



Morinville Community High School

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Home of the Prairie Wolves!



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March 2008 Newsletter

Challenge Days are Coming!

Challenge Day is an organization committed to creating a world where every young person feels safe, loved, and celebrated. The award-winning day long experiential workshop and follow-up program are designed to show what's possible by tearing down the walls of separation, inspiring participants to create an environment of compassion, acceptance and respect, and to truly **Be The Change** they wish to see in the world. The program helps shift peer pressure to positive peer support, and reduce the acceptability of teasing, oppression and all forms of violence. Students will shift their energy towards positive influence.

This is exciting for the MCHS community. Our two **Challenge Days** are on March 10 and 11, 2008 and 200 of our students will have the opportunity to participate. If you want to know more about **Challenge Days**, you can visit the website at: www.challengeday.org

A Day in the Life!

Our annual "**A Day In the Life Event**" is continuing this year and will take place on April 17th. We are looking forward to having many new speakers come and share how they chose their career and what they love about this profession. We are actively recruiting new speakers and would love to find new individuals to participate. You will have a staff member to support you as you speak. What do you need to talk about? Your typical work day, what you love and dislike about your career, what skills and abilities are beneficial, what education is required, salary range, working conditions, geographical location of work, normal hours of work, future outlook, stable employment. Students are curious to know what you know. You don't have to be an expert. We ask only that you share your experiences in your career. Please contact Cindy Jensen at MCHS if you might be willing or have a contact who would be willing to contribute to this valuable learning experience for our students!

For more information on **Challenge Days** or **A Day in the Life** go to <http://www.mchs.gsacrd.ab.ca>

Keeping You Informed

- Wednesday, March 5 -** Cut off for course changes. This date has been revised from what is printed in the student planner. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- Friday, March 7 -** Staff Meeting and Professional Development - *No classes for students.*
- Monday, March 10-
Tuesday, March 11-** Challenge Days
Challenge Days
- Tuesday, March 18 -** School Council Meeting at 7 pm in the MCHS Library
- Wednesday, March 19 -** Lenten Observance at 2 pm in the gym. *Parents and visitors are invited to attend.*
- Friday, March 21 -** Good Friday. No classes.
- Monday, March 24 -** Easter Monday. No classes.
- Friday, March 28 -** Day off in lieu of parent-teacher interviews. No classes.
- Monday, March 31 - Friday, April 4 - Spring Break. No classes for students.**
- Wednesday, April 9 -
Thursday, April 10-** Parent-Teacher interviews form 5:30-8:30pm
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NAIT Presentation - Parents as Career Coaches (7-8 pm)

The World of Work

WISEST summer research program is once again open to grade 11 students who want to learn more about future studies, research and careers in science, engineering and technology. This is a paid position over the summer and any students who would like more information are asked to see Mrs. Christensen.

Our School Community

COME ONE - COME ALL!

Morinville's **COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE** will be meeting again in March! Jumpstart your weekend with an energetic and truly uplifting experience.!!

Where: MCHS

When: Friday, April 11th.

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm in the Drama room.

Cost - Adults \$4; Students \$2

ALL MONIES donated to charity

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Wolves win 6 in a row, drop to 4th in Provincial Rankings

The Morinville Community High School Sr. Boys Basketball team has improved their record to 20-3 winning their last 6 games. The Wolves hosted teams from across the North Central Zone in their home tournament February 8th & 9th, where they won all three games in front of their hometown fans.

More recently, the Wolves took to the road to take part in Canmore Collegiate High School's tournament. The Wolves faced Notre Dame in their first game. The Hounds put up a spirited effort but were no match for Morinville and the Wolves easily defeated the Saskatchewan team by 70 points. The Wolves went on to outscore Arch Bishop Oscar Romero by 40 points in the semi-final. The championship game was much more of a challenge as the Wolves faced a very tough South Central team from Cochrane. Bow Valley actually led the Wolves by 4 points well into the third quarter and coach Rick Campbell credits "outstanding defence by grade 10 student Nathan Felix and great rebounding by forward Jerred Workun" for the exciting second half comeback. The Wolves ended up defeating the Bow Valley Bobcats by 10 to capture the championship.

Despite the continuing success, the Wolves dropped from 2nd to 4th place in the Mid-February provincial rankings likely in part to some strong play in the South Central zone. The Wolves will be taking part in Devon this weekend, and will host the zone tournament March 7th and 8th.

GHP/MCHS Bands Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner!

Community Event

Saturday, March 15th

Everyone Welcome!

4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

MCHS Gym

9506-100 Avenue

Auction 4-9 p.m. Bidding closes at 8:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner are \$6.00 each. There is no cost to come to the Silent Auction.

If you have any questions or would like to donate please contact Colleen @ 939-7163 , Lauri-Ann @ 939-4660, Mrs. Baker @ 939-3593 or Mrs. Cormier @ 939-6891.

Substitute Teacher Assistants Needed!

Our division is experiencing a shortage of Teacher Assistants who would be willing to go on our sub list. At present, if one of our Teacher Assistants are away ill or would like to attend an inservice, chances are slim that we would be able to find a substitute for the day. If you are interested in helping out at the school in the role of a Teacher Assistant and supporting students, please contact Mr. Vic Pedersen at the school (939-6891) to discuss the duties and expectations in detail.

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...LET'S PLAY BALL!

Baseball season is almost here! Grab as many of your friends as you can and **GET ACTIVE** with **Morinville Minor Baseball**

Watch for Registration Information in the *Morinville Mirror* the *Free Press*
And in school news letters.

Parents General Meeting on **Sunday March 2nd**

At the Skyline Diamond MMBA Clubhouse.

**This Meeting is very important, please attend in order
To keep baseball alive in Morinville!**

For more information call Randy at 939-3459

Provincial Surveys

Parents of students in Grade 10 will receive a survey mailed to their homes directly from Alberta Education. In March, students and teachers will be completing their surveys online through their schools. All surveys are anonymous and no reports will be issued if the number of respondents is fewer than six to further protect the privacy of respondents. Respondents are expected to answer questions based upon the experiences they have had at their school. Responses for parents of students who have moved during the current school year will be attached to the school in which the student was registered on September 30, 2007. We strongly encourage your participation as the results help us identify our school and jurisdiction's strengths and weaknesses. Survey results will be available to jurisdictions by the start of May 2008, and will be reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of the Annual Education Results Reports in the fall of 2008.