



# The Grizzly Growler

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

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## Welcome to Gibbons School!

On behalf of the staff, welcome to Gibbons School! We encourage you to call or drop by if you need assistance or information. Visitors are always welcome!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 9** Staff Meeting – 12:15 dismissal
- Sept. 17** Information Evening 5:30 to 7:00
- Sept. 25** Picture Day!
- Sept. 22** Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 25** Terry Fox Run rain out day
- Sept. 28** GRAMPS Meeting – 6:00 pm  
School Council Annual  
General Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Sept. 29** Division Cross Country Run
- Oct. 6** Division Cross Country Run rain out day
- Oct. 9** P.D. Day – no classes
- Oct. 12** Thanksgiving Day – no classes
- Oct. 14** Staff Meeting – 12:15 dismissal
- Oct. 14** Celebration Awards
- Oct. 26** GRAMPS Meeting – 6:00 pm  
School Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Oct. 30** Halloween Activities

### NEWSLETTERS

This newsletter is being distributed to each student in the school. Future newsletters will be on our school website @ [www.gibbonschool.ca](http://www.gibbonschool.ca). If you have any questions, please call the school.

# Gibbons School



Celebrates Success



## INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:

# **HELP!!! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

### **ABSENTEE CHECK PROGRAM**

Can you spare half an hour once a week, first thing in the morning to assist the school with this worthwhile program? If so, we would love to have you on our Absentee Check Program. Please contact the school office at 780-923-2240 if you are interested.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL & PAC ANNUAL MEETING**

will be held on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting for the PAC (Parent Association Committee) will also be held at this time. Election of School Council & PAC members will take place. Your attendance and **participation is welcome and appreciated!**  
**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!**

**If you have time to spare and are interested in volunteering at the school any time, please call the office @ 780-923-2240.**

### **DO YOU NEED CHANGE?**

If students need change for the vending machines, please be aware that the office does carry change, but for **\$5 bills only**. We do not have sufficient cash to provide change for larger bills. Also, please note that prices for vending machine items are \$1.00, \$1.25 or \$2.00. Please ensure that you have proper coins, as change is normally available in even dollar amounts only.

### **STUDENT AGENDAS**

Student agendas are required for all Elementary Student and highly recommended for Jr. High. Students may purchase a school agenda at a cost of \$5.00. (If needed, a replacement may be purchased at the office.) Students will be required to use their agenda to promote open communication between the home and the school. Students will also be expected to use their agenda as a homework book/organizer and a hallway pass. The school agenda has important information about Gibbons School, including expectations and rules/policies.

### **IT'S PICTURE TIME!**

Photos will be taken on **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, first thing in the morning. For best results, brightly colored clothing should be worn and hair should be groomed, but please ensure your child has their own comb or brush. In addition to individual pictures Icon offers group Sibling pictures which will be taken at or around lunch time. Watch for further information. Proof previews will be sent home approximately 5 days after pictures are taken. Your order will then be returned to the school.

### **"GET THE SCOOP ON GIBBONS SCHOOL"**

- our **INFORMATION EVENING** - will be held on **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- **5:30 to 6:00** - Informal meeting with teachers in individual homerooms.
- **6:00** - Short assembly followed by Sundaes treat (in large gym)

There will be a reminder coming home with students later in September.

## INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:



# ANAPHYLAXIS



We have students who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. If exposed to nuts, their reaction may place them in a life-threatening situation. In providing as safe an environment as possible, we encourage our students to try and not bring nuts or products with a nut oil base into the school. We are also asking that students assist us in reducing the risk by washing their hands thoroughly with soap and water frequently, but particularly after eating. Your assistance in limiting these products being brought into the school is appreciated. We would also appreciate receiving information from parents/guardian(s) about their child(ren) if they have life threatening allergies so we can protect your children's health. Please contact the school office at 780-923-2240.

