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# JUNE 2011

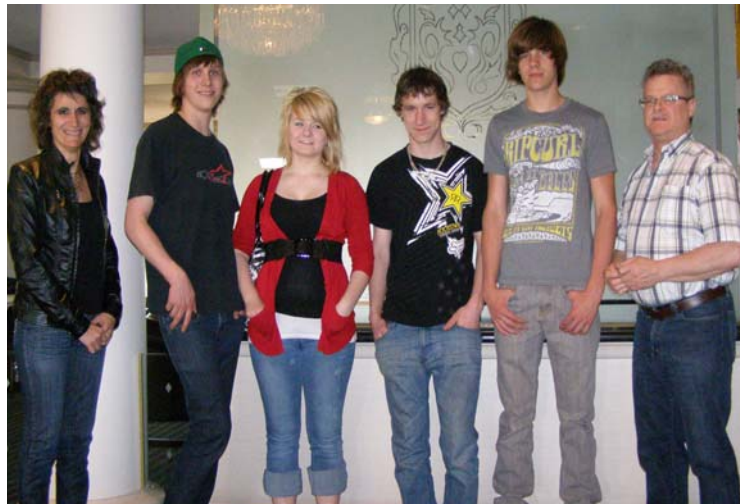


Pictured on the left are the two students who represented MHHS in Edmonton at the Provincial Skills competition in Automotives: **Curtis Prins** placed 7th and **Levi Sergeant** placed 12th out of 24 participants. Good job Curtis & Levi!




**Vance Poisson** (pictured on the left) is a former MHHS Mechanics student that won Gold at the Regional Skills and placed 8th at the Provincial Skills in 2009. He has since moved on to a Heavy Duty Mechanics apprenticeship with Neil MacKinnon Mechanical and competed and won Gold in the Apprentice Heavy Duty Mechanic Provincial Skills Competition in Edmonton this year. Congratulations Vance! (- submitted by Russ Konschuh, Mechanics teacher)

Pictured (L to R) are the teachers and participants who attended the Provincial Skills Competition in Edmonton this year: **Connie Atkison** (Cosmetology teacher), **Levi Sergeant**, **Darylyn Walters**, **Jordan Bitz**, **Curtis Prins**, **Henry Rempel** (Welding teacher). Missing: **Russ Konschuh** (Automotives teacher) - picture submitted by Russ Konschuh



## Upcoming June Events

<b>Alexandra Middle School Visit to MHHS</b>	<b>June 1</b>
<b>Athletic Banquet @ Medicine Hat Lodge (pre-purchased tickets required)</b>	<b>June 7</b>
<b>Last Day of Classes (Please note the change from date printed in Student Agenda)</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Exams Begin (please see Exam Schedule on page 8 of this newsletter)</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>Grad Church Service</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>Grad Ceremonies</b>	<b>June 29</b>
<b>Grad Banquet</b>	<b>June 30</b>
<b>Last Day for Teachers</b>	<b>June 30</b>

For Summer School Information please contact Crescent Heights High School @ (403) 527-6641, Ext. 8595 



## Senior Football News

- submitted by Coach Skelton

**Spring Camp** finished up with a strong performance against both McCoy and Crescent Heights. We are looking forward to the upcoming season from the results.

The "**Can Am Summer Skills Camp**" will take place for any players interested in learning the game. The camp will run **July 23-29th**, finishing with scrimmages with high school teams in Great Falls, Montana. The coaches encourage all players to look at this camp and others to help prepare for the upcoming season. For information, contact Coach Skelton.

**BIG NEWS for MOHAWK Alumni!!!** **Nathan Coehoorn** and **Reed Alexander** were drafted in the CFL

draft in May! Nathan was drafted 5th overall, by the Edmonton Eskimos and Reed by the Montreal Alouettes. **Congratulations boys, we are very proud of you!!**

The Mohawks have also placed graduating players with University teams and Canadian Junior teams. The following Mohawks have been invited to join the Calgary Colts in July: **Taylor Ross, Zack Van Riper, Dylan Erfle** and **Cody Henchel** will join Steve Derenewski, Scott Wendal, Jase Skelton, and Richard Slack.



**Anthony Anderson** will also join the Calgary Dinos as one of their top linebacker recruits for 2011!!

**Rugby News-** The Mohawks are presently 4-0 prior to going into playoffs. We have outscored the opponents 198-17! Keep it up for the playoffs!!

