

COALHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT UPDATE

In October 2013 Coalhurst community members may have heard about the removal of the CES wooden playground when CES entered an online voting competition (AVIVA) to raise money towards a new playground. While we did not win any money at that time, the committee has continued to meet, planning how to raise funds to replace the playground which is scheduled for demolition June 2014, with a playground appropriate for 5- 12 year olds. The committee determined that the project scope should expand to additionally address early childhood development concerns with the addition of age appropriate equipment for 0-5 year olds and to make both playgrounds inclusive and accessible to children and community members of all abilities.

The playground committee meets monthly to discuss project design, sponsorship/grants/ fundraising, and community volunteerism. Community members are welcome to attend any/all meetings and specific dates for all meetings can be found at the CES playground blog: www.cesplayground.wordpress.com, with dates also soon to be listed on the Town of Coalhurst website and CES website, under Parent Council.

The committee is an action-orientated group but we need more hands on deck. This can be from offering feedback and advice to participating in the planning and fundraising initiatives. Assistance of any kind will be gratefully accepted. Even if you're unsure at this time what you may be able to assist with, come on out.

Truthfully speaking this project is a huge undertaking but not impossible for our community to achieve. We have the resources, the choice, and the heart to create something incredible in Coalhurst that goes beyond playground structures. We can put our children on a trajectory towards a better future; we can connect with community members in new opportunities. The outcome of this project represents a larger community asset, one beyond the physical form. Please help us realize this vision for the children and future of Coalhurst.

If you would like more information, please check out the blog for email contact info or call Chelsey at 403-894-1907.

Save the Date

Who: Local band- Raw Dogs

What: Fundraiser Concert.

When: April 19th. Band plays at 9:00 pm

Where: Average Joe's, 420 6th Street South, Lethbridge

Why: 100% of proceeds of pre-sold ticket sales, 50/50 & raffle draws to be donated to the CES playground project fund.

How: Concert tickets can be purchased in advance from Coalhurst Elementary School. They cost \$10.00 apiece. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance at CES and by the children of CES beginning in March. Raffle tickets can also be purchased on the evening of the concert. Raffle and 50/50 draws will take place on the night of the concert.

Current CES Fundraising Activity

In support of the CES One School, One Book Project, Coalhurst Elementary School is selling Purdy's Chocolate Bars as a tie in with our selected book- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They are \$2.00 apiece.

Chocolate Bars will be for sale in the CES Office and at locations around CES until the end of March. Please help support CES and potentially win a prize. If you find a CES sticker in your wrapper, bring it to the CES office and you can win one of the following prizes:

- \$50.00 Gift Card to Black Tomato
- 3 month Family Swim Pass Courtesy of Lethbridge Recreation Excellence
- Passes for 1 month at Lethbridge Cross-fit
- Circus Experience Classes- Gymfinity Aerials with Instructor and CES teacher Jenna Lencucha.