

APR  
2021

Jessie Duncan  
Elementary School

# Newsletter

## CALENDAR

April 2-5: Easter Long Weekend

April 6: HL Orders Due @10am

April 14: Hot Lunch Day

April 16: Western Dress Day

April 19-23: Spring Break

April 27: Booster Juice Day

May 4: HL Orders Due @ 10am

**\*See PAC Fundraiser\*  
Info Attached**

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

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## Principal's Message

We are happy to welcome spring and some incredible weather. Last year we had no students on our playground and a few feet of snow. This year we have no snow and our students! A much better combination.

Thank you all for attending our parent-teacher interviews. We have noticed that parents who have different work schedules were able to attend interviews this year either through the phone or on Google Meets. It is our plan to offer these options next year to help parents stay connected.

April will be a quick month with Easter and Spring break. At this time of year, we really see growth in our students. Our teachers will be working hard with our students to continue teaching and learning. We have a few months to go and everyone will be making the best of every day to learn as much as possible!

*Mr. Kory Sholdice*

## **\*New\* Fee for School Supplies in 2021-2022**

As a school we are always considering how to best serve our students and families. For several years, Olds Elementary school has implemented a program to reduce the price of school supplies and increase equity for all students. The program has been very successful and well received. We will be implementing this program for the 2021-2022 school year.

### **How does it work?**

Our teachers create their school supply list and we, as a school purchase the supplies. This bulk ordering allows us to secure better pricing and it also ensures that all students receive high quality supplies.

### **How do I pay? What is the cost?**

The cost will be \$45 dollars or less per student. In the fall, you will receive a school fee on your school account. More information will be provided at that time.

### **What if we move mid year?**

If your family moves away, we will send any unused supplies with your child. As always, we will help to set your child up for success at their new school.

### **Is everything included?**

No. You will still need to provide a backpack, indoor shoes, water bottle and some classes may require headphones. We will send a note home for each grade with more details at the end of the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kory Sholdice or Susan Dillabough at the school.



**POWER Award Winners - POWER Award Winners**

**Congratulations to our Award winners from March 2021!**

**Pre-K:** Nevaya, Karsynn

**KC:** River, Ryelie, Nash, Remi, Bryden

**KM:** Riley, Brady, Marko, Aubree

**1DS:** Jordyn, Ryder, Max

**1-2W:** Cloe

**1M:** Carver, Faith, Avery

**1P:** William, Kora

**2B:** Thane, Audrey

**2DM:** Owen, Mya, Emily

**2N:** Atticus, Kai, Colt

**3S:** Sairis, Cohen, Josh

**3R:** Kaylee, Austin, Lexi-Anne

**3V:** Sophia, Reid, Parker



**Tidy Teddy Award - Mrs. Smith's, Grade 3 Class**

**Fall 2021 Kindergarten Message**

**Dear Fall Kinder Families,**

We are so excited to have you join Jessie Duncan Elementary School in the Fall! Kindergarten is the most exciting and fun grade by far and we can't wait to share it with you! Sadly, things look a little different for us this year in terms of Kindergarten Orientation and Open House. Since we can't have our families in to join us for a tour quite yet, we will be taking you on a virtual tour of the school, our kinder doors, boot rooms, bathrooms and classrooms. We will be sending out this video sometime in May so you can get a peek into next Fall's Kinder World! Our Orientation will also look a little different, as we will be having it in September so we can wait to answer any questions you may have about how the year will look for your little ones. Thanks so much and see you all in the Fall!

**Kindergarten Teachers**

**Miss McBride  
&  
Mrs. Crebas**





# CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION No. 73

### **Strong leadership at every level sets students and staff up for success**

A Message from the Board of Trustees

Supporting the growth of our leaders has always been a priority for Chinook's Edge and there has never been a greater need for exceptional leadership than this past year. Trustees are proud that our classroom, school and division office leaders are determined to ensure our work of teaching and learning is continuing successfully. We are so grateful for their efforts.

Without a doubt, leadership extends to parents who are leading the learning from home when called upon. We can see that our Chinook's Edge culture of caring, collaboration and respect is present in our shared resolve to move learning forward for our students. We have witnessed evidence of hard work and goodwill in all of our school communities and appreciate leadership at all levels that come together to support students.

We would be remiss when speaking of leadership not to mention that the culture of leadership comes from the top. It is with extreme pride that we take a moment to recognize Kurt Sacher and the recent announcement that he has received the EXL Award for Excellence in School System Leadership from the College of Alberta School Superintendents. Kurt has a gift at building relationships. He is passionate about his work and authentically cares about students, staff and families.

It is these leadership qualities that ensure Chinook's Edge is the division where students come first.

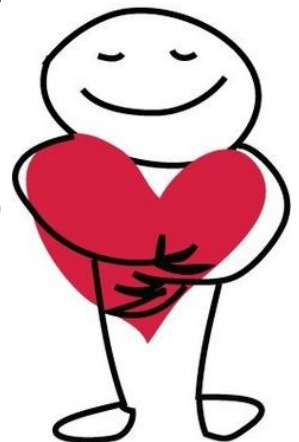
**Chair Holly Bilton,**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

## Thank you to JDES Families

From all of JDES Staff, we want to thank all of our parents for graciously following all of the AHS health guidelines and protocols during this school year. We know how much you must miss being able to volunteer in your child's classroom, attend events such as the monthly assembly's and year end field trips. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through this time.

We all welcome the day when we can all get back to normal!



**JDES Staff**



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## FOOD SERVICE

Dear Families,

Mark your calendars! The "Fill your Freezer" fundraiser is happening **APRIL 28- MAY 11**, just in time for BBQ season! Order restaurant quality food and support the purchase of new books for the school library.

### JOIN our fundraiser in 3 easy steps:

Check out our fundraiser here or Scan the code below:  
<https://jessieduncanelementary.myteamfund.ca>

1. Click "JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER"
2. Shop online on your own personal page until Tuesday, May 11th at 11:00 pm
3. Sharing is Caring!

After you Join the Fundraiser: You can easily share your personal link to supporters via text, email, social media and Facebook groups or download your own personal order form to collect additional orders.

You can pick up your order(s): Thursday, May 20th at 5:00 pm

\* More details on the web page.

Scan Here to Join



Hold your camera over the barcode, no need to take a photo.

Thanks again for your support. Every order counts!



# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)



## Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

## Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Has the child traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered "YES":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.</li> <li>If the child develops any symptoms, use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.</li> </ul> <p>If the child answered "NO", proceed to question 2.</p>			
2.	Has the child had close contact with a case <sup>1</sup> of COVID-19 in the last 14 days? Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer or direct physical contact such as hugging	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered "YES":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.</li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE: Individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days before being exposed to another case of COVID-19 are not required to quarantine.</i></p> <p>If the child answered "NO", proceed to question 3.</p>			
3.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath Continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child is to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities</li> <li>Use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.</li> </ul> <p>If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 3, proceed to question 4.</p>			

4.	<b>Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:</b>		
	<b>Chills</b> Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	<b>Sore throat/painful swallowing</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
	<b>Runny nose/congestion</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	<b>Feeling unwell/fatigued</b> Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
	<b>Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea</b> Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
	<b>Unexplained loss of appetite</b> Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
	<b>Muscle/joint aches</b> Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
	<b>Headache</b> Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
	<b>Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)</b>	YES	NO

If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 4:

- Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.
- If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.
- If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 4:

- Keep your child home.
- Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.
- Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.

If the child answered "NO" to all questions:

- Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities.

**Please note:** If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.