembly on the 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, and this Thursday, the staff will be recognizing November – this will certainly be another photo op.

### Request!

There are a number of needs at Bowden Grandview School that often slide down the list when it comes to budgeting under a tight budget or are trumped by student and classroom needs. An idea that I would like to float to the community is the idea of sponsorship of some of the smaller projects that might fit in with local business directions, or where someone has something that we need and can make a donation of the needed item to the school. The benefit is twofold; the school can complete some of the smaller projects, and donation receipts can be written to individuals and businesses who help us complete them.

We have a number of projects that we would like to get off the ground, but two are related and are becoming urgent. Bowden Grandview School has consistently suffered from a lack of storage space, both for capital items like desks and chairs, as well as classroom related items such as drama supplies, grad props, and instructional items that are needed only periodically through the year. Currently, these items are stashed in nooks and crannies, taking up spaces in which they really shouldn't be, or, in the case of a significant number of desks that we have stored in the garage, in areas that will turn into instructional space next semester.

For this month, I have two requests specific to storage:

1. **Storage facility:** I have approached the school division and have received the okay to look at getting a sea can for a storage shed that could be located at the north end of the school, and divided into a number of sections that could be used for different storage applications. The plan would be to get a 50 foot container, divide it into three sections, cutting doors into the sides, and then painting and decorating it to fit into the landscape. The advantage of using a container like this is that it can be placed directly on the ground without the need for much ground prep, is mobile if a move is needed in the future, and is fireproof (previously, our wooden sheds were burned to the ground). The cost of a container cannot be fit into the budget for this year, but the need for one is significant. If we send the desks to central office to open up our garage, it is unlikely that we will be able to get those desks back in a future year when they are needed. However, if we could store these types of items on-site, we have them when we need them. So, **my first hope is that someone is able to donate a sea can for our use. The second would be someone providing the means of getting it here!**
2. In our school, we have only one storage room in which we have our stage, chairs, tables, music stands, etcetera! In a discussion with our head custodian, Brian Taylor, he and I noticed that we could increase our capacity through the use of wall mounted shelving for the loose items, and carts that would keep our chairs and tables better contained. **What we would like to ask is for someone who has some steel and wheels they could donate, and someone who could do the welding to build some carts and shelving!**

### Hallway cams

In an effort to increase the security of the school, we are moving forward in establishing a plan to increase our exterior and interior monitoring of our school with the support of our parent council and FOG. This will include the purchase of additional external camera along with the repositioning of the existing ones, as well as the placement of cameras inside with a focus on the foyers. As the first part of the plan, we have purchased a number of interior cameras that we will be mounting over the next couple of weeks.

### PowerSchool and Webpage

Our thanks goes out to Mrs. Bryant for working hard at getting parents set up to access their child's marks through PowerSchool, as well as keeping our new webpage current and informative. If you have not spoken to Mrs. Bryant regarding your access to the parent portal, we invite you to give the school a call to set up an appointment to activate your account.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

*"We thank our students and everyone who supports them as they reach out to others"*

Our focus in Chinook's Edge is to provide high quality learning opportunities that will help our students achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens. Good citizenship is a distinctive element of an effective classroom and a thriving community. Everyone benefits when individuals commit to making positive contributions to their school, their community and their world.

During this season of giving, we can clearly see the influence of Chinook's Edge students as they reach out to others. Our students are making plans to collect items for the local food bank at their seasonal concerts, sharing their musical talents at seniors' homes and filling hundreds and hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand

gestures that impact entire communities, our students are modeling what citizenship truly means.

We thank our students and everyone who supports them as they reach out to others. Thank you, also, to our staff and parents who facilitate and encourage this great generosity of spirit all year long.

Kurt Sacher

## INTERACT

**Bully Awareness Week** - During the week of Nov 14 to the 18, we had several guest speakers in junior high classes to help prevent bullying in our school. In addition, students participated in Chains of Kindness by doing as many nice things for their classmates as possible. Each student who received a Random Act of Kindness, wrote it down on a "chain link" and added it to their classroom chain. The class with the largest chain will receive a small prize to commemorate their efforts. On Friday, many students wore pink to show that they were against bullying.

**Pop Can Tabs to Support Diabetes** - Each class will have a can for collecting pop can tabs that will be

donated to a student in our school.

