

COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



February 2011

Home of the Hawks



Important Dates

- Feb. 4 - **Friday #1**
 - Gr. 5/6 Floor Hockey CRC
 - Jr. Girls BB @ Calgary
 - Sr. Girls BB @ Coalhurst
- Feb. 5 - Sr. Ski Trip return
Fish & Wildlife CRC
- Feb. 7 - Sr. Student Council Mtg.
Sr. B & G BB Away
- Feb. 8 - Hot Lunch
Grad Mtg. Noon Library
- Feb. 9 - Sr. B & G BB @ Home
- Feb. 10 - School Review Mtg. 7 Pm
Sr. B & G BB @ Home
- Feb. 11 - **Friday #2**
 - Sr. BB Tournament CRC
 - Jr. Boys BB Tourn. Nobleford
- Feb. 14 - Sr. G & B BB Away
Happy Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 - Zone Curling
Lion's Oyster Feed CRC
- Feb. 16 - Sr. B & G BB @ Home
- Feb. 17 - Hot Lunch
- Feb. 18 - **Friday #1**
 - Sr. G & B BB @ Edson
- Feb. 21 - Family Day No School
- Feb. 22 - Day in Lieu No School
- Feb. 23 - PD Day No School
- Feb. 24 & 25 - Teacher's Convention
No School
- Feb. 25 - Sr. G & B BB @ Drayton Valley
- Feb. 28 - Sr. B BB Away
- Mar. 3 - Hot lunch
- Mar. 4 - **Friday #2**
 - Provincial Curling
 - Jr. B Zone BB CRC
 - Sr. Basketball League Tourn.

GRAD 2011

Grads please get your photos to Mrs. Povey as soon as possible for the grad presentation. We need at least 3 pictures: baby, current and any others that you would like. If you have group photos we can add them to the presentation. All photos will be returned as soon as they have been scanned.

Thanks

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'm sitting in a room right now in Kimberley, BC thinking about...what else... school. I'm wondering how things are with those who are not in direct connection with me right now; my staff, my students, my families. I hope all is well and I know it will be.

As I'm sitting here, I am reflecting on the state of our school. Where are we at? What steps do we need to take to improve? How can we get even better? The tangibles are often measured and I know that we, as a school, tend to match up very well with the educational powerhouses of the province. Having been ranked 43rd in the entire province and 2nd in all of Palliser is testimony to the terrific efforts of our teachers, our students and our parents. We have worked hard to move County Central, a school of 270 students, to a place that is more than respectable educationally. However, it is often the intangibles that are most difficult to measure and often the intangibles that are most important. For example, it is sometimes difficult to measure the overall happiness that people have with their school. Albert Einstein said: "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." However, perhaps Albert wasn't referring to the intangibles that are so important in our lives and in the lives of our students. Maybe we just need to look at a different way of counting.

The province of Alberta is trying to count what hasn't been counted in the past. They use a tool called the Accountability Pillar tool for counting. There are some flaws. If we want everyone to have a voice and to be included in the data, then shouldn't we count on everyone's input? The government asks us to only ask those parents and students in grades 7 and 10 and though that input is very important, it leaves out a large part of the population of our school. I'm not for a minute suggesting that the data we collect isn't important. However, I believe that the upcoming School Review can be even more powerful for leading our school forward into the next years of educational reform.

On February 10, 2011, Palliser Regional school division will be conducting a school wide review which will include looking at our educational approaches and providing important feedback as to what we're doing right and what we can do better. They will be conducting surveys of parents and students to get an understanding of what is again working and what we can do a better job of. They will also conduct interviews with staff, students and parents to get valuable input on where we're at and what we need to improve upon. **At 7:00 PM, in the small gymnasium of County Central High School, Palliser will be conducting a parent evening where you can have discussions on issues and concerns and/or what is working and what is not.** I ask each one of you, that if you can please find the time to be part of these most important discussions that will help shape the future of your school, we would be very grateful. CCHS is a great school because we have parents and staff who truly want to make a difference every day. Lets work together, engaging in worthwhile discussion, to make it even better. Your voice counts. Thank you for joining us in putting our children's future at the pinnacle of importance.

