



# Jessie Duncan Elementary School

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

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

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**October 4, 2018 ~ Newsletter**

## Mark Your Calendar

- Oct 5-8** No School —  
Thanksgiving
- Oct 12** Fire Safety Week
- Oct 16** Hot Dog Hot Lunch
- Oct 17** School Council  
Meeting 7pm
- Oct 24** School Photos for  
PreK, M/W Kinders, Gr 1
- Oct 25** School Photos for  
T/Th Kinders, Gr 2 & 3
- Oct 26** No School  
Collab Day
- Oct 29** Power Assembly  
@2:20pm
- Oct 31** Halloween Costume  
Gym—9:15am



## Principal's Message



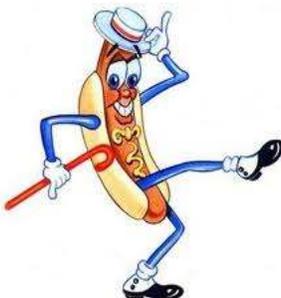
It's hard to believe that our first month of school is behind us already! It's been a busy month for learning new routines and grade expectations and everyone is feeling settled in. Thank you for reinforcing these with your children.

Our weather this past month has certainly created some challenges on our playground in terms of mud and wet. Thank you for sending your children dressed for the wet conditions. We are working with Facility Services to resolve some of the wetter areas of the playground. We appreciate your understanding.

We had 12 parents attend our first School Council meeting of the year! Thank you for sharing your time with us — we hope to see you at our October 17 meeting, too! All parents are welcome to attend.

Grades 1—3 held Parent-Teacher Interviews this week. We like to connect with parents early in the year to discuss how children are settling in. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. PreK and Kindergarten parents will have interviews at the end of November.

Mrs. Henry



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need **5** volunteers to help with the Hot Dog hot lunch day

Tuesday, October 16th. @ 10:45am-12:00pm.

Please call the office at 403-886-2233 if you can help.

**THANK YOU**

## Engaging every student in our Safe and Caring Schools

A Message from the Superintendent

We know that meaningful relationships and a foundation of trust move our students toward success, and that is precisely what you can expect for your child in Chinook's Edge. We are committed to ensuring each of our students and staff feel they are safe, cared for and that they belong. This is at the core of our quality learning environment, and it leads to healthy development for our students and a sense of wellness for everyone in our school communities.

Chinook's Edge takes enormous pride in the safe and caring culture in each of our schools. We work together toward this priority by sharing ideas, blending resources and leading projects that ensure we are a school division filled with safe, healthy and happy students and staff.

**Kurt Sacher**

**Superintendent of Schools**

**Please note:**

With the legalization of cannabis expected to take effect on October 17, we want to be clear that cannabis is considered to be a restricted substance in our school division. Cannabis use, like alcohol use, is prohibited in all Chinook's Edge schools, on school property or during school related activities. Details are provided on [Admin Procedure 3-11](#) 'Student Substance Abuse', and it is important to note that infractions will result in serious consequences. October 17<sup>th</sup> will be no different than October 16<sup>th</sup> in terms of what is allowed in our schools. Thank you.



## School Council Meeting—October 17

Join us for our monthly School Council and PAC meeting October 17 at 7 pm.

### Executive for 2018-2019

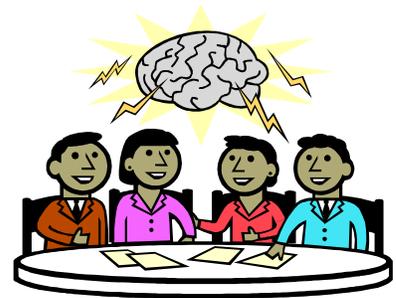
**President/Casino Chair** Ridehl Wilson

**Vice President** Nora Semchuk

**Secretary** Angela van der Loop

**Treasurer** Natalie Collett

**Directors** Jennifer Rowe, Tori King, Steph Willmer, Jill Anders, Heather Neufeld, Natasha Caissie, Stacie Wadin



## School Photo Day

Lifetouch will be at our school on *October 24 and 25* to take individual and class photos.

### Wednesday, Oct. 24th

PreK

Kindergarten M/W

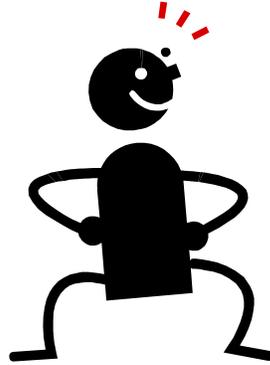
Grade 1

### Thursday, Oct. 25th

Kindergarten T / Th

Grade 2

Grade 3

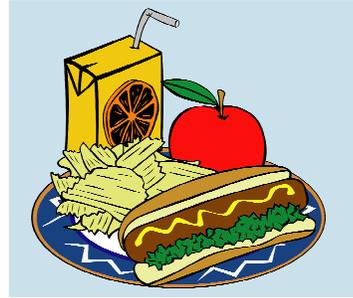


**\*\*We will need 2 parent volunteers to assist the photographer on photo days. If you are able to help out, please contact the school the office.**



## Terry Fox Run

**Thank you for your support of our annual Terry Fox Run. Our school raised \$603.34 for The Terry Fox Foundation. GOOD JOB KIDS!!!!**



### HOT LUNCH DEADLINES

You can find the hot lunch schedule online under the 'Parents' tab. Hot lunch order cut off times are at **10:00am** on the due date. Orders are **online only**. If you miss the deadline time it is too late to order because this is automatically sent to our vendor.

