

# SOUTHWEST SCHOOL



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2010

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- No School from February 15 –19!
- Spellathon will begin on Monday, February 8th.
- This months parent council meeting has been moved to Monday, February 8th.
- The Terrific Kids Assembly is on February 10th at 11:00am
- February 9th the Medicine Hat College Rattlers will be joining us for an assembly at 10:30am.
- February 12th Valentine's Day activities
- February 23rd Spellathon pledge sheets are due
- February 26th Spellathon test

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### FROM THE OFFICE

Greetings from the office! We have been very busy this past January. We are glad to have Mrs. Staples back with us and would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Liz Lobert for filling in for her.

On that note, we would like to thank everyone who has helped make this year as successful as possible. Without their help and support, we would not be able to offer the many great programs we do.

A big thank you is extended to the parents who are actively involved in the school and support us in various ways. All your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank-you!

Likewise, we would like to extend our gratitude to the Parent Advisory Council for all of their support and activities they have sponsored and/or organized to benefit the school community.

Credit should also be given to our team of custodians at the school. They have been doing a tremendous job keeping our school clean and looking great all year.

The Dreamcenter Lunches and Victory Lutheran Church Breakfast Program have been a huge success this year as well. On behalf of the students and staff, I would like to thank them for providing such wonderful meals for us!

The dates for the Dreamcenter lunches are March 26th, April 30th and May 14th. The **Breakfast Program** continues to run every **Tuesday and Thursday Morning**.

On a parting note, we would like to remind Parents that there will be **no school or before/after school care** during the week of **February 16—20**.



### HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

A reminder to the parents of grade four, five and six students that they will be receiving a survey in the mail called the accountability pillar. This is your chance to let us know how we are doing and have your voice heard. Please remember to put the prepaid envelope back in the mail. Have a great Month, and Happy Valentines Day!

### LITERACY NIGHT AT SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, Southwest Community School PDP, Kindergarten and 1B classes hosted a Family Literacy night. The students engaged in literacy activities such as reading, writing, playing

games, following a recipe and singing songs. There was literacy centres set up throughout the classrooms and library to model some of the activities that the children are doing at school as well as suggestions for par-

ents to use at home, to continue to develop reading, writing and language acquisition skills. Congratulations to those who participated in an evening that combined family fun with learning!

# Terrific Kids for February



K-A Alexis Wenzel  
K-B Anastacia Krein  
1A Christian Riedlinger  
1B Keera Blight  
2A Sabrina Bates  
2B Muzapher Gumaa  
3A Kody Brunelle

3B Leticia Hernandez  
4 Hayden Kolenosky  
5 Una Maricic  
5/6 Aden Brandt  
LAP-Jr Alyssa Skrbinsek  
LAP-Int. Joshua Satre  
LAP-SR Shadow Haslen



## Patroller of the Month

Our safety patroller of the month is Nabila Mohamed. Thank you for a hard work and dedication to Southview School. Congratulations!

## A Note From School Advisory Council.....

This is a notice to all parents that the date for our next meeting has changed. Our regular meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 1st at 7:00am, but it has been changed to 7:00pm on **Monday, February 8th.**

For those of you that regularly attend, don't forget to change the date on your calendar. For those of you that have never attended a School Advisory Council Meeting, I invite you to join us and be a part of the planning and decision making process.

These meetings provide information about upcoming events at school and give a chance for parents to be involved in their children's education. We invite all parents to join us

Mr. Jaime Lobert  
Chairman

## Welcome .....

School Advisory Council would also like to inform you of some changes. Jaime Lobert has now stepped into the position of Chairperson for School Advisory Council and we would also like to welcome back Chris Gingrass as our Vice Chairperson. We look forward to working with both Jaime and Chris and we hope that you have the opportunity to work with them at our next School Advisory Council Meeting and support and welcome them in their new positions.

## Hoop Dreams.....

On February 9th at 10:30 am, members of the Medicine Hat College Rattlers basketball team will be visiting our school to discuss sportsmanship, being a good team player and the upcoming Olympic games. They may even take on some teachers and students in a quick game of three on three. Come and check it out.

## Olympic Games 2010

The week following the winter break our students will be participating in a celebrate the games week. Some of the activities planned are included below.

Monday, February 22nd - Red Day  
Tuesday, February 23rd - Toques and mitts day  
Wednesday, February 24th - Olympic Ring Day  
Thursday, February 25th - Jersey Day  
Friday, February 26th—Mini Olympics in the afternoon  
More information will follow closer to the events!

YOU'RE INVITED...