In the next few days I will be sending out an online survey to parents to be filled out. Please take the time to fill it out. It will also serve to ensure your individual voice is heard loud and clear. Thank you.

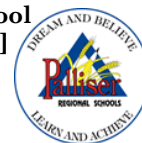
If you have any questions, call me at home (485-4517) or at school.

BAND

Thanks to the wonderful audience who attended the Winter Concert on January 17. The performers sure enjoyed playing for you!

Stay tuned in for information on the annual Sr. Band Tour happening in May!
Mr. Rodgers

County Central High School
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Vulcan, AB, T0L 2B0
Phone: 403 485 2223
Fax: 403 485 2959



CCHS CASINO

If anyone is interested in helping with the CCHS Sports Council's casino please give the school a call or stop in and fill out an application.

We need approximately 10 people to work the casino.

Date: Thursday, March 24 &
Friday March 25, 2011

Place: Calgary

Money raised at the casino goes towards athletics at County Central High School. If you have any questions please give us a call 485-2223.

SCHOOL REVIEW

On Thursday, February 10th County Central High School will be undergoing a school review. This process is done every few years to identify areas in which the school is performing well, suggest areas in which school life can be improved, suggest ways in which everyone can work more effectively together, and to celebrate the successes of the school.

If you would like to be a part of this process please attend the School Review meeting Thursday, February 10 @ 7:00 pm.

SCHOOL FEES

Second semester is here and all school fees are now due. Students will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular activity until all outstanding fees have been paid.

Please submit all fees to the office. If you have any questions please call Rose.

HOMEWORK/STUDY

Early Morning Homework/ Study

Room 212
(Mr. Shain)
7:45 - 8:30 AM
Tuesday,
Wednesday
& Thursday

All students are welcome.
Computers will be available.



GREETINGS from SUPERINTENDANT

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the second half of the school year! As February rolls along, I'd like to draw your attention to a few opportunities for you to have your say in the direction of Alberta's education system and in Palliser Regional Schools.

Many Palliser families will be receiving surveys that will provide valuable data for the 2010-2011 Accountability Pillar, a report card of how individual schools and jurisdictions are performing. The deadline for returning the survey to Alberta Education is Feb. 25, 2011. Please take time to participate if you get the opportunity.

Alberta Education is also inviting input on the matter of professional learning for Alberta's teachers. An online survey can be accessed at <http://engage.education.alberta.ca/other-initiatives/proflearn/> until March 31, 2011.

Closer to home, Palliser has been collecting input from our Grade 9 students, using resources from the Alberta Student Engagement Initiative. These Speak Out forums encourage students to share what they think is working well in their classrooms and what could improve to facilitate their learning. This spring will also see the Board of Trustees moving regular meetings out into our schools. These meetings are scheduled for March 15 at Master's Academy & College in Calgary; April 19 at Picture Butte High School, Picture Butte; May 17 at John Davidson School in Coaldale; and June 21 at County Central High School, Vulcan. The public is always welcome to regular board meetings.

Finally, I'd like to close by asking you to join me in congratulating Barbara Gammon, Associate Superintendent (Learning Services) on her outstanding 38-year career in service to children and students in Southern Alberta. Mrs. Gammon has announced her intention to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you for being Palliser's partners in education.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent

LETHBRIDGE HAS TALENT

At the University of Lethbridge, the Faculty of Management, Integrated Management Experience (IME) Program has the awesome opportunity to host a fundraiser for Kids Help Phone this year. Kids Help Phone has supported thousands of Canadian youth in times of crisis. Our fundraising proceeds go directly to Kids Help Phone to help keep this service available to youth in need.

The scheduled event is a talent show called Lethbridge Has Talent. This event will take place March 26th, 2011 at the 1st Choice Savings Center located at the University of Lethbridge. It will run from 5:30pm to 9:00pm and will have local celebrity judges and hosts. There will be a silent auction from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, the talent show will run from 6:00pm till 9:00pm, and 50/50 draws throughout the night.

