

Jessie Duncan School Newsletter

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

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Principal's Message

Hello everyone and welcome back!



We hope everyone had a fun and restful break. January is one of our best months for learning in elementary school. Our routines are established and we have strong relationships with our students allowing our teams to focus on learning. Often we see some of our biggest gains in the next five weeks.

The staff at Jessie Duncan continue to be dedicated to our students and we have many supports that make our school great. Here are just a few:

- Our collaborative teams that work together to support all students
- Our music specialist Mrs. Klassen
- Early Literacy Support for emerging readers
- The support of our School Council and community
- Mrs. Duffy and our breakfast program
- The dedicated staff of Jessie Duncan Elementary School

Our amazing students who do their very best each day

Kory Sholdice, Principal

Jan 2022

Mark Your Calendar

Jan 11th: Hot Lunch Day

Jan 14th: No School

Jan 26th: Hot Lunch Day

Jan 27: Family Literacy Day
- Dress-up as your favorite
book character!

Jan 31st: No School

Coming Up.....

Feb 1st: Hot Lunch Orders Due by 10am

Feb 9 & 15: Hot Lunch Days





Ready, Set, Go! Welcome to Kindergarten

Online Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins on January 10!



Supporting the health and wellness of our students and staff A message from the Superintendent



In Chinook's Edge, we know that creating a positive social-emotional culture in our schools will significantly impact the well-being and achievement of both students and staff. We care deeply about this priority and the entire division is engaged in creating SEW supportive classrooms. Social Emotional Well-being (SEW) has been a key divisional goal for us for several years.

Under the direction of Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, Chinook's Edge has developed a series of training sessions for school leaders, teachers and support staff. The focus of these sessions is to promote universal social emotional strategies, such as focusing on the classroom environment and using visuals to support classroom routines. The training also focuses on the importance of developing emotional vocabulary and self-awareness. The strategies are being shared through training to all division staff who work directly with students: teachers, educational assistants and school administrators. A highlight of the training sessions was recognizing key characteristics which capture the most impactful social emotional classroom environment.

This determined focus, to bring social emotional well-being supports to life in every school, will help students and staff reach their full potential. When everyone in our school communities are met each morning knowing they are welcome, safe, cared for and respected, they are more open to learning, leading and succeeding.

We would like to hear from you about this priority through a brief survey on our website: Let's Talk Social Emotional Well-being.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Central Office Leadership Team, we wish each of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year! Here is the latest <u>Board eNews</u>, and please visit our website for more Trustee Updates.

Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools

POWER Award Winners - POWER Award Winners

Congratulations to our Award winners from December 2021!

PreK: Jackson, Merritt

KC: Ella, Raelyn, Tinsley, AnyaKG: Scarlett, Willa, Braxton, Kash

1DS: Hayden, Meah **1P:** Brayden, Scarlett

1S: Grayson, Lila1W: Colby, Irelyn

2B: Summer, Ethan, Lilee
2D: Sophia, Cole, Saffron
2N: Kayden, Avery, Ariana
3R: Azaleia, Callie, Parker

3S: Kate, Jared, Rhys

3V: Jax, Ariana

Tidy Teddy Award: Mrs. Smith Grade 3 Class





ALL PARENTS—VISITORS

If you come in the school for any amount of time,

i.e. for a late arrival or early pick-up, you **MUST** wear a mask!

Thank you for keeping our school safe.



BUSING - ON YELLOW DAYS

What happens when there is a inclement weather Yellow day, and no busses are running?

This means, that due to the cold weather and *Chinook's Edge School Division* bus safety guidelines, our division is unable to provide transportation to school on a Yellow Day.

Yes, school is open and classes are as scheduled.

No, we can not assume all bus students are excused for the day.

Yes, we do need a phone call to excuse your child from class due to weather if you can not drive them in. We can not assume the whereabouts of each student, as many students do come to school another way despite the buses not running. Regular attendance procedure is done on these days. Thank you for keeping our students safe!