



Jessie Duncan Elementary School

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

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

Newsletter—May 3, 2018

Dates to Remember

- May 4 No School (Collaborative Day)
- May 7 Bus Driver Appreciation
- May 8 Hot Lunch orders due
- May 10 & 11 Spring Photos
- May 14 Spell-a-thon Assembly
- May 15 Hot Dog Hot Lunch
- May 18 No School
- May 21 Victoria Day No School
- May 22 Gr 1 Swimming Begins
- May 23 Booster Juice
- May 24 6pm Fall Kinder and PreK Information Night
- May 25 Insect Day and Muffin Morning!
- May 31 Power Assembly 2:20p
- June 1 Cowboy Day
- June 7 Bike Rodeo
- June 8 No School
- June 15 Sports Day



Principal's Message



Spring has sprung and there are several projects that will be taking shape on the JDES playground over the next several months.

1. **Roof Work**—this is scheduled maintenance for the north east section of roof over the main building. Work should start this week and take approximately 2 weeks to complete.
2. **Playground Installation**—School Council recently approved the purchase of the River Glen playground. With the increase in students this year and next, additional playground space was desperately needed. Work is already underway!
3. **Modular Construction**—Additional classroom space will be added to the school at the south east entrance. This work will begin towards the end of May and will be completed in time for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Safety precautions including construction fencing and changes in entry doors will be in place to ensure the safety of all students during this period of construction.

Mrs. Henry

Ensuring the highest levels of safety

A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge is highly regarded for our efforts to surpass safety standards in our schools, and results from our most recent external safety audit shows an extremely high overall score of 92 percent. Our entire division undergoes a safety audit each year, involving a rotating cycle of inspections at 15 schools and departments. This commitment to safety as a priority is continually impressive to auditors and has resulted in the renewal of the coveted COR status (Certificate of Recognition), which greatly reduces Workers Compensation payments and elevates safety across the division.

This diligent attention to safety is practiced throughout Chinook's Edge every day, through detailed safety protocols and facility evaluations by our Safety Manager. We are proud to be recognized as a provincial leader in ensuring high expectations for safety because we care about the people in our facilities – our students, staff, parents, volunteers and guests. This priority ensures everyone continues to thrive in our safe and caring schools.

Kurt Sacher, Superintendent

Spell-a-thon Fundraiser

Our Spell-a-thon fundraiser kicked off at the start of April 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 practiced hard for the Spell-a-thon and wrote their spelling tests on April 27.

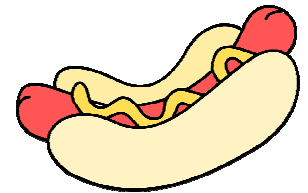
Pledge money is due no later than May 3rd. Our celebration assembly will be held on May 14th at 2:20 pm.

Thank you for your support!



May 15 Hot Dog Lunch

Online orders must be received no later than May 8 @ 10am.



*****We are still looking for a few parent volunteers to assist with this lunch. Please contact Mrs. Johnson at the office. Thank you!**

POWER Award Winners - POWER Award Winners

Congratulations to our Award winners from February and April 2018!

- KC M/W: Romi, Payten
- KC T/Th: Azariah, Quinten
- KS M/W: Xavier, Bella
- KS T/Th: Aiden, Olivia
- 1D: Boston, Corbin, Hailey, Mya
- 1S: Mia, Jack, Xavier
- 1M: Victoria, Kara, Nate, Ethan
- 1W: Aiden, Dex, Natalia, Eryn
- 2B: Madison, Laine
- 2H: Carson, Chloe, River
- 2N: Madalyn, Austin, Arianna

Tidy Teddy Award - Mrs. Jackson's PreK class



Spring Photos—May 10 and 11

Lifetouch Photography will be here on Thursday, May 10 for grade 1 and Thursday's Kinders and Friday, May 11 for Grade 2, PreK and M/W Kinders to do Spring photos.



Photo proofs will be sent home once the office receives them.

We will need 2 parent volunteers to help with photos on May 10/11. Lifetouch will provide a gift certificate for photos as a thank you for volunteering. **Please call Mrs. Johnson if you can volunteer your time.**

Fall Pre-K and Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night

Thursday, May 24th

6:00pm—7:00pm

Jessie Duncan Elementary School Gym

This meeting is for parents of students entering pre-kindergarten or kindergarten *in the Fall*. This is a parents only meeting, so *please make childcare arrangements for your children*.

An invitation will be mailed out to all registered students. If you haven't registered yet, please come in and pick up a registration form.

Student orientation will take place at the end of June. You can sign up for a student orientation time at the parent meeting on May 24.



Grade One Swimming Lessons Begin May 22nd

To help things run smoothly on swim days, please remember the following:

1. Send your child in clothing that is easy to get on and off (eg. no leggings/tights).
2. Label your child's clothing.
3. Swim suit and towel in a separate bag from backpack.
4. Do not send shampoo, money or food in the swim bag.
5. Goggles are okay – please label with your child's name.
6. Students with long hair may prefer to have it tied back.
7. Send an extra snack for your child to have when we get back to school.

We are asking that all registrations and payments be completed **before swim lessons begin**. Check the dates and timetables below for your students information.

Innisfail Aquatic Centre swim lesson cost: \$30.00 per student

Jessie Duncan School transportation cost: \$10.00 per student – Parent/School Council will cover half of transportation costs

Total cost per student: \$40.00—fees are to be paid Online

Swim lesson dates and times

Every Tuesday and Thursday from May 22 until June 14.

Dates: May 22, 24, 29, 31 and June 5, 7, 12, 14

Mrs. Shantz @ 10:30am

Mrs. Miller @ 11:15am

Ms. Wanke @ 1:45pm

Every Monday and Wednesday from May 23 until June 18.

Dates: May 23, 28, 30 and June 4, 6, 11, 13, 18

Mrs. Daines / Mrs. Dransfield @ 1:45pm