Open auditions will be held March 5th and 6th from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm, or email auditions with YouTube links can be submitted as well.

Acts must be family appropriate as this is a family oriented event and no longer than 5 minutes in length. The categories of acts to choose from are: stand-up comedy, dancing, singing, magic, and other. Those chosen as finalists will be notified no later than March 7th, 2011. All those who audition will be notified whether or not they have been chosen.

We realize that areas outside of Lethbridge will be notified of this fundraiser and are encouraged to audition.

This will be an exciting event showcasing amateur Southern Albertan talent. We hope that Lethbridge and the surrounding communities will support and enjoy this fundraiser that goes to help a very worthy cause, Kids Help Phone.

Any further questions can be emailed to lethbridgehastalent@gmail.com or by calling

- Karla at 403-892-2311 or Jen at 403-603-8092.

A website is in development and we will send this information out as soon as it is operational.

Join

HANDS ACROSS ALBERTA-NWT

- **Make a donation**
- **Put your name on a hand to show your support**
- **Challenge other Branches**

Start Collecting Donations TODAY.....

on

Saturday February 19, 2011

Call your pledges in to the Command Office
403-284-1161
between 9:00am and 8:00pm
or
drop by the office



LEGION
Alberta-NWT Command
www.abnwtlegion.com


Together let's ensure all veterans can attend the Outward Bound Veterans Program by Alberta-NWT Command

JR. HIGH SKI TRIP

On January 26th, 51 Jr. High students along with Miss Seaman, Mrs. McNiven, Miss Hodge and parent chaperons headed to Fernie for a couple of days of skiing. The conditions were great and the students had a wonderful time on the slopes.



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Jr. G BB 3:40 Gym Jr. B BB 3:30 CRC Sr. B BB 5:10 CRC Sports Council Mtg. 7Pm West Coast Mtg. 7 Pm	2 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Sr. High Ski Trip Jr. B BB 3:30 Gym Sr. B BB 3:40 CRC Sr. G BB 5:40 CRC Drop In BBall 8-10 CRC Homework Club 3:30	3 Hot Lunch Sr. High Ski Trip Sr. G BB 3:40 CRC Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC	4 Friday #1 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Sr. High Ski Trip Gr. 5/6 Floor Hockey CRC Jr. G. BB @ Calgary	5 Sr. High Ski Trip Fish & Wildlife CRC Jr. G. BB @ Calgary Club Volleyball Gym
6 Club Volleyball CRC	7 Sr. St. Council Mtg. Jr. G BB 5:00 CRC Curling 3:40 Sr. B & G BB Away	8 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Hot Lunch Grad Mtg. Lib. Noon Jr. B BB 3:30 Gym Sr. B BB 3:40 CRC Sr. G BB 5:40 CRC	9 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Jr. B BB 3:40 Gym Sr. B & G BB @ Home Homework Club 3:30	10 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC CCHS School Review Jr. G BB 3:40 Gym Sr. B & G BB @ Home	11 Friday #2 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Sr. BB Tourn. CRC/Gym Jr. B BB @ Nobletford	12 Sr. BB Tourn. CRC/Gym Jr. B BB @ Nobletford
13	14 Curling 3:40 Sr. B & G BB Away Happy Valentine's Day 	15 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Bodyworks Mtg. 7-9 Lib. Jr. B BB 3:30 Gym Sr. B BB 5:10 Gym Zone Curling	16 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Jr. B BB 3:43 Gym Sr. B & G BB @ Home Homework Club 3:30 Zone Curling	17 Hot Lunch Sr. G BB 3:40 CRC Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC	18 Friday #1 Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Sr. B & G BB @ Edson	19 Sr. B & G BB @ Edson
20	21 Family Day	22 Day in Lieu CTS - Cabineetry Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC	23 PD Day CTS - Cabineetry Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC Drop In BBall 8-10 CRC	24 Teacher's convention Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC	25 Teacher's convention Walking 6:30-7:30 CRC' Sr. B & G BB @ Drayton	26 Sr. B & G BB @ Drayton
27	28 Sr. B BB Away					