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# SCHULER APRIL NEWS



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## The Principal Point



98% of the student population dressed up for Green Day on March 17th. Way to go!

**Track and Field:** Although the snow outside may indicate otherwise, it is time to think about track and field. A date has been set for our school track meet. It will be on Friday, May 13th. Volunteer forms will be sent later this month.

Once the snow clears, we will begin the process to finalize bids and begin construction of our track improvements. The constant snow cover has set the timeline back a little, but students can expect to soon be running in style.

**Welcome:** Welcome to Frank, Peter and Ben Neufeld, who joined us this month from Cessford. The addition of these boys brings our school population (including kindergarten) above 75 students for the first time since I've been here. It's a Schuler revival!

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Schuler Badminton students on a superb start to the season. Taylyn, Chloe, Jordan, Ryland, Dan Wyatt and Jayden have all won medals so far. Good luck .

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to our grade 4-9 honor roll students on a job well done!

**Grade Nine Farewell - Junior High Awards**—The grade nines have selected Tuesday June 28th (the last student day) as the evening for the Junior High awards and grade nine farewell. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to honor our amazing junior high class.

Sincerely,

*Fli Merrick*



Swim lessons wrap up this month. Thank you to Parent Council for supporting this excellent program!



## Upcoming Dates

- April 13th (AM) Grad/Team Photos
- April 18th—Intramural lunch—Orange
- April 21st—fun Easter Activities—lunch
- April 22nd-May 1st—Easter Holiday
- May 13th—School Track Meet
- May 17th (Gr. 3), 18th (Gr. 6), 19th (Gr. 9) LA Achievement Exam—Writing portion.
- May 23rd—Victoria Day Holiday
- May 25th—MH JH Track meet—"Cities"
- June 28th—Last student day, Student swim day.
- June 28th—Grade 9 Farewell, Junior High awards.

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## Schuler Trivia

Did you know...

Schuler's current member of parliament is in the Medicine Hat riding. He is Conservative MP Lavar Payne. A new federal election will be held on May 2nd.



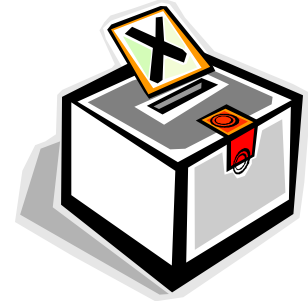
Students and parents are reminded that agendas are a great way to improve communication between home and school. In Schuler, agendas are to go home every night, and return signed the next morning.

## Student Vote

On May 2nd, adults from all over the country will vote and select our next federal leaders. Here in Schuler, students in grade 4 through nine will also be voting that day. First, we'll do some research to find out what each of the candidates and parties would do for us. Then, as part of a nationwide program, [www.studentvote.ca](http://www.studentvote.ca) stu-

dent's votes will be counted and added nationwide. We'll see if Schuler students would have the same results as the adults will choose. We are excited about the chance to practice our most important democratic right and responsibility, voting.

When we finish, we will report our findings to our community.



## Easter News

Students union will be leading some Easter activities on Thursday, April 21st during recess and lunch time. The activities will be "Egg-based", in-

cluding an Easter egg hunt and an egg-and-spoon race.

There is no school for students on Good Friday

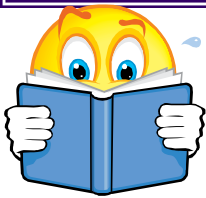
(April 22nd) or the entire next week. School resumes on Monday May 2nd.

## Highlights from Parent Council

- The Alberta Government is removing a key grant from our division and this equates to a very tight budget and potential teacher layoffs. Our school board has met with the government to discuss the severity of this cut for our division. Our school board is committed to work out this issue to minimize the effect on students. Please don't hesitate to call our Trustee Paulette Heller with concerns.
- Parent Council would like to organize a spring event. Contact Christy Brusky with ideas or to help out.
- Parent Council is "Thinking Green" to coincide with Earth Day this month. We have decided to purchase biodegradable dinnerware (made from potato starches) for use at events at the school and for hot lunches.
- Next meeting- Monday, April 11 @ 3:45pm

### Mrs. Maier's News

March has been a busy month for division two. We finished up Number the Stars and have begun a new novel. We have worked on fractions and decimals and continue to increase our basic facts skills during math 4 and 5. In Social Studies we have completed the geographical regions of Alberta and are now busy working on individual PowerPoint projects on first nations groups of Alberta.



Congratulations to Henry Thiessen and Miss Oster for winning the boys and girls brackets in our first annual Rock-Paper-Scissors competition on March 11th. This whole school activity was lots of fun, and there were some great prizes won as well.

### Noerenberg News

March flew by more quickly than we could imagine! "Sprinter" (a combination of Spring and Winter) was coined and experienced. We have worked intensively on reading and writing. Our Fairy Tale Unit continues as we try different writing and art ideas. We are finishing a unit on color and will be moving on to building with a variety of different materials during our integrated studies class. We have enjoyed swimming lessons and skating this month.



