



# SCHULER FEBRUARY NEWS

Schuler School, Box 120, Schuler, AB T0J 3B0

Phone: 403-839-3732 Fax: 403-839-3943

## The Principal Point

**Parent Council:** Thank you to Parent Council for your continuing support for our students. We look forward to the Winter Carnival that you are presenting for our students on Feb. 2nd after school. The next Parent Council meeting is Monday March 14th @3:45 at the school.

**Mennonite German Classes:** Due to the fact that there was no teacher willing and able to deliver the specialized German classes this year, there will be no German classes for Schuler students. Classes will continue as originally planned for the remainder of the year.

**Accountability Surveys:** the students and staff will be completing online surveys in the next couple of weeks and there will likely be a survey headed your way from the province. Please take the time to complete whatever survey comes your way as we use that data for school planning every year.

**Schuler 4-9 Bonspiel:** Thank you to the curling rink for allowing us to use their facility for our 4-9 bonspiel on Jan. 27th. In total, 40 students “rocked the rink” that day. Special thanks to Mr. Jobb and Mrs. J. Herman for organizing the event, and to Meggitt Training systems for sponsoring the entire prizes and awards for our students. We couldn’t do it without you.

**Irvine Bonspiel:** Congratulations to the Junior High team of Ryland W., Jayden W., Taylyn W. and Giana H. on going undefeated and winning the Irvine Bonspiel on January 28th. In total, 5 teams from Schuler entered the 22 team event. I was proud of the effort and attitude of all of our young athletes.



4-9 Curling Champions



Irvine Champions

Sincerely,

*Fli Merrick*



## Upcoming Dates

- Wed. Feb 2nd— Jersey Day, Winter Carnival
- Tues. Feb 8th— Floorhockey all-star game, awards.
- Wed. Feb 9th— School Ski Trip
- Feb 21-25th—No school
- Thursday Feb 17th— Junior High Bonspiel
- March 16th— Second Report Card
- March 17th-18th— PD Days—no school for students
- March 21—Parent Teacher Interviews #2
- April 22nd-May 1st—Easter Holiday
- May 23rd—Victoria Day Holiday
- June 28th—Last student day.

### Inside this issue:

School Events	2
Mrs. Maier, Mrs. Noerenberg	3
Miss Oster, Mrs. A. Herman	4
Student Union	5
Mr. Jobb, Kindergarten	6
Happy Kids	7
Calendar	8



## Schuler Trivia

Did you know...

That less students and teachers celebrate birthdays in September (3) than any other month. The most birthdays? October and August both have 10.



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.



## Schuler Ski Trip



Recent snows have provided great conditions for skiing at Hidden Valley in Elkwater, and families are excited to be able to ski on Wednesday, February 9th. Families that participate are asked to meet at the hill at 8:45 sharp on

this day. The hill is open until 4pm. Concession, as always, is available.

Thank you to Student Union for helping make the day more affordable for all students.

For those students who are not skiing this day, nor-

mal bussing is available to and from the school. Students will be able to use this time to work with Mr. Jobb and Mr. Merrick on their schoolwork.

## Schuler Stanley Cup

Students are excited about the Schuler Stanley Cup, and have proven to be good sports and good leaders so far. Action has been frenzied in January, and continues into February. The Stanley Cup Finals in each division are scheduled for:

Wed. Feb 2nd—Div II—Flyers—Avalanche

Fri. Feb 4th—Div III—Tigers vs Canucks

Monday Feb 7th (new time) - Div I—Penguins vs. Oilers

Action wraps up on Tuesday at lunch with the Student-Teacher Allstar game. One boy and girl from each division will compete against the teachers. Awards will follow.

## Notes from Parent Council

Parent Council will be hosting a **Winter Carnival** on Wednesday February 2 at 3:30 pm. Activities will take place at the skating rink. There will be a variety of outdoor activities including sled

races, and a snowball throwing contest. Supper will be provided at about 5:30 and skating will follow. Be sure that all children have a helmet! Everyone is welcome!

- Our next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2010 @ 3:45 pm.

**Mrs. Maier's News**

Wow, the first month of 2011 is already over! During January the division two class began reading Number the Stars, a historical fiction novel based on Denmark during WWII. We have written similes and continued to work on good sentence structure as well as cursive writing. In math we finished up our unit on division and have begun to work on measurement. We strive to improve our basic facts through daily Mad Minutes. We continue to work our way through Alberta in social studies finishing the parkland region this month and beginning the boreal forest region.



Division Three's work together to build great things.

**Hilda**  
Family Rec Day  
Sunday, February 6,  
2011

Come for an afternoon of "Family Fun". Tournaments will be organized if there are sufficient numbers. There will be bowling, shuffleboard and pool. Bring a favorite game to play with others and/or your skates if you'd like to skate on the outdoor rink.

A concession will be provided.

