



# JESSIE DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

*www.jessieduncan.ca*

Principal: Mrs. Trudy Henry

Vice Principal: Miss Becca Chmelyk

## NEWSLETTER

January 11, 2018

### Dates to Remember

**Jan 9-Feb 1:** Grade 2 Swimming  
(See below times)

**Jan 16:** Hot Lunch Day is  
Dairy Queen



**Jan 24:** Booster Juice Day

**Jan 26:** Muffin Day!



**Jan 30:** POWER Assembly  
@ 2:20pm



**Jan 31:** No School

**\*\*CHECK Skating Schedule on back!**

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### Grade 2 Swimming Lesson Times

*Tuesdays & Thursdays*

**Mr. Bronson:** 11:15am-12:00pm

**Mrs. Neumeier:** 1:00pm-1:45pm

**Ms. Hammarstrand:** 1:45p-2:30p



Tel: 403-886-2233

## Principals Message

Happy New Year! As adults, the new year often means making a resolution to eat healthier or exercise more — generally our resolutions are linked to taking better care of ourselves. At Jessie Duncan our work with students goes beyond their academic achievement. We support our students in taking care of themselves, too! Our little ones can have stress in their lives and we provide age-appropriate strategies such as fidget tools, alternate seating, sensory room, feelings room, and calming techniques to help them work through their big emotions. Our family school wellness program also supports students and families. We know that our students learn best when their emotional needs are taken care of.



*Mrs. Henry*

### Register Now for Fall 2018 Kindergarten!

Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018 to be eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring a *birth certificate* and *proof of address* with you when you register. There are no kindergarten fees.

Jessie Duncan Elementary School offers full day/alternate day kindergarten programming (Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday).



Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions (403-886-2233).

Pre-Kindergarten Programming is available for qualified students. Please contact Mrs. Jackson for more information.

PO Box 29, 105 Newton Drive, Penhold, AB. T0M 1R0

## Our commitment to health and wellness

A message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we know that ensuring a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the achievement of our students and staff alike. Nurturing a culture of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being in our schools helps students reach their full potential, and we also care very deeply about this priority for our staff. We have created a new Staff Health and Wellness Committee to support these initiatives across our division. Doing so will ensure we are all ready to learn and ready to teach in every classroom across our division.

The new year provides a perfect opportunity to focus on the steps being taken in our schools to ensure the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. I thank everyone whose efforts are supporting these priorities, and I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a happy and healthy new year.

**Kurt Sacher—Superintendent of Schools**



## POWER Award Winners



**Congratulations to our Award winners from December 2017!**

**KC M/W:** Brianna, Isaiah, Nevaeh  
**KC T/Th:** Jacob, Reid  
**KS M/W:** Robyn, Cohen  
**KS T/Th:** Greyr, Harlow  
**1D:** Hailey, Caleb, Austin  
**1Ma:** Makayla, Hayden, Roman, Troy  
**1M:** Kaylia, Ethan, Lucas, Jersey  
**1W:** Siena, Natalia, Brodhi, Avery  
**2B:** Charlie, Sarah, Trinity  
**2H:** Koen, Sammy  
**2N:** Reed, Paisley



**Tidy Teddy Award — Ms. Wanke's Grade 1 Classroom**



**THANK YOU:** We would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to the Penhold Community, Jessie Duncan Elementary School, Penhold School and Penhold Community Church together filling **157 Christmas shoeboxes!**

*From, Penhold & District Optimist Club*



December 8, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our school division is part of a larger partnership called Central Alberta Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (CA RCSD). (See below for the list of partners.) As part of this partnership we are pleased to inform you that we have access to a team of therapists/specialists from Children’s Rehabilitation Services (CRS) who can support our students and the school staff who work with them. Members of this team may include Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs), Occupational Therapists (OTs) and Speech Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs).

Various members of this team may visit your child’s school and classroom throughout the year, working alongside the teachers and other staff to compliment the school programming. Some everyday activities with which the team may be involved include:

- meeting with school staff to discuss and plan for the needs of students and classrooms;
- observing in classrooms and consulting on classroom environment to support learning;
- participating in classroom routines/activities alongside the children
- providing (and possibly modelling portions of) strategies and materials for the teacher to use with the entire class

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the SLP and OT who are currently regular members of our school learning team:

SLP- Kathy <u>Broks</u>	OT-Charmaine Eerkes
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These team members may be in your child’s class from time to time, and may interact with your child in the course of their work outlined above. Please be assured that you will be consulted if any individual follow-up is being considered. Individualized services with CRS therapists require your consent and, typically, family participation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this team of therapists/specialists, please do not hesitate to call Becca Chmelyk (gr. 1-2) or Elisa Jackson (K) at 403-886-2233

Yours truly,

Ms. Chmelyk &  
Mrs. Jackson

Wanda Christensen  
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**Note:** We are partnered with 8 other school divisions, several First Nations education authorities, Alberta Health Services (Children’s Rehabilitation Service and Community Addiction and Mental Health), as well as Children’s Services and Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD).

Dear Parents,



Students will be participating in ice skating at the Lincoln Street outdoor skating rink as part of our Physical Education program between January—March.

All students will need to bring/wear the following:

- Properly fitted skates (please send in a non-plastic bag)
- An approved helmet for skating (bicycle helmets are not appropriate). The helmet should have CSA, CE or ASTM approval on it.
- Appropriate clothing, including snow pants and mittens/gloves

The school does has some skates and helmets that can be borrowed. Please contact your child’s teacher to arrange to borrow these items. *Parents are welcome to join us on skating days.* Extra hands to tie skates are always appreciated! Please let your child’s teacher know if you will be able to help out on skating days.

As per Chinook’s Edge School Division Field Trip Procedure 2 – 09, parents are required to give informed consent for their child’s participation in field trip activities. **These permission forms will be going out to each class separately. Please return them as soon as possible.**

### **Skating Schedule**

Just a reminder that we will **NOT** skate if the temperature is **below -15**; Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools states: “Students must wear a **CSA, CE or ASTM** approved skating helmet, properly fitted skates, and gloves or mitts.”

MONTH	TIME	DAY	TEACHER
January / February	1:30pm—2:15pm	Mondays (M/W class)	Mrs. Smith
January / February	1:00pm—1:45pm	Thursdays (T/Th class)	Mrs. Smith
January / February	1:00pm—2:00pm	Tuesdays	Mrs. Manesh/Mrs. Drandsfield/Daines
January / February	1:00pm—2:00pm	Fridays	Mrs. Miller / Mrs. Wanke
February / March	1:50pm—2:50pm	Thursdays	Mr. Bronson
February / March	1:00pm—2:00pm	Wednesdays	Mrs. Neumeier/ MS. Hammarstrand
February / March	1:00pm—2:00pm	Mondays (M/W Class)	Mrs. Crebas
February / March	1:00pm—2:00pm	Tuesdays (T/Th class)	Mrs. Crebas

**All forms must be returned before your child can start skating.**