Congratulations to all of the competitors who competed in the **Skills Canada Regionals competition** this year:


- TV/Video – Brittany Steininger and Tanischa Hirsch
- Junior Braiding Competitors — Darylyn Walters, Raylene Webster and Breanne Gershon. Darylyn won gold to move on to Provincials (see picture on page 1). Intermediate up-do competitors were Shelby Hale (won silver), Michela Welch (won bronze) and Kyla Henwood.
- Welding — Jordan Bitz, Wyatt Elliot, Dylan Gray, Eric Gutjahr, Michael Kargard and Hayden Schick.
- Culinary Arts — Jarrett Stevens and Jeff Sykes
- Automotive — Curtis Prins and Levi Sergeant both won gold to move on to Provincials (see picture on page 1)



MHHS students have voted and the results are in!

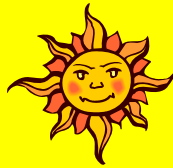
The best book of 2010-2011 is **American Born Chinese** by Gene Luen Yang.

Check out the rest of the top ten list below:

								
<i>The Bite of the Mango</i> - Kamara, Mariatu	<i>The Book of Michael</i> : a novel - Choyce, Lesley	<i>Borderline</i> – Stratton, Allan	<i>Branded</i> - Walters, Eric	<i>The Forest of Hands and Teeth</i> - Ryan, Carrie	<i>Invictus</i> <a href="#">John Carlin</a>	<i>Leviathan</i> - Westerfeld, Scott	<i>Pride and Prejudice and Zombies</i> Grahame-Smith, Seth	<i>Unwind</i> - Shusterman, Neal

## Do you have a summer job?

**Off-Campus Education  
Work Experience  
Health Internship  
RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program)  
Green Certificate Program  
PFO (Production Field Operator)**



Why not earn High School credits and Scholarship money while you work?

Read page 26 of your Student Agenda for more details

### Contact:

Mr. Grossman room 403  
Mr. Hider room 402  
Mr. Tschritter room 400 } for more information

## Tryouts for SR/JV volleyball:

Tuesday, August 30 – Thursday, September 1 in the South Gym for both boys and girls. Times to be announced.

## Tryouts for JR volleyball:

Wednesday, August 31- Thursday, September 1 in the North Gym for both boys and girls. Times to be announced.



If you have questions, please email or call Mrs. Tschritter at 403-527-3371 extension 7702 or email [renee.tschritter@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:renee.tschritter@sd76.ab.ca).

## FNMI Education—submitted by Jen Karpiuk

Congratulations to the graduates of 2011! Students who are First Nations, Métis or Inuit who wish to participate will receive a culturally appropriate gift at the graduation ceremonies on behalf of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education to honour their accomplishments. We wish all graduates the very best as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

National Aboriginal Day has been marked in Canada since 1996. Annually, on June 21, people from all walks of life gather to celebrate the contribution of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people in Canada. FNMI education is organizing an Aboriginal Day event, to be

held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Saamis tipi. The celebration, starting at 10:00 AM, will feature performances by dancers Kyle Blood and Ray and Judy Mosquito. Please join us on this day!

Congratulations to Shayla Oulette for her submission to the Historica Art Challenge. Her painting has moved on to the next level of judging. Thank you for being an ambassador for our school and city Shayla!

Remember, FNMI teachers will be in Elkwater May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive for History in the Hills, but will be able to respond to email queries. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Deb Lloyd at [Deborah.lloyd@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:Deborah.lloyd@sd76.ab.ca) or Jen Karpiuk at [jen.karpiuk@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:jen.karpiuk@sd76.ab.ca).



### Former MHHS School Council President Wins Award

At the May 17<sup>th</sup> School District #76 Board meeting, **Mr. Dale Lehr** was recognized as one of the recipients of the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Parent of Distinction Award. This award is given to individuals who demonstrate ability to promote parental involvement in the education system, are exceptional in their dedication and initiative, are dynamic leaders and who create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all partners in education. **Congratulations Dale!**

Pictured on the right is Mr. Lehr (wearing his MHHS golf shirt) being presented with the Award by Mr. Terry Riley (Board Chair) and Ms. Lorraine Forsen, Director of Alberta School Council's Association.



## Medicine Hat School District No. 76

601 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4Y7 Fax: (403) 529-5339 Phone: (403) 528-6701

May 17, 2011

Dear Parents:

### **Re: Parent Information Letter Concerning Budget 2011-12**

At the time the provincial government announced the budget we informed you of the financial challenges that faced the Medicine Hat Public School District #76. We asked that you give us some time so that we could build a rational plan to deal with these challenges, and we have appreciated the support we have had from parents, and their willingness to allow us time to develop a comprehensive plan, rather than the practice of announcing cuts on a “piecemeal” basis. The details of the proposed “draft” budget are now posted on the District website at [www.sd76.ab.ca](http://www.sd76.ab.ca). Please send any comments and/or suggestions to Dr. Henderson, Superintendent of Schools at [grant.henderson@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:grant.henderson@sd76.ab.ca).