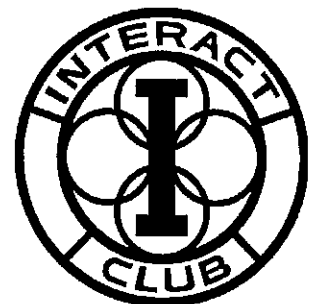
**Shoeboxes** - We've already collected close to 30. Grade 2s is in the lead with 7. Way to go everyone for your great participation in improving our global community.

**Secret Santa** - we were approached to collect food for this program. Each class will have a box that students can bring donations for food hampers that will stay with families right here in our own community.

**Christmas Door Decorating Contest** - begins December 1<sup>st</sup> and judging will be on Dec 16

**The Vow of Silence is Free**  
The Children's annual fundraising and awareness-raising campaign that engages tens of thousands of participants to stand up for children whose rights are not being upheld.

On November 30, 2011, young people will go silent for 24 hours in solidarity with children who are being silenced by poverty and exploitation.



*"Each class will have a food hamper to collect items for Secret Santa"*



Presents:

## Client Service Excellence

Dates: Tuesday, Nov. 29  
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 pm  
Cost: \$10

Did you know that 42% of Canadians experience some difficulty reading brochures, understanding written directions, or filling out forms? Are you sure that your clients understand what you have to offer? This workshop will give you practical tips for communicating with your clients and improving your advertising.

Bring your advertising materials to the workshop. There will be time for questions. Organizations will learn about and identify a few strategies for improving their advertising, forms, brochures and verbal communication with clients.



Location: Bell e-Learning Centre, Olds College  
Minimum enrollment: 8

To register, please call:  
Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society  
403-507-7750 or email [MVCALS@oldscollge.ca](mailto:MVCALS@oldscollge.ca)  
4500 50 Street, Olds College, LRC Building Olds, AB T4H 1R6



## The Blended Family after Divorce or Separation

Join us November 24, 2011

for an information packed evening designed to help families dealing with the dynamics of separation or divorce.

### You will better understand

- Family dynamics and common issues regarding parents, stepparents, children, step-children, and ex-spouses
- Ways of handling discipline, chores, conflict, rules, meals
- How to handle and resolve potential conflict-ridden problems

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Location: Dr. George Kemp House  
Fee: \$5.00- Childcare is available at no cost.

Please register on line by using the Active Net link at [innisfail.ca](http://innisfail.ca)  
For more information please contact  
Heather Dixon at 403-227-7744 or [heather@stellus.net](mailto:heather@stellus.net)  
Or  
Angie Durant at 403-396-8591 or [adurant@chinookcollege.ab.ca](mailto:adurant@chinookcollege.ab.ca)

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## Kindergarten Celebrate Teddy Bear Picnic



A big thank you to Staples in Olds for their recent contribution of school supplies to Bowden's Tools for Schools program.



### Little Shoppers

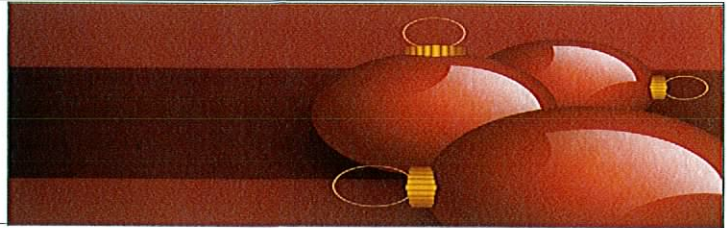
Dec 1 & 2  
In Library  
@ lunch  
&  
after school

## Greece in 2013!



There will be a "Travel to Greece" information meeting Thursday, January 12th, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. in the school library for those interested in travelling to Greece in April 2013. Enroll by January 15th, 2012 and we can lock in our price! Hope to see you there!

# DECEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Little Shoppers</i>	2 <i>Day 4</i> <i>Little Shoppers</i>	3
4	5 <i>Day 1</i>	6 <i>Day 2</i> FOG @ 6:15 PAC Meeting 7:00pm	7 <i>Day 3</i>	8 <i>Day 4</i> K-6 Report Cards	9 No School	10
11	12 <i>Day 1</i>	13 <i>Day 2</i>	14 <i>Day 3</i>	15 <i>Day 4</i> Newsletter Out	16 <i>Day 1</i>	17
18	19 <i>Day 2</i>	20 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Christmas Concert @ 7:00pm</i>	21 <i>Day 4</i>	22 <b>Christmas Vacation Begins</b>	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve