



The Grizzly Growler

.....we're all about kids!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

...to our prize winners from the
Christmas Concert:

Large Basket: Rebecca Daley
Medium Basket: Helen Lawrence
Small Basket: Jessica Kampjes
Small Basket: Cody Rubis
Oil King Basket: Tammy Ranta
Snowman: Linda Bauder

Thank you to Gibbons Guardian
Pharmacy for their donation of the
Oil King Basket.

A great big THANK YOU to Cheryl
Larson-Haynes for all of her time spent
purchasing items and assembling the
baskets!

Thank you to everyone who donated
food to the Gibbons/Bon Accord Food
Bank at the Concert!



GIBBONS SCHOOL

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"SNOW ANGELS"

The Town of Gibbons and Gibbons
School will be working together to help
those who need snow shoveled. Please
contact the town for more information.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

JDRF

Juvenile
Diabetes
Research
Foundation

Dedicated to finding a cure

Join us on Wednesday, February 3rd as we
kick off our Juvenile Diabetes Research
Foundation (JDRF) Campaign to raise
awareness and funds for Type 1 Diabetes.
Many people in the community are living
with this disease and Gibbons School is
doing our part to help find a cure. When you
visit our school, watch for displays to learn
more about the realities of living with this
disease.

Gibbons School will be taking part in the
Walk to Cure Diabetes which will be held on
June 6th at Hawrelak Park in Edmonton.
Watch our website and newsletter for more
information!

INFORMATION WE WANT YOU TO KNOW:

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The School Council representatives for 2009/10 are as follows:

Brian Farrell, Principal – 923-2240
Robert Milligan, Trustee – 942-2980
Chairperson: Helen Lawrence – 942-3650
Vice-Chair: Michele Daigle – 923-3145
Secretary - Tammy Ouellet – 998-3881
Staff Rep: Lori Bonaca – 923-2240

Grade 5 Rep: Rebecca McBain – 923-2555
Grade 6 Rep: Sandy Rubis – 992-7274
Grade 7 Reps: Susanne Hedstrom – 923-2269
Sandy Land – 998-0009
Joanna Antoniuk – 923-2353
Grade 8 Reps: Sherida Allison – 923-3559
Grade 9 Reps: Robin Kathan – 942-4749
Marg Schiewe – 998-9574
Community Reps: Kevin Ranta – 992-7930
Shelley Nisbet – 923-2662
GRAMPS Rep: Cathy Kampjes – 998-9911

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Representatives are as follows:

Chairperson: Cheryl Larson-Haynes - 973-5620
Vice-Chair: Shauna Benn – 923-2597
Secretary: Tammy Ranta – 992-7930
Treasurer: Nikki Smyth – 923-3176

**The next school council meeting is scheduled for
Monday, February 22, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the Staff Room
All parents are invited to attend!**



GRAMPS **(GIBBONS REGISTERED ASSOCIATION of MUSIC PARENTS)**

Chairperson: Sherida Allison – 923-3559
Vice Chair: Cathy Kampjes – 998-9911
Treasurer: Melissa Brown – 942-4916
Secretary: Tammy Ouellet – 998-3881

The next GRAMPS meeting will be held on Monday, February 22nd @ 6:00 p.m. in the staff room.
ALL PARENTS OF BAND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 11 & 12	Band Camp at Nakamun The students will be leaving early in the morning on the 11 th and returning in the afternoon on the 12 th .
March 25	Battle of the Bands 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Sponsored by Triumph Music Prizes for the top bands
TBA (mid April)	St. Albert Rotary Music Festival
April 29	Sturgeon Night of Music at SCHS
May 19-20	Band Trip to Red Deer

INFORMATION WE WANT YOU TO KNOW:

ELEMENTARY PHYS ED: Elementary Athletic Club (EAC) is now in full swing Wednesdays after school. All elementary students are welcome to come out!

Journal Games teams have been selected and training has begun. Practices are Monday's afterschool until 4:15 and Fridays at lunch. Our teams will be racing on February 17th at the U of A Butterdome.

Mr. Ball

MARITIMES TRIP NEWS: The Maritimes Trip has been confirmed for the end of June 2010 (June 29th). The Maritimes Trip group will be running the concession at the Gibbons Invitational Basketball Tournament on February 12 and 13th. We are still looking for volunteers to work on Saturday afternoon.

We will be taking orders Valentines Day Flowers on February 2nd and 3rd for \$2.50 each. The flowers will be delivered on February 12th.

ELEMENTARY ORGANIZATION GROUP: Do you need help staying organized? If so, you're in luck! The G3 (your Elementary Government) will be starting an Elementary Organization Group in January. The group will run every Wednesday and Friday in the skylight area. We will be helping anybody that wants help to organize their binders, lockers and/or desks. Our volunteers will help you get organized and give you tips on staying organized. We will be asking for volunteers to help out on different days. For more information or to volunteer, you can see Ms. Lowe, Brittany Brezinski (6S), Brittani Lapointe (EC), Randy Lindberg (SNAP), Dani Welsh (6L), Jaden McCormack (5Au) or James Winther (5A).

G3 is trying to organize a Talent Show for students in the spring and a bake sale is also planned with all proceeds going to Haiti Relief (date to be determined).

FANTASTIC FRIENDS CLUB: Fantastic Friends club runs one noon hour per week. Currently we are working on Building Friendships through building bridges. Students in the club are reminded to bring in items for the bridge for Friday, February 12th.

Miss Zatorski and Miss Moodliar

COUNSELING NEWS: 9K and JC (and those 9's who missed the last one due to the Christmas Concert) will be going to the PARTY Program in Fort Saskatchewan on February 18th.

Mrs. Greenwood will be talking to each class about Mental Health Awareness in February and March during Health classes. The Grade 9's will be doing Theme 5 in Health in March and April.

There will be a Valentines Day Dance on February 12th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. All proceeds will be going to JDRF.

INFORMATION WE WANT YOU TO KNOW:

Parent Survey

You may have recently seen newspaper articles on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) or changes to the Grade 12 Diploma Exams. Both PATs and Diploma Exams contribute to the Accountability Pillar, a tool used by Alberta Education to evaluate how well the education system is meeting the expectations of parents and the public. All parents want to know that their children are receiving a quality education. Grades are important but there is more to it than that. A quality education helps all children make the most of their talents and abilities.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with this school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Mandarin, Cantonese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success. Your participation in the survey helps, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to jurisdictions in May 2010, and will be reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.



The Sturgeon School Division Board of Trustees meets the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 4:30 at the Board office in Morinville. Members of the public are invited to attend.

GIBBONS GRIZZLIES



SPORTS PAGE

BASKETBALL TEAMS - 2010

SENIOR GIRLS:

Jasmine Bazalka
Julia Boutin
Alyson Brad
Carly Brown
Shaileen Campbell
Justine Foley
Layne Gurba
Taylor Hadley
Erin Hedstrom
Andrea Povey
Katlyn Schiewe
Kayla Schultz
Susan Sevcik

Coach: Mr. Koch

JUNIOR GIRLS:

Jasmine Bazalka
Makayla Booth
Julia Boutin
Carly Brown
Hana Choi
Abby Evoy-Gingras
Christian Gladue
Jesi Hedstrom
Siobhan Levesque
Savannah Radey
Kayla Schultz
Samantha Vos

Coaches: Mrs. Bonaca
Mr. Koch



SENIOR BOYS:

RJ Benn
Justin Brideau
Nicky Caldwell
Dylan Cooreman
Josh Hardick
Cody Haynes
Corbin McCormack
Taylor Pinette
Peter Steventon
Damien Torringa
Cam Winters

Coaches: Mr. Ball
Mr. Koch

JUNIOR BOYS:

Jaydee Allison
Tyson Davey
Tyson Ferbey
Tyler Harris
Matthew Lowe
Zane MacDonald
Corbin McCormack
J.T. Morrow
Spencer Phin
Dan Segriff
Travis Saunter
Tyler Saunter
Mark Sevcik

Coach: Mr. Chapman

**SEE THE CALENDARS
FOR GAME DATES.**

WOW! - DID YOU KNOW.....

The 4th Annual Gibbons Invitational Basketball Tournament is being held on February 12 & 13, 2010 at Landing Trail School and Gibbons School. Come out and cheer on your teams!

SUBWAY Night

Wednesday, Feb. 10th
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Purchase a sub and 20% of all proceeds go to Gibbons School Parent Association. Thank you from the students and staff at Gibbons School!

Interim Report Cards

Interim Report Cards will be going home on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

Field Trip Permission Forms can now be accessed online. If your child forgets to bring their form home for you to sign, go to Sturgeon School Division website main page – parents – fieldtrips – and click on either of the forms and print them off. The forms can be brought to school or faxed.



The Marmot Ski and West Edmonton Mall Waterpark trips are scheduled for April 9, 2010. As this is a regular school day students are requested to choose one of these activities.

Registration forms for the trip will be sent out on February 8th and are due back on February 22nd. The cost of the Marmot trip is \$115 plus rental of equipment. The Waterpark will cost \$20.

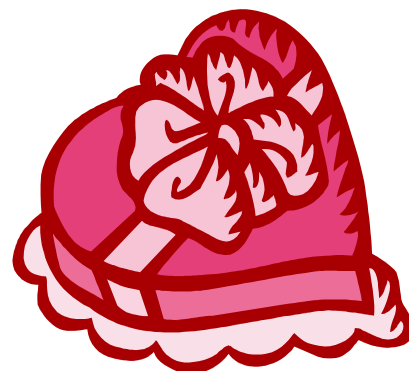
CARETAKERS NEEDED

Duties to include maintaining cleanliness of the school by cleaning washrooms, mopping, sweeping and waxing floors, washing walls/lockers, and removal of garbage as well as vacuuming when necessary. Applicants must be able to lift up to 25 lbs.

Hours of work: afternoon/evening shift

Hourly Rate: \$13.29 - \$15.18

For more information: www.sturgeon.ab.ca



If you have some information about your child that you would like to be printed in our newsletter, please call the school office at 923-2240. We are proud to celebrate the successes of our students!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gibbons Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Gibbons / Bon Accord Confirmation Classes
Held every second Thursday from 6:30-7:30
For information please call Shawna Letwin at
780-923-3346

Coronado United Church Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 27, 2010

10:00am to 1:00pm

Everyone is Welcome!

Clothing, books, toys, household items.

Contact: Sandra at 780-998-3108 or Karen at
780-942-2099.

Coronado United Church is located 4 miles
North of Gibbons on Highway 28 and 1/2 mile
East on Twp 570.

Coronado United Church Pancake Supper

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Join us for Pancakes and Sausages!

(at minimal cost)

Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

4:30-7:30pm

Contact: Sandra at 780-998-3108 or Karen at
780-942-2099.

Coronado United Church is located 4 miles
North of Gibbons on Highway 28 and 1/2 mile
East on Twp 570.

Does your child need a Tutor? Please call
Tracey Wessell @ 923-2360 or Jennie
Rosenthal @ 942-3839.

Bon Accord/Gibbons Food Bank would like
to take this opportunity to thank the Town of
Gibbons, local churches, businesses, industries,
community groups, Sturgeon Learning Center,
Gibbons/Landing Trail Schools, 4H Sew & So
members/parents, residents for the monetary,
food and toy donations and volunteers for the
countless hours donated, sorting, counting,
wrapping gifts, the preparation and delivery of
Christmas hampers.

A BIG THANK YOU to the **Gibbons Volunteer
Fire Department** and their partners for organizing
the **Town Wide Food Drive** and helping the Food
Bank prepare the hampers. The Gibbons Fire
Department collected monetary donations plus
approximately 4,390 lbs of gifts and food at **- 40
degree temperatures** helping fill 60 Christmas
hampers accommodating a total of 227 adults and
children.

**We sincerely appreciate your continued
support Gibbons.**

Thank you!



**Facing one of life's
challenges? Let us be your
petal of sunshine.**

Get connected to community
supports or resources addressing
mental health concerns,
addictions, family issues,
bereavement, financial support,

Sunflower Community Resource Program

780-923-2374 (toll free, dial 780-413-9153 first)

office@sunflowerinfo.ab.ca

5015-50th Street, Gibbons

Serving residents and organizations in Bon Accord,
Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Redwater, Fort
Saskatchewan, Sturgeon County and surrounding
areas.