**For the safety of our students**, the entrance doors at the Elementary end (west side) of the school are locked at 9:00 A.M. and will remain locked for the remainder of the day. Elementary students who arrive late and all visitors are asked to report to the school office, via the main doors.

**A closed campus** exists to assist the school in ensuring a safe and caring environment. Students are not allowed off school premises unless a parent sends a note to have the student attend an appointment or be involved in a specific activity. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Mr. Brian Farrell, Principal or Mr. Joe Chapman, Vice Principal.



## SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now due. 50% may be post dated to January 29, 2010. If you wish to send more than one post-dated cheque at this time, please do so. To make other arrangements, please contact the office at 780-923-2240.

# INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW .....

**Gibbons School Terry Fox Run  
@ Echo Glen Park 11:45 a.m.  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

It is hoped that by participating in the event, students will not only engage in physical activity, but will also be reminded about the life of a Canadian hero.

Before Terry died, he knew that an annual event would be held to commemorate his *Marathon of Hope*. It would be called, appropriately, The Terry Fox Run. The first Terry Fox Run in 1981 attracted 300,000 participants across Canada and raised \$3.5 million. To date hundreds of millions of dollars has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name.

In Canada, the annual Terry Fox Run is held every September. Our run will take place on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a day for celebrating Terry's legacy and helping to keep his dream of a cure for cancer alive.

In memory of Terry's dream, we are asking that students pledge one dollar that will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. Additional pledge sheets will be made available for students or families wishing to contribute further donations.

The emphasis of the event isn't on how much you raise, but that you participate in Terry's memory and help him finish his *Marathon of Hope*.

As Terry said in 1980:

“If you've given a dollar, you are part of the *Marathon of Hope*.”



**TERRY FOX – A TRUE CANADIAN HERO!**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **Sunflower Community Resource Program**

Invites you to attend our open house!  
Learn how we can be your

## **Petal of Sunshine!**

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Community Information & Referral Centre  
Tel: 923-2374 Fax: 923-2379  
Toll Free: 413-9153 & 923-2374  
Email: [office@sunflowerinfo.ab.ca](mailto:office@sunflowerinfo.ab.ca)

## ***Fort Saskatchewan Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Association***

*Fun, Friendship, Exercise*  
Ukrainian Dance Classes for  
Children 4 Years and Older  
Adult Dance Class Also Offered

**For more information  
or for registration,  
call Andrea at  
780-895-7506**

Ukrainian background is not required



## **TERRY FOX RUN**

Bring your kids, your bikes, your dogs.....just please come  
out and

Support the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run on  
Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00.

Our run will start at the Dew Drop Inn (behind museum) and is a  
5km. loop.

For more information, please call  
LaDean @ 780-923-3471 or Sandy @ 780-942-2862

## **Sturgeon Indoor Soccer Club**

Registration at Lilian Schick School  
September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Gym  
Please bring two cheques, one for  
fees and one for jersey deposit. If  
you have any questions, please  
contact Marianne @ 973-6507

Visit [LearnAlberta.ca](http://LearnAlberta.ca) to access the variety of online learning resources available to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 community in Alberta.

[LearnAlberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca) (<http://www.learnalberta.ca>) is continuously adding new material to the site.

[LearnAlberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca) is password protected! When using the site in school, your userID and password will be automatically filled in. If you are accessing these resources from a computer outside of school, you will need to enter your userID and password to login. See below:

UserID: LA57  
Password: 6600





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> P.D. Day	2  Office Open 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	3  <b>First day of school</b> <b>(Full day)</b>	4  IMF Fees due	5
6	7  Labour Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>	8	9  - Staff Meeting 12:15 dismissal Blocks run 1, 2, 3, 4	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17  - Information Evening 5:30 – 7:30	18	19
20	21	22  - Terry Fox Run	23	24  - Terry Fox Run rain out day	25  - Individual photos	26
27	28 6:00 GRAMPS Mtg 7:00 School Council General Meeting	29  - Division Cross Country Run	30			

