



Jessie Duncan Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

A proud part of Chinook's Edge School Division #73

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Principal: Mrs. Trudy Henry Vice-Principal: Miss Becca Chmelyk

April 5, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (also on our Facebook!)

- April 11 DQ Hot lunch
- April 13 Fancy Dress Up Day
- April 16-20 Spring Break!
- April 24 Booster Juice Day
- April 27 Muffin Morning and Spell-a-thon
- April 30 POWER Assembly @2:20pm
- May 3 Spell-a-thon pledges are due

Principal's Message

On Wednesday this week we welcomed Calgary author, Roxanne Rudkin, to our school. Roxanne read her children's book, Lulu and Boo, to each classroom and shared how she came up with the idea for her story and turned that idea into a published book. Roxanne used her experiences as nurse and mom to come up with her story idea and then used her cats and own children as the characters! This resonated with our students as their own story writing is almost always about the same thing – their families, activities they have experienced, and their friends. Roxanne was excited to hear that all our students also enjoy writing their own stories. Our students were attentive listeners and asked wonderful questions!



Mrs. Henry

Spell-a-thon Fundraiser

Our Spell-a-thon fundraiser kicked off at the start of the month with a special assembly. Money raised will be used to support field trip expenses, learning environment enhancements, year end awards, and school spirit materials.

Students are now practicing their spelling words and collecting pledges. Students will write their spell-a-thon test on April 27th.

Pledge money is due no later than May 3rd. A wrap-up assembly will occur shortly thereafter, where prizes will be awarded!

Thank you for your support!

Thank you for attending Student-Led Conferences and supporting our Book Fair!

Strong leadership sets students and staff up for success

A Message from the Superintendent

It is abundantly clear that people in each of our Chinook's Edge school communities are sharing their leadership skills to open doors for others. We see countless examples of individuals – both staff and students - sharing their time and influence to bring forward priorities from their schools, and then working together toward meaningful improvement. We work to ensure effective leadership structures and opportunities for everyone in our school division, because we know this priority creates success in our schools.

In Chinook's Edge, we believe in developing leadership potential at every level, particularly with respect to our students. I frequently hear about the challenging leadership roles our students are prepared to tackle, and about the enormous impact they have on those around them. Such as our Grade 11 student at Delburne Centralized School, whose design was selected as the official logo for this year's Orange Shirt Campaign. Or our group of science students at Sundre High who have invested thousands of hours in an extracurricular project that is studying the impact of PCBs on polar bear bones. Or the students in Didsbury High's leadership program who are assisting seniors in creating both beautiful art and helpful connections. Whether they are undertaking long-term volunteer commitments or providing smaller acts of kindness, we are proud of our student leaders and their many accomplishments.

National Volunteer Week takes place on April 15-21. This year's theme, 'Celebrate the Value of Volunteering', is reflected all year long in each of our schools. Thank you to everyone in our school communities, for supporting the great leadership and volunteer activities that are so key to our Chinook's Edge culture.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent

POWER Award Winners - POWER Award Winners

Congratulations to our Award winners from February and March 2018!

KC M/W: Connor, Cohen, Jessica, Kage

KC T/Th: Alexis, Grace, Jayden, Kowen

KS M/W: Arwen, Sami, Clara, Julie

KS T/Th: Madison, Reid, Jonah, Russell

1D: Ayla, Evan, Hayden, Bentley,

1S: Kinley, Caleb, Kamilo,

1M: Hunter, Kaylia, Nanton, Nixon, Sydney, Tanya

1W: Jayden, Siena, Max, Aiden, Bodhi

2B: Tidus, Drake, Jett, Marley

2H: Chris, Rylee

2N: Sundus, Arianna, Liam, Jordan



Tidy Teddy Award - Mrs. Shantz for February, Mrs. Daines & Mrs. Dransfields Grade 1 classes for March.