### Racquet Report



Already this year we have entered two tournaments. Chloe and Taylyn came first at the Parkside Tournament. At the Fox Valley Doubles Tournament, we had Jordan and Dan winning gold in boys doubles, while Jayden and Ryland won silver. On the girls side Taylyn and Abbey won silver. Better yet, our players have been complimented on their sportsmanship!!!

## Miss Oster News:

Well another month has come and gone. It's hard to believe that we are in our 8<sup>th</sup> month of school! The LA 7-9 class is working on a unit about humor called *On the Funny Side* and will do some writing as we approach the Writing Part A exam on May 13. Science 7/8's are working in the Interactions and Ecosystems Unit. Divisions 2's are working on Weather Watch; which

will hopefully get spring kicked into gear. Tourism has the students studying tourism opportunities in Alberta and Agriculture has them researching information about the food they eat and where it comes from. P.E. 4-6 is currently working on Badminton.

As this time of year is busy with due dates and exam schedules,

please help your child to utilize their agendas effectively. Check in with them about their progress on assignments and studying so things don't pile up. They should be asking you to sign it every day and returning it to school.

Have a great Easter Break!

Miss L. Oster

### Swim Fun!



## What's up? with Mrs. A. Herman

As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring and its splendor, our studies involve our beautiful world around us. In Science 9, we have begun our study of the world's biodiversity which integrates well with our junior high option class Wildlife and Outdoor Pursuits. Both look at the variety of living

organisms in Alberta and the world and how they interact with one another. We also look closely at the human influence on nature and how we can preserve it. The overnight camping trip planning is in the works, set for June 2-3, so look for a newsletter coming home soon. In Health 4-6, we are

still working through the DARE program with Constable Waites. The Div 1 computer class is continuing to create their PowerPoint on The 7 Wonders of the World as well as exploring various holiday sites.



# The Schuler Early Childhood Service Annual General Meeting @ Schuler School Tuesday, May 3, 2011 @ 7pm

If you have a child who is **5 years of age by February 28, 2012** you are invited to attend this organizational and informational meeting that will provide important details about your child's kindergarten year.

Please contact Ariana Herman at 403-839-2045 with questions.

## Student Union Update

The month of March has been packed with fun. The students and staff battled it out rock, paper, scissor style. The students and staff had many laughs and fun times. The overall winner was Miss. Oster who beat the boy's champion, Henry in a very tough and intense match. The students and staff both had a blast and would love to do it again. The students also had Green day and almost all students were wearing their finest green clothes.

The month of April should be just as exciting with a Easter Extravaganza on the 21<sup>st</sup>. the students could participate in a Easter Egg hunt and a Egg on Spoon race. There should be interesting prizes and good times.



**Kinder corner-April, 2011**

Well, much of March was spent waiting for spring.....and we're still waiting! Usually, it's kind of interesting to observe the weather following the '*lion and the lamb*' concept, but this year, a polar bear would have been more realistic! We have been working hard to finish learning the formation of the lowercase letters of

the alphabet, and have been practicing writing words and sentences. With our second report cards completed and only one swimming lesson left, the end of the year isn't very far away.



**MR. JOBB'S STUDY SCHEDULE – APRIL**

**MATH**

Grade Six – Relations and Equations; Angles and Polygons.

Grade Seven – Review Integers, Fractions, Decimals, Percent; Circles and Area.

Grade Eight – Review Fractions, Per-

cent, Rate and Ratios;

Square Root and the Pythagorean Theorem.

**DIV. 1 PHYS.ED**

Our Swimming and Skating (the longest season) programs have come to an end as we anxiously

await Spring and the Big Outdoors as we work towards Our Annual School Track Meet.



## Managing Your Child's Anger: 9 Possible Triggers and Solutions for Coping

By Toni Schutta; Submitted by Jenn Hynes Mardian, Family School Liaison Worker

Has your child thrown a tantrum lately, thrown toys across the room or hit a sibling? Odds are that s/he has! Children's anger can be exacerbating for parents. After all, many adults still struggle with healthy expression of anger, so dealing with a child's anger can be doubly frustrating. When your child gets angry, take a step back and try to figure out what may have triggered the angry outburst? Many times, believe it or not, there may be a good explanation. Listed below are nine common triggers for a child's anger outbursts and possible solutions to help your child calm down. The solutions may also provide ways to prevent the next meltdown.