In order to fully meet the financial challenges caused by the government imposing negotiated salary increase for teachers, while at the same time the government cut grants to the school boards, we would be required to reduce staffing by about 30 people. This would balance our budget in the first year. However, our board believes that this would have a dramatic effect on the education of your children, and on the positive labour relations we enjoy with our employees. We are therefore proposing a plan which we hope will have as little impact on our students as possible. The key elements of the plan include the following:

1. Despite the fact that we have the most efficient central office - and the lowest administration costs per student - in Southern Alberta, we are consolidating some positions in central office.
2. The board will access the accumulated reserves to the tune of about \$700,000 next year, and potentially additional amounts in school year 2012-2013, so that the transition will be less painful and less dramatic. However the board realizes that at the end of that time, we must be in a position to get back to a balanced budget.
3. Allocation of staff to schools will be adjusted on a basis that would increase the average class size by approximately 0.5 students per class.

We believe that these changes should minimize the impact on your child’s education. We are also hopeful that since the required immediate staff cuts will be reduced from 30 people to less than 15, we will be able to achieve these reductions in staff through retirements, resignations, and leaves of absence, and there may be no need to lay off any of our current valued employees, including most of our first year teachers who are on probationary contracts. However we are uncertain if layoffs will occur until the end of June, when all information regarding people leaving will be in place.

We wish to make it clear that no specific program or group of students has been targeted to take the brunt of the burden of the cuts. Our practice has been to allocate staff to schools, and the principal - based on their consultations and upon the specific needs of their school - makes the decisions regarding the allocation of the staff and which optional programs are offered and which are not offered. It may well be that some options which have had low enrolments in the past will not continue into the future. However, alternative programs will be available to ensure students get a full program.

Also rest assured that should the government decide to increase funding our board will work expediently to put the money back into the schools and other student programs.

Sincerely,

Terry Riley

Chair, Medicine Hat Public School District No. 76



The Medicine Hat Family YMCA YouthWORKS! employment centre regrets to inform you that the Government of Alberta has cut Youth Connections Programs from its budget. Due to these budget cut-backs, YouthWORKS! is announcing its closure. We will be closed as of **Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.**

If you are between 16 - 24, please come visit us before that date to get assistance with your employment, career, education and training goals. If you have a resume with us, please make sure you visit us to get a paper and electronic copy of your resume.

To thank you for your support and to celebrate YouthWORKS! successes, you are invited to a free Community Farewell Barbeque at YouthWORKS! on **Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30am- 1:30pm.** We hope to see you there and we thank you for supporting our services.

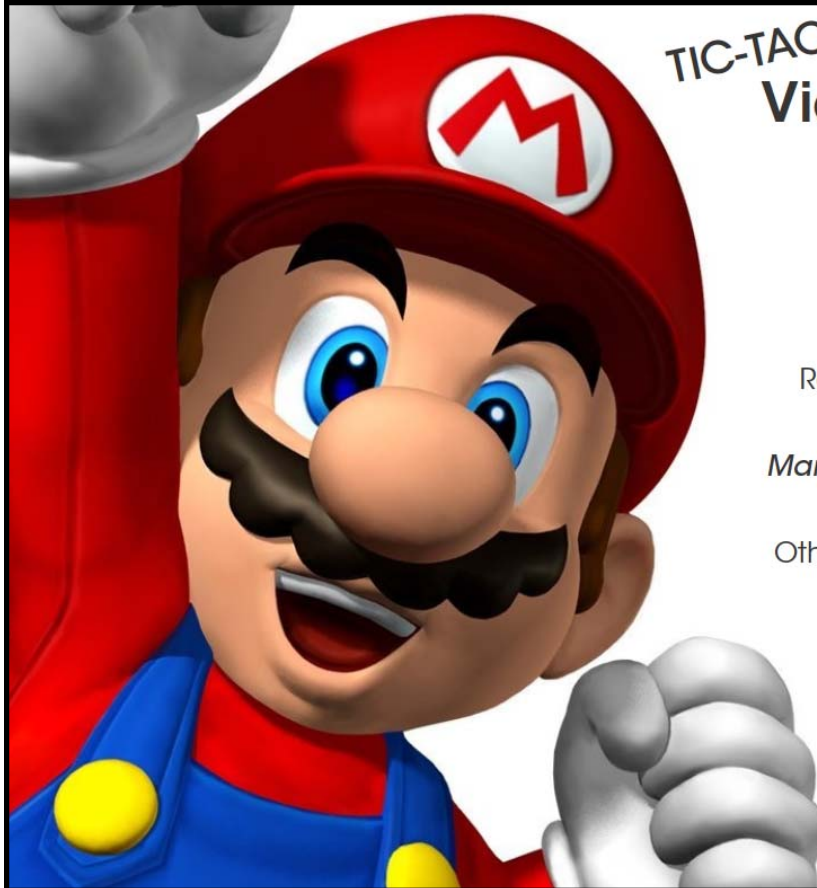
**Medicine Hat Family YMCA YouthWORKS!**

