



Sturgeon School Division's blog

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Ochre Park School

Ochre Park School is getting closer to a new playground. Its Parent Council has been actively raising money in order to replace its current wooden structure. To date, thanks to a Silent Auction in December and the generosity of many local businesses and parents, Ochre Park has raised 67% of the funds. The school hopes to build in June. If you would like to contribute to the playground fund, please contact the school.

Gibbons School

Gibbons School elementary students have formed a new student government. The school had an incredible 'campaign week' that culminated in a very successful vote—almost 100% voter turnout! Students had to get their official ballot from a returning officer, go behind an Elections Canada screen to vote, and then get their ballot initialled before putting it in the ballot box. It was a fun learning experience for all. The class representatives will meet with staff and administration regularly to help make Gibbons School the best place it can be!

Camilla School

Camilla School's next basketball home game will be held in its newly renovated gymnasium on Thursday, January 18! Please join us! Camilla's Running Club is also underway, open to all students from grades 4 to 9. Under the direction of coaches, students run regularly Monday and Wednesday during lunch hour and every Friday morning in preparation for the Edmonton Journal Games.

Namao School

Many Olympic fans gathered to see the Olympic Torch handoff in front of Namao School. Thanks go out to the Namao Agricultural Society for making the community hall available to spectators and Sturgeon County for providing the "Thundersticks."

Namao School's 9W and 9K classes will attend the P.A.R.T.Y. Program in St. Albert. The program promotes personal responsibility through education, enabling teenagers to make informed choices regarding their activities and behaviours. At completion, students are given a "Contract for Life" that is signed by themselves and a responsible adult, stating they will call and get a safe ride home.

Sturgeon Heights School

The Hair Pinking adventure was lots of fun for those participating at Sturgeon Heights. At this point, the school has 33 people involved in Hair Massacure. Thanks to Collin Parker, representative from Johnsonville, for providing a wonderful dinner of "Brats" sausage for students and staff.

Grade 4 to 9 students are gearing up for a ski trip to Rabbit Hill later this month. The experience encourages physical activity and provides social skill development—and it's lots of fun!

Lilian Schick School

Lilian Schick School held its Magazine Fundraiser during the start of this school year with great success! During the period of September to October 2009, students raised money from the sale of magazine subscriptions to support LS students. Well done!

Morinville Learning Centre

The Morinville Learning Centre is about to enter diploma exams, and its open schedule has been altered considerably. Students should check the schedule or call before coming in to ensure the centre is open.

Relay for Life – Sturgeon Staff Fighting to Make Cancer History

Sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society, Relay for Life is a walk/run where teams participate in an overnight event that raises money for cancer advocacy and research. Sturgeon School Division staff are participating again this year to cooperate in making cancer history. The event takes place at Foote Field in Edmonton on Saturday, May 29, from 4 pm until 8 am. Sturgeon staff, their families, and friends can join school teams. The event is appropriate for all ages and is overnight to reflect the fight against cancer—cancer does not sleep, and for one night a year, neither will we.

Staff are challenging the community to make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society through a Sturgeon school team. Interested community members are also invited to volunteer for the event or participate. To register, visit <http://convio.cancer.ca> and navigate to "Edmonton Relay for Life." The cost is \$15 for each participant. To view the Sturgeon 2010 Relay for Life video, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7PBj9J7TiQ.



Olympics at Landing Trail!

Landing Trail School will hold its monthly assembly on Thursday, January 28, at 1:15 pm and talk about its next Olympic Value—leadership. The new Grade 4 leadership club will be introduced, and the school will prepare for the Landing Trail School Winter Olympics with Grade 1 to 4 students working in cross-grade teams to create flags, torches and team cheers. Students are asked to dress in their favourite jerseys or in Olympic colors. Prior to the assembly, a Parent Learning Session will take place from 12:30 to 1 pm in the computer lab with the school's reading specialist Mrs. Filipchuk presenting effective home reading strategies. All parents are welcome.



Sturgeon Composite High School

The SCHS Senior Boy's Basketball Team is eagerly looking forward to the New Year as they have three upcoming tournaments in their schedule. Their overall record to date is 8 wins 3 losses. This season, the team stepped up to the premiere conference, and their record in league play is an impressive 2 wins and only 1 loss. Come out and cheer them on as they fight for the number one spot!

SCHS students are busy preparing for final exams and Grade 12 diploma exams that take place from January 14 to January 28. Good luck everyone! Semester two begins on February 1.

Bon Accord Community School

Relay for Life is on the horizon for Bon Accord Community School once again. Last year, the school raised approximately \$13,000, and it is looking to increase that amount this year. BACS plans to enter two teams again for the relay, which takes place from May 29 to 30. Let's join forces once more!

The school's annual fundraiser is now in full swing. Submarine sandwich sales are back, selling until noon January 27.

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