

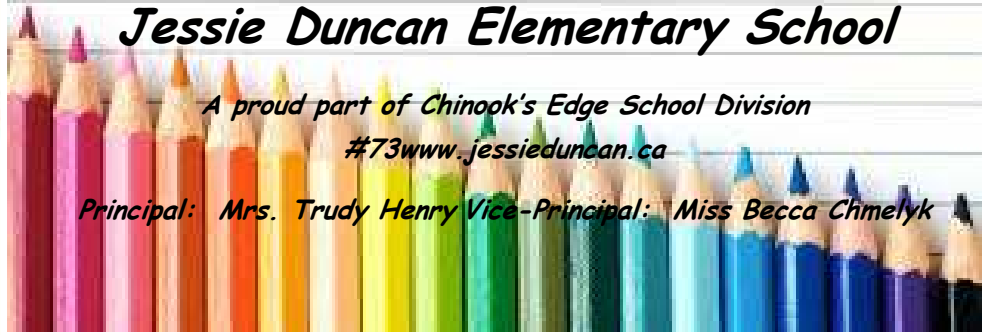


Jessie Duncan Elementary School

A proud part of Chinook's Edge School Division

#73 www.jessieduncan.ca

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



Newsletter—September 6th, 2018

Dates to Remember

Sept 19 School Council 7 pm

Sept 20 Terry Fox Run

Sept 21 No School

(Professional Learning Day)

Sept 28 POWER Assembly

@ 2:20 pm

Oct 2-3 Grade 1—3 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Oct 5-8 No School—Thanksgiving Weekend



Important Message about the School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER will be the **ONLY** month you will receive a paper copy of the school newsletter.

Below are your options:

⇒ You can sign-up online on our website to receive it by email direct to you.

⇒ Follow our Facebook Page

⇒ View on our Website

We want to make sure you do not miss any important information!

Principal's Message



Welcome Back! Our school was buzzing with activity this summer as work on our new classrooms was completed. Our grade one students and teachers are enjoying this new learning space. Landscaping around the new wing will be finished up this month.

The staff at JDES are very excited to be back and look forward to a fantastic year of learning!

The start of the year can be a mix of emotions - it is not uncommon for students (and parents) to feel excited and nervous all at the same time! The first few days of school are planned with this in mind. School staff will be spending a lot of time supporting students as they get to know one another, make new friends, settle into new routines, and get used to a full day of learning.

For those students riding the bus for the first time, we have extra supervision at Penhold Crossing for the first couple weeks to support our students who have to transfer buses. Our older students are also very responsible and look out for our little ones!

We look forward to learning, growing and working with you this year.



Mrs. Henry

2018-2019

Jessie Duncan Elementary School Staff

Mrs. Trudy Henry	Principal/ Library (K and 1)
Miss Becca Chmelyk	Vice-Principal/ Library (2 and 3)
Mrs. Tina Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Teierle	Administrative Assistant/Library Tech
Mrs. Elisa Jackson	Pre-Kindergarten/Student Services
Mrs. Shyla Smith	Kindergarten
Mrs. Chrissy Crebas	Kindergarten
Ms. Sandra Dransfield	Grade One
Mrs. Cheryl Daines	Grade One
Mrs. Judy Miller	Grade One
Miss Natalie Potratz	Grade One
Miss Malynn Frank	Grade One
Mr. Justin Bronson	Grade Two
Miss Sheveryn Hammarstrand	Grade Two
Ms. Christine Neumeier	Grade Two
Mrs. Lisa Fletcher	Grade Two/Three
Mrs. Ami Rintoul	Grade Three
Miss Lacey Vickery	Grade Three
Mrs. Stephanie Shantz	Music/ Early Literacy
Mrs. Darlene Evans	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Carol Hermus	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Tara Lind	Educational Assistant
Ms. Denise Rogers	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Shay Fox	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Tanya Richardson	Educational Assistant
Ms. Kari Kolback	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Bobbi Ferguson	Educational Assistant
Ms. Brianna Mainhood	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Kristy Quayle	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Sarah Giesbrecht	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Karen Unterschultz	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Debbie Wilson	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Christen Sweet	Family School Wellness
Mrs. Connie Malena	Family School Wellness
Mrs. Emma Dufresne	Speech Language Assistant
Mrs. Tracey Budd	Custodian
Mr. Norm Sanderson	Custodian



Challenging, encouraging and believing in every student

A Message from the Board of Education

Welcome to a new year of learning together in Chinook's Edge School Division! We are proud to be part of the strong Chinook's Edge team of caring professionals, and we value working collaboratively with parents and families in our school communities. Clearly everyone is working together toward student wellness and success!

Our dedicated staff share a focus on four key goals in all of our schools - Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career and Post-Secondary Transitions, and Social Emotional development. Ensuring this firm foundation will allow our students to continue to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime.

To support this strong focus that we expect in our schools, Chinook's Edge is being strategic in our efforts to manage an ever increasing amount of electronic communication. We call this new practice **Weekdays 'til 6**, and it involves all non-emergency emails and texts being sent only prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. We believe **Weekdays 'til 6** honours the personal time of families and staff, and will ensure our staff are set to deliver their very best to your children each day. For more information on **Weekdays 'til 6**, please visit the *Students & Parents* section at our website www.cesd73.ca.