1. **Time of Day**- Many children express more anger between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., right when you get home from work and want to make dinner. Document what time of day is most troubling for your child. Parenting Advice: Take 15 minutes to sit down with your child and talk over his/her day before you begin making dinner. Give your child something relaxing to do while you make dinner. A healthy snack may also tide them over until dinner.
2. **Abrupt Changes**- Children crave routine and structure. They don't like curve balls. Parenting Advice: At the start of the day, outline the day's activities. Five to ten minutes before a change of activity will take place, tell the child what the change will be. i.e. In five minutes, you'll need to put the toys away and go take a bath. When it's time to leave you can take the child by the hand to get to the next activity.
3. **Too much stimulation**- Children may get over-stimulated from too many activities in one day or too much of one activity at a time. Parenting Advice: Try not to over-schedule. Plan down-time in every day. Avoid certain activities if your child is sensitive to stimulation.
4. **Overtired**- Most children need 10-12 hours of sleep a day to function best. Parenting Advice: Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. Develop a bedtime routine to prepare the child for bed. Allow for quiet times, even if your child doesn't sleep.
5. **Hurt Feelings** - Parenting Advice: Help the child identify the feelings and talk with you or another person about them. Teach the child to ask for what they need from other people.
6. **Jealous Feelings** -Parenting Advice: Acknowledge that feeling jealous sometimes is perfectly normal and show your understanding. Try to focus on the strengths your child has and never compare siblings. Try to spend some time alone every day (or week) with each child.
7. **Child Doesn't Get Own Way** - Parenting Advice: Pick your battles. If it's important to you (or to your child's safety), stick to your guns. Apply a consequence if your child doesn't comply and follow through. You can also allow the child two choices s/he can select from. This allows the child to feel some sense of control. If it's not that important to you, let the child have what they want sometimes. You're demonstrating to the child that s/he is a responsible person whom you can trust.
8. **Not Sharing**- This is a skill that takes years to master. Hang in there! - Parenting Advice: Have your child put his/her favorite toy somewhere that others can't reach, thereby avoiding arguments. Assigning an equal amount of time that each child can play with a toy can help, too. Giving the toy a time out so that neither child can play with it if they argue, can also work.
9. **Too much energy** - Parenting Advice: Allow your child time each day to run and jump and let off steam in a positive way.

Remember that expressing anger is healthy and normal, even for children. You can't shield them from hurt feelings, but you can help by finding predictable patterns in your child's outbursts and making adjustments

Medicine Hat, 09 March 2011

To: All of our partners in Medicine Hat

Subject: Volunteer recruitment – Red Cross Disaster Management Team

Greetings,

As you may be aware, there is a significant danger that this area will experience some flooding again this spring. As we have in the past, the Red Cross will be providing services to those affected. To enable us to assist to the best of our ability, we are currently recruiting volunteers who are available during the day, evenings and weekends who would like to become part of our Disaster Management Team. We will be holding a recruitment night at our office as detailed below:



Canadian Red Cross  
Croix-Rouge canadienne

***Red Cross Disaster Management Team Recruitment Night***

***April 05<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 7 pm***

***398 Aberdeen Street SE, Medicine Hat***

*Questions? Please contact Linda (403) 526-3048 or*

*Email: [linda.trautman@redcross.ca](mailto:linda.trautman@redcross.ca)*

Thank you for your assistance in distributing this information.

Sincerely,

Linda Trautman

**Borderline 4-H Club Write-Up  
February—March**

By: Ty T. Herman



**Borderline 4-H Club**

All of the members did very well in the Borderline Public Speaking Competition on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. All of the topics were very interesting. Bailey Herrmann and Jessica Gomke competed in the Junior category. It was very close and it came down to an impromptu tie breaker. Bailey placed first and Jessica placed second. Wyatt Herselman, Ty T. Herman, Cody Gomke, Giana Herselman, and Ty M. Herrmann all competed in the Intermediate category. Ty T. placed first and Giana placed second. Jessica Gomke and Ty T. Herman went on to compete in the Cactus Country District Public Speaking Competition. Ty T. placed third in the Intermediate category. The Borderline 4-H club also held a meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We discussed that we will do two community services this year. Members can chose between either one or both. We will be serving lunch at the first aid course as our first community service. That will was on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hilda Hall from 11:00a.m. to about 1:00p.m. For our second community service we will be helping at the SPCA in Medicine Hat. That has no set date or time yet, but it will probably be when the weather warms up so that we can walk the dogs. Another club activity for March was cleaning the barn at the Medicine Hat Bull Sale on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p.m. There will also be a foods activity someday next week and our next General Meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Hilda Hall at 7:00p.m.

Happy Easter

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PREPARING TODAY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF TOMORROW

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4  Happy Birthday Dan  Swim-K-3	5  Swim-7-9	6	7  Swim-4-6 Div. II— Esplanade in the A.M.	8	9  Happy Birthday Kirsten
10	11	12	13  Grad & Team Photos	14  Swim-4-6	15  Hats 4 Hearts	16
17	18  Intramural lunch Orange	19  Happy Birthday Tristan	20  Happy Birthday Lisa (ECS)	21	22  Happy Birthday Abbey  Good Friday NO SCHOOL	23
24  Happy Birthday Jesse  Happy Easter	25	26	27	28  Happy Birthday Sheridyn Happy Birthday Ben N.	29 Arbor Day	30

EASTER BREAK