All ages are welcome.  
Doors open @ 2:00 pm  
For more information contact Pam Ehret @ 403 838-2146

**Noerenberg News**

***disturb.miniature. bi-zarre.companion.trio.retrieve.alert.hodgepodge.obnoxious.scholar.vigorous***

...Each day the Division One students discuss a new vocabulary word. It is amazing to see how many words can be incorporated into our daily language! Try this at home just using a dictionary. It's fun and interesting.

...Each day we meet many new challenges as we work on comprehension, vocabulary and writing during our language arts studies. We are presently discussing magnets during integrated studies.

...Each day we try our best .

...Each day we look at a new number- the number of our school days. This month we

are looking forward to many "fun days" such as 100 Day (Feb. 7) the school ski trip (Feb. 9) and Valentine's Day (7+7) as well as a week off of school for Family Day and Teacher's Convention! Fun! Fun! Fun!

## Greetings from Miss Oster:

2011 is off to a quick start but we have much to be proud of already. The LA 7-9 class is working on our novel study *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick. Div 2 science students have started the Classroom Chemistry unit which is sure to bring some fun experiments. Science 7/8's are working in the Structures and Forces

unit which will see us continue labs where we build and destroy as we examine the forces of tension, compression and shear. Health and Rec Ed classes have officially wrapped up. Thanks to Ms Barnes from I.F. Cox School for her expertise in health class. Rec Ed proved to be a really fun option class this term, thanks to all the parents

who joined us on our adventures. New option classes; Agriculture and Tourism studies will be starting this week. There are lots of events coming up that will take us out of the classroom so we will need to work hard to stay caught up. Hope the first month of the New Year has been a great one!

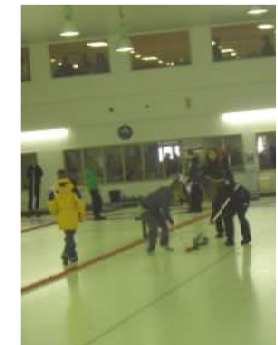
## What's up? with Mrs. A. Herman

January went by in a blink, and with a short month of school in February, spring will be here before we know it! In Science 9, we continue to flow through our studies in electricity. We've covered static and current and now we move onto converting energy into other useful forms with motors, generators and other appliances. We integrate math into our science class by using simple formulas to calculate energy consumption and efficiency. During the second week in February, the junior high class will switch options from Enterprise and Innovations to Wildlife and Outdoor Pursuits. Please watch for Progress re-

ports with a final grade in this option. We will begin our study of the outdoors by sharing our own personal experiences with nature and wildlife and then research the natural wildlife found in Alberta. We will keep active with outdoor activities throughout the semester. Our first one is planned at Police Point Park in Medicine Hat for a geocaching and snowshoeing adventure on February 10, 2011. Please return signed permission forms by Friday, February 4, 2011. Parents are welcome, so let me know if you'd like to come along to participate and help supervise. The Division II Health class has begun the

DARE program, taught by the RCMP. Constable Waites is here every Wednesday to guide our students through decision making and personal safety. The program will run about for 10-12 weeks, with a "graduation" at the end. I'm looking forward to seeing some good choices being made by our students. In Division I computers, we continue to work on our Powerpoint Presentations of the 7 Wonders of the World. I am amazed at how little fingers and minds so easily pick up the tools of technology and put them to use. We will experiment in February with Microsoft Publisher and do some card making on the computer.

### Irvine Bonspiel Photos



## Student Union Update

Taylyn Weisgerber, Reporter

The Month of January was very exciting. There was the Schuler Stanley Cup and many fun and active events that the students could take part in. The Stanley Cup is still going and the All-Star game will be on February 8, 2011. The Students have really enjoyed the Stanley Cup

and enjoying being active and able to play around and watch their friends.

The Month of February is going to be just as fun. Since Valentine's Day is coming around the corner the students thought of an idea about Candy-Grams. There will be a box in Mrs. Mildenberger's office and you can write down a name and

just pay one dollar and on Valentine's Day there will be a candy sent to the person you wrote the candy-gram to. There is also Jersey day on February the 2<sup>nd</sup> where all students can bring their best jersey and wear them to school. The Month of January was great and hopefully February will be better.

# Schuler Stanley Cup





## Kinder Corner

wait for some letters because the names will be hilarious, like “Ham”, and “Quack”!)

You can find us at school every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday now that we have moved to three days per week. We are off to a great start perfecting lowercase letter formation. The students are also having a lot of fun substituting the first letter of their names with the letter of the day. For example, when we worked on the letter ‘w’, the students’ names became: Wevlin, Wam, Wach, Waleb and Wisa! Besides being a fun exercise, this is a very practical way for children to learn and experiment with the sounds the letters make. (We can’t

We have enjoyed a few trips to the skating rink to learn and practice skating and hockey skills. We are very grateful for the efforts of the volunteers who prepare the ice, and the parents who make time in their busy schedules to help tie skates. The bountiful snow has provided us with lots of outdoor fun, especially during this mild spell which was perfect for making snowmen. We have a field trip planned in February and are excited about swimming lessons starting soon.

Our class will be participating in the Early Child

Development Mapping Initiative, a five-year Alberta Education research activity aiming to collect a comprehensive range of information on children’s development prior to kindergarten. All this information will be mapped to help identify how the resources available in communities and service gaps that may exist both influence the development of children. This project supports the Minister’s priority to continue to improve broad-based supports and early intervention initiatives for at-risk children to improve their learning outcomes.



Silly, yet peaceful.

## MR. JOBB’S STUDY SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY

### MATH

Grade Six – Decimal Numbers to Millionths

Grade Seven – Writing and Solving Basic to Advanced Equations

Grade Eight – Algebra-Advanced Equation Solving

### DIV. I PHYS.ED.

Fitness – Indoor Games – Floor Hockey – Ringette

Skating – Tuesdays: 12:45-02:00 PM – Please feel free to join us !

A special thank you to those parents who have been coming out to help!!

TERM 2 Report Cards will be here before we know it ( they go home

March 16<sup>th</sup>) with February being a very busy month.

Math students should be doing at least SOME homework on a regular basis and parents are reminded that students receive Progress Reports in Math at least once a month.



Happy GroundHog Day to all - Have a good one !!



## Raising Happy Children

By Jamell Andrews, Submitted by Jenn Hynes Mardian, Family School Liaison Worker

Raising happy children does not have anything to do with the material possessions that you give to them. Regardless of how many toys kids have or how much you try to shield them from the harsher aspects of life, the ability of children to be happy as they grow up is largely based on internal factors.

### **Signs of Unhappiness**

One of the primary keys to making sure your children are happy is to know how to spot the signs of distress, particularly among children who are under the age of five. Unhappy children typically display some similar behaviors.

- Quiet and withdrawn
- Does not eat very much
- Is not getting involved with other children
- Is not laughing or smiling as much as usual
  - Does not want to play
  - is not talking much
- 

Of course, some children may exhibit some of these behaviors (such as being quiet or withdrawn) simply because they are shy. Shyness is certainly not an indicator that children are unhappy, and it is nothing to be concerned about in itself. However, it is much more difficult to spot or interpret the warning signs that may be present in shy children, so it requires a bit more effort from parents in order to ensure that their children are happy.

With shy children, it is important to take note of certain behavioral changes, such as becoming more fearful or isolated, so that you will realize right away if your child is unhappy.

*Did you know that angry toddlers are really displaying unhappiness in the only way they know how?* Toddlers are too young to know how to express the fact that they are unhappy about something, so when they feel this way they respond with anger. Kids who throw their toys, have temper tantrums, or who hit their siblings are really distressed and they are expressing it in the most convenient way for them.

### **Keeping your Kids Happy**

There really is no big secret to accomplishing this. Kids respond best when their parents spend time with them and play with them. For children who are under the age of five, the best thing parents can do is make time for fun activities. These do not have to be arranged activities such as play dates or organized sports. In fact, younger children are happiest when they get to spend time with their parents playing with blocks, coloring, or whatever takes their fancy at home.

Try to avoid pushing your kids into participating in any type of activities, as this can have a detrimental effect on them as they grow up. Children need to learn at an early age that they can become anything they want to be and that they are free to choose activities they enjoy. If you help your kids focus on the things they most enjoy doing, it will go a long way towards ensuring that they grow up to be happy adults who are more likely to find careers that they have a true passion for.





# FEBRUARY 2011

**Preparing Today For The Achievements of Tomorrow**

Schuler School, Box 120, Schuler, AB T0J 3B0

Phone: 403-839-3732

Fax: 403-839-3943

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Div. I Skate P. 5 & 6 Div. II Skate P. 6 & 7 Div. III Skate P.7 & 8	2  Groundhog Day  Student's Union Jersey Day	3	4  Happy Birthday Devlin (ECS)	5
6	7	8  Happy Birthday Shelby Div. I Skate P. 5 & 6 Div. II Skate P. 6 & 7 Div. III Skate P.7 & 8 Hockey (staff vs students)	9  Ski Trip-Gr. 1-9	10  Happy Birthday Luke  Div. III Trip to Police Point Park-Outdoor Ed.	11  Happy Birthday Mr. Jobb	12
13	14  S.U. Movie @ Lunch	15 Div. I Skate P. 5 & 6 Div. II Skate P. 6 & 7 Div. III Skate P.7 & 8	16	17  Jr. High Open- Bonspiel	18  Hats 4 Hearts	19
20	21 Family Day  NO SCHOOL	22 In lieu of Parent/ Teacher Interviews  NO SCHOOL	23 In lieu of Parent/ Teacher Interviews  NO SCHOOL	24 Teacher Conference  NO SCHOOL	25 Teacher Conference  NO SCHOOL	26
27	28  WELCOME BACK  K-3 Swim					