**Did you know?** If you prefer, you can order for the entire school year at once.

Order online at [www.jessieduncan.ca](http://www.jessieduncan.ca) and click on 'Online Payments' to login. If you require assistance please do not hesitate to call us.

## .....Winter is just around the corner!

Please send your child dressed for the weather. *We will go outside for all recesses — the only exception is for very inclement weather (too rainy or too cold).* Remember to mark your child's shoes/boots with their name or initials to avoid mix ups.



LOST items will be put on the lost & found tables. Check often!

## Power Award Winners—September 2018

We had our first POWER Assembly of the year on September 29th. Each month, students who are helping to make Jessie Duncan School a “nice place to be” will be recognized by their teachers and presented with a POWER Award certificate.

KC T/Th:	Brea, Benjamin, Lucas, Adriaunna
KS M/W:	Bennett, Emersyn, Norah
KS T/Th:	Easton, Parker, Sadie
1D:	Ryder, Reiker, Jessica
1F:	Xavier, Madison, Greyr
1M:	Cohen, Keegan, Sullivan, Zoey
1P:	Isaiah and Rockford
2B:	Aaylah & Ayla
2H:	Mya, Nanton, Zander
2N:	Tristan & Mia
2-3F:	Jo & Laci
3R:	Elexa, Madalyn, Melissa, Emery, Markus
3V:	Lauryn, Laine, Zane



**Tidy Teddy Award** — Miss Hammarstrand - Grade 2 Classroom



## HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES AT JESSIE DUNCAN

Students are welcome to wear their costumes at school until 10:20 am on **October 31.**

**9:15am** Costume Parade in gym (parents are welcome to come watch)

**10:20 am** Costumes removed before recess and put in backpacks for safe transport home

***We kindly ask that students not wear costumes that are overly violent or scary and that all props remain at home. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.***

Please check your child’s communication book for information on Halloween activities that may be going on in your child’s classroom.



Dear Parents:



### **Changes and Updates to the School Immunization Program**

Alberta Health has made changes to the school immunization program that will take effect in the 2018/19 school year.

#### **What is changing?**

##### ***HBV and HPV vaccines***

Previously in Alberta, Grade 5 students were offered three doses of vaccine for Hepatitis B (HBV) and three doses of vaccine for Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Alberta is moving from a three-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 5 to a two-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 6 for both HBV and HPV vaccines. Alberta Health has made this change to align with the evidence, which shows that administering two doses at least six months apart will provide children with good protection against Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus diseases.

The Grade 9 school immunization program including the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (dTdap) and Meningococcal (MenC-ACYW) vaccines will continue to be offered.

The HBV vaccine given in a two-dose series is approved for children 11 years up to and including 15 years of age. In Alberta, the majority of students are 11 years of age in Grade 6, therefore HBV immunizations will be offered in Grade 6 rather than Grade 5.

The HPV vaccine given in a two-dose series is approved for children 9 years up to and including 14 years of age who have a well-functioning immune system. HPV immunizations will be offered at the same time as the HBV vaccine, in Grade 6 rather than Grade 5. A three-dose series will continue to be offered to students with compromised immune systems.

##### **Catch-up immunization program**

In the 2018/19 school year, public health nurses will be reviewing the immunization records of all Alberta students from Grades 1 to 9 to assess immunization status. You will be contacted if your child is missing immunization information.

With your consent, your child can be offered the immunizations they are missing at school. You will continue to have the final decision on immunizing your child.

As per current practice, if a highly contagious vaccine-preventable disease, such as measles, occurs at school, children with missing immunization information or declined immunization may be excluded from school to protect their health. In some cases, children may need to stay home for several weeks.

Below is an outline of the changes that will occur to the school immunization program in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years.

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**2018/2019 School Year**

Students in Grade 5 will not be immunized with the HPV and HBV vaccines, as they will be offered the vaccines the following year in Grade 6.

With your consent, children in Grades 1 to 9 who are missing immunizations will be offered immunizations at school.

**2019/2020 School Year**

Students in Grade 6 will be offered immunization with the HPV and HBV vaccines as a two-dose series.

With your consent, children in Grades 1 to 9 who are missing immunizations will be offered immunizations at school.

Alberta Health Services, Public Health will work closely with the schools and school authorities to ensure that immunization does not interfere with students taking the Provincial Achievement Tests.

More information on immunization and Alberta's routine immunization schedule and changes to the school immunization program is available at [www.health.alberta.ca/health-info/immunization.html](http://www.health.alberta.ca/health-info/immunization.html)

If you have any questions about immunizing your child, please contact your school's public health nurse, call 811 or visit <http://immunizealberta.ca/>.

Sincerely,

Alberta Health Services

The logo for the province of Alberta, featuring the word "Alberta" in a stylized, cursive script. The letter "a" at the end is replaced by a small blue square.