

# Media Release



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**RE:** Family literacy and adult learning to be celebrated

Rocky View Schools Community Learning in collaboration with a number of community organizations will host a week of family literacy and adult learning events from May 9 -13, 2011. The Classroom on Wheels or C.O.W. Bus will be rolling into town as a part of our Family Literacy program. Community Learning will also hold an Adult Learning Fair in Airdrie, Chestermere, and Cochrane.

Beginning May 9, 2011, the C.O.W. Bus, a “Holstein on Wheels”, will travel throughout Rocky View Schools, offering families a friendly space to learn about family literacy and the importance of early language development. Parents, caregivers, and children, aged 0-6, are encouraged to come join in the fun and get new ideas to make literacy apart of their daily lives. On the day of the COW bus’ arrival, each community will be presented with a small “Legacy Library” of quality children’s books, which families will be able to borrow from their local library. All are invited to these presentations which will be attended by the local Mayors and RVS School Board Trustees.

The Alberta Prairie Classroom on Wheels is run by the Centre for Family Literacy and travels across Alberta to promote parents and caregivers as children’s first and most influential teacher. The project is funded by Alberta Advanced Education & Technology, Community Programs and the United Way.

### **C.O.W. Bus Schedule:**

- Cochrane:** Monday May 9, 2011, 10AM – 12PM & 1-4 PM, at Nan Boothby Library  
“Legacy Library” Presentation at 1:00 PM
- Airdrie:** Tuesday May 10, 2011, 10AM – 12PM & 1-4 PM at the Airdrie Public Library  
“Legacy Library” Presentation at 1:00 PM
- Beiseker:** Wednesday May 11, 2011, 10 AM – 12PM at the Beiseker Community Hall  
“Legacy Library” Presentation at 10:30 AM
- Irricana:** Wednesday May 11, 2011, 1:30-4 PM at the Irricana Municipal Library  
“Legacy Library” Presentation at 1:30 PM
- Chestermere:** Thursday May 12, 2011, 10AM– 12PM & 1-4 PM, at Chestermere Public Library  
“Legacy Library” Presentation at 10:30 AM
- Crossfield:** Friday May 13, 2011, 10AM – 12PM, at Crossfield Municipal Library  
“Legacy Library” Presentation at 10:30 AM

Residents also are invited to participate in Adult Learning Fairs, which will promote the importance of lifelong learning and offer residents the opportunity to find out about the adult learning opportunities available in their area. Exhibitors at the Adult Learning Fairs will include Rocky View Schools Community Learning, Bow Valley College, local employment resource centres, local libraries and other community organizations. Adults will also have the chance to ‘try out’ some adult learning workshops, such as “Getting into Facebook and Social Networking.” Resume critiques will also be available during the fair. Each event will take place between 1-4 PM and 6-8:30 PM.

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**Adult Learning Fair Schedule:**

**Cochrane:** Monday May 9, 2011,

- 1-4 PM at Nan Boothby Library
- 6-8:30 PM at Rocky View Learning Connection

**Airdrie:** Tuesday May 10, 2011

- 1-4 PM at Airdrie Chamber of Commerce
- 6-8:30 PM at Bert Church High School

**Chestermere:** Thursday May 12, 2011

- 1-4 PM & 6-8:30 PM at Chestermere Public Library and Chestermere Town Office

For more information on these activities contact Rocky View Schools Community Learning at 403.945.4114.