**Employment Centre**

**770 - 1<sup>st</sup> ST SE**

**403.529.4733**

[www.ymca-medicinehat.org](http://www.ymca-medicinehat.org)



**TIC-TAC'S  
Videogaming Night @**

**the Medicine Hat Public Library**

**Friday, June 3**

**7-9:30 pm**

Doors open at 6:45 pm

Doors locked 7:15-9:30 pm

Rock Band 2 & Green Day Rock Band

Super Smash Bros. Brawl

*Mario Kart or Super Mario Bros. on the big screen in the Theatre.*

Other games to play while you're waiting:

Cards, Uno, Chess, Checkers

Plenty of munchies

No registration required

FREE

Call Michelle B. for more info:  
403-502-8537

For teens 13-18 years old



# SUMMER SCHOOL

set your sights on learning

**NEW LOCATION!**

### Registration

Students MUST register in person for courses at CHHS during Summer School office hours:

**Senior High May 25-June 30, 2011**

**Monday-Friday, Thursday:**

8:30-11:00am and 12:00-3:30pm

**Wednesday:**

8:30-11:30am and 12:30-2:30pm

**Friday: 8:30-11:00am and**

**12:00-3:30pm**

**Junior High students may continue**

**to register July 1 and 4 from 9:00**

**am to 12 noon in Room 514.**

**NOTE: COURSES MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT ENROLLMENT OR LACK OF QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS**

## Crescent Heights High School

**Senior High: July 1-August 1, 2011**

**Last day to register is June 30 - Diploma exams August 3-12**

High school courses at Gr. 10, 11 & 12 levels for students who...

- have not met the requirements of the next grade
- want to take classes to accommodate regular timetable needs,
- or • wish to upgrade their existing mark in a particular subject

**Junior High: July 5-22, 2011**

**Last day to register is July 4**

- Mathematics at the Gr. 7, 8 & 9 levels • Math 9 runs July 5-August 1
- Language Arts at the Gr. 7, 8 & 9 levels

These courses are remedial based for students who have not met the requirements for the next grade level or who want to improve their knowledge of the basic concepts before they move on.

### Work Experience

Students in Gr. 10, 11 and 12 as of September 2011 are eligible to register in Summer Work Experience. For further information, please contact the Work Experience Advisor at your school.

### Fees

- Fees for Junior High courses are \$130.00
- Fees for Senior High courses are \$60.00
- No fees for Work Experience

Credit Cards may be used for fees only. For each student registered in Summer School, a separate payment of \$80.00 must be included and this will be returned when all texts are handed in.

Adult, out-of-province and International Student fees are higher.

**Call 403.527.6641, ext. 8595 for information or email: [summer@sdsd76.ab.ca](mailto:summer@sdsd76.ab.ca)**

**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE**

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### Wheel to Day! June 1, 2011

Bike to School Day has been changed to "Wheel to Day" starting in 2011. Active transportation of students promotes student health, benefits the environment and reduces traffic congestion in and around schools. Get your bike, scooter, roller blades, skateboard or whatever has wheels and wheel to school, work, a friend's house, the library, the store or anywhere.

Get on your safety gear...

Plan your best route... And GET WHEELIN!

Tips and links for ideas and resources to help get you wheelin can be found at: [www.shapeab.com](http://www.shapeab.com)

### WATER SAFETY

When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat. To keep yourself safe around water:

- Learn to swim
- Buddy up – swim with a partner
- Always swim in a safe place that has been designed for swimming
- Never dive into a lake or river – under water tree stumps, rocks, or floating logs can cause injuries
- Do not push or jump on others
- Reapply sunscreen frequently
- Never leave your child unattended near water  
Visual contact is required constantly

For more information [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

### Insect Bites

At best, insect bites are annoying. At worst, they can be dangerous. Mosquitoes and biting flies can carry disease. There are several ways to avoid insect bites:

- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts outdoors
- Avoid places where mosquitoes breed and live, like standing water
- Stay inside when mosquitoes are most active: sunrise, sunset and early evening
- Use insect repellent containing DEET, a chemical which keeps flies and mosquitoes away

Always follow the instruction on the label of the insect repellent.

For more information: go to [www.caringforkids.cps.ca/](http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/)  
And search for insect repellents