Thank you for supporting this practice so that we can start fresh each day, ready to engage every student in meaningful learning. It is the strength of our relationships that creates our quality learning environments which Chinook's Edge is known for, and we value this immensely. Our Board and the Central Office Leadership Team wishes everyone a healthy and dynamic year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

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Bell Times for 2018-2019

Students should only be arriving to school in time for the morning bell at 8:45 a.m. Playground supervision does not begin until 8:30 am. Students must go to the playground for supervision.

8:45 am	Entry Bell
8:45—10:20 am	Morning Classes
10:20 —10:35 am	Recess
10:25 am—11:55 am	Morning Classes
11:55 —12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15 —12:35 pm	Recess
12:35—3:05 pm	Afternoon Classes—Teachers build in a flexible snack/ movement break into their afternoon schedule.
3:05 pm	Dismissal Bell- Students gather their belongings and exit the school

Striving to be nut free!

We have students with severe allergies to nuts. Please do not send any food/snacks that contain nuts or nut products. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

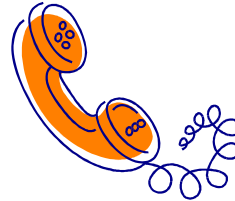


Call Safe—

Please call the school before 9:30 am to let us know if your child is going to be away or late —403-886-2233. We call home for all unexcused absences.

Please tell us:

- ⇒ *Your name*
- ⇒ *Your child's name and teacher*
- ⇒ *Reason for absence*



Dropping By the School?

As we like to keep disruptions to the classroom learning environments to a minimum, *we kindly ask that you:*

1. **Check in with the office** when you arrive. We also ask all visitors during the school day to *sign in and out at the front counter.*
2. **Remain outside your child's bootroom at the start and end of the day** to ease the congestion in the bootrooms.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Bus Zone Times: Our bus zone has shifted slightly...Look for the red pylons to identify the new zone.



The bus zone in front of the school is in effect:

- 8:15—8:45 am
- 2:45—3:45 pm
- On swim lesson days and field trip days (times will vary)

Please do not park or drop off in front of the school during those times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Lot Reminder:

The school parking lot is for staff vehicles only — no student drop off or pick up, please. Parent parking is available along Newton Drive and on Lincoln Street.

Please use the sidewalk along the parking lot to access the south side of the playground. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children safe!



End of Day Pick Up

- Please wait outside your child's exterior door at the end of the day.
- To help with congestion, once you and your child are reunited, please move away from the area to allow other parents to collect their child.

Jessie Duncan School Now Has A Breakfast Program!!

With funding from the Alberta Government, we are pleased to announce that we will have a Nutrition Program that will provide daily breakfast for all students at Jessie Duncan School! We are thrilled that we can positively impact the learning of our students by ensuring that everyone starts their school day with something in their tummies!



The program will begin on Monday, September 10, 2018. The breakfast of the day will be waiting for students when they arrive to their classrooms at 8:45 am. 8:45—9:00 am will be breakfast and settle in time for students.

Important Things for Parents to Know:

- The menu will be shared with you through the school newsletter and posted on our website.
- Participation in the program is optional. If you know your child will not want the breakfast item of the day, please ensure they have breakfast at home.
- Menu items will be nut free. However, we are not able to accommodate any other dietary restrictions.

Breakfast Menu—September 10—20, 2018

September 10	September 11	September 12	September 13	September 14
Applesauce	Granola Bar	Bagel	Pancakes	Cereal
Yogurt	Cheese	Fruit	Fruit	Milk
Dry Cereal	Fruit	Yogurt	Yogurt	Fruit

Medical Updates



Your child's health and safety is very important to us! If there has been any change in medication or health information that you feel the school should be notified of, please contact the school office.

Administering Medication to Students at School

There may be circumstances, during the school year, where you may find that *there is no other option* but for your child to take medication during school hours.

There are specific Chinook's Edge School Division procedures that must be followed. *These procedures apply to all types of medication — doctor/pharmacist issued prescriptions and over the counter medications.*

In order to provide due care and avoid confusion over what is or is not required, parents must request to the principal that medication be administered to a child during school hours. CESD Procedures state that requests shall:

1. Be in writing; issued by a medical practitioner or pharmacist.
2. Specify the time(s) at which such medication should be administered.
3. Specify the exact dosage and method of administration
4. Specify the duration of the treatment
5. Outline procedure to be followed in case of a suspected adverse reaction.

*No medication will be administered to a student unless the above conditions have been met. All medication will be stored in a secure place in the office. Students will come to the office for administration of the medication.

Please do not send medication with your child without first contacting your child's teacher. A parent/guardian permission form is available at the office that must be completed.

If you have any questions, regarding these procedures, please contact Mrs. Henry.



Dental Outreach of Red Deer (DOoR)

Free urgent dental treatment for children 5-18 years of age having difficulty accessing dental care.

Services are provided at the Red Deer Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre

For more information, please call 403-356-6302 and ask for the DOoR program.