# Parent Meeting

Instructional Intelligence  
with Barrie Bennett

**Thursday, March 4, 2010**

**7:00-8:30pm**

**Medicine Hat High School Cafeteria**

Dr. Barrie Bennett is an associate professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, where he works with both graduate and undergraduate students. His teaching and research focus is instructional intelligence. Currently, he is working with several school districts in Canada, Australia and the United States on the integration of multiple instructional processes in the design of more powerful learning environments. Barrie has taught at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. He was also a school district instructional consultant working with both exceptional and at risk teachers. He is the co-author of *"Beyond Monet: The Artful Science of Instructional Integration,"* *"Cooperative Learning: Where Heart Meets Mind"* and *"Classroom Management: A Thinking and Caring Approach."* His latest book is *"Graphic Intelligence – Playing with Possibilities"*.

**We're excited, see why!**

Last year, Dr. Bennett worked with a cohort of 70 School District No. 76 school administrators, teachers and central office administrative staff with a focus on learning research-proven instructional strategies.

This year, most of the School District No. 76 teaching staff are working directly with Dr. Bennett for five days, then applying these new skills in their classrooms.

**Parents and interested public...join us for this first-hand opportunity to see Dr. Bennett demonstrate some of his teaching strategies, share student artifacts and answer questions.**

**Find out what's happening to enhance your child's learning!**

## It's the Teachers Turn to Go to School



Our teachers are dedicated to their students and strive to instill the value of lifelong learning. Part of that process includes teachers regularly, “going back to school”. We are then best able to provide students with the latest research based instructional practices, which result in children being engaged in learning opportunities to prepare them for the 21st century. The education teachers engage in includes trying to keep up ahead of our tech savvy students by incorporating Etherpad, Board Maker, Wiki's, Storybird, Blogs, and countless new applications available to our children. We enhance our teaching repertoire with new strategies and techniques to capture student's imaginations and love for learning, examine and incorporate research and learn from each other. Southview Community School is a place of 21st. Century Learning. Come and join us!

# Spellathon

Every year the Spellathon provides students with an opportunity to showcase their abilities and also help raise funds to improve their school community. This years Spellathon test will take place on February 26 when students return from reading week. There will be amazing prizes awarded during a special assembly on March 5th. Look for the student word lists and the Spellathon packages in your child's backpack on February 8th!

## Olympic Games 2010

Southview Community School participated in a flag carry across all of Medicine Hat School District No. 76 schools and ending at the board office where the school flags were hung in honour of the games. Additionally Southview students will be participating in a week of sporting events and activities to get into the Olympic spirit. A special thank you to the teachers who helped organize these events for our students.

Go Canada Go!

## Snack Menu for Southveiw School - February 2010 -

\* Note: snack menu items may change depending on availability of items or volunteers.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>February 1-5</b>	<b>Big Fellow Snack</b> (meat & cheese on crackers)	<b>Apples and cinnamon with cheese slice</b>	<b>'Flower Power'</b> (Cauliflower & broccoli) And dip
<b>February 8-12</b>	<b>Egg salad on whole wheat cracker &amp; oranges</b>	<b>Cucumbers &amp; carrots with dip</b>	<b>Pizza Bagels</b>
<b>February 15-19</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>February 22-27</b>	<b>Granola Bar and cheese slice</b>	<b>1/3 Banana &amp; chocolate pud- ding</b>	<b>Ants on a log'</b> (cheez whiz on celery with raisins)
<b>March 1-5</b>	<b>Trail Mix</b>	<b>Rice Pudding</b> With raisins	<b>Apples &amp; yogurt dip</b>

### Intramurals 12:25 – 12:44 February 2010 Ball Games

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>
1 Grade 1 and 2	2	3	4 Grade 3 and 4	5 Grade 5 and 6
8 Grade 1 and 2	9	10	11 Grade 3 and 4	12 Valentine's activity
22 Grade 1 and 2	23	24	25 Grade 3 and 4	26 Grade 5 and 6

# February 2009

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>
<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Breakfast Program</p>	<p><b>3</b> Early Dismissal</p>	<p><b>4</b> Breakfast Program</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> Spellathon word list and pledge sheets will be sent home</p>	<p><b>9</b> Breakfast Program</p>	<p><b>10</b> Early Dismissal Winter walk Assembly at 11:00</p>	<p><b>11</b> Breakfast Program</p>	<p><b>12</b> Valentine's Day Activities</p>
<p><b>15</b>  FAMILY DAY</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Teachers' Convention</p>	<p><b>19</b> Teachers' Convention</p>
<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>				
<p><b>24</b> RETURN TO SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>23</b> Breakfast Program Hand in Spellathon pledge sheets to classroom teacher</p>	<p><b>24</b> Early Dismissal</p>	<p><b>25</b> Breakfast Program Spellathon</p>	<p><b>26</b> Writing the Spellathon test</p>