

MAR  
2021

Jessie Duncan  
Elementary School

# Newsletter

## CALENDAR

**Mar 2:** Hot Lunch Orders  
Due by 10am  
**Mar 5:** No School  
**Mar 16:** Hot Lunch Day  
**Mar 18:** Progress Reports  
**Mar 19:** No School  
**Mar 22-29:** Online Book Fair  
**Mar 24:** Booster Juice Day  
**Mar 26:** Jersey Day  
**April 6:** April Hot Lunch Orders  
due by 10:00am

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[www.jessieduncan.ca](http://www.jessieduncan.ca)

**Principal:** Mr. Kory Sholdice **Vice-Principal:** Mrs. Susan Dillabough  
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## Principal's Message

For two years in a row we have dipped into -40 and even -50 with the wind-chill. However, our winter has been a mild one and our students have been taking advantage of the weather on our sliding hill, playground and creating their own fun with the snow. We are hoping that March brings more of the same.

March is a busy month for teachers as they prepare progress reports. This year we will not have student-led conferences. Instead we will have parent/teacher interviews that will happen either via Google Meet or over the phone. We look forward to connecting with you and discussing your child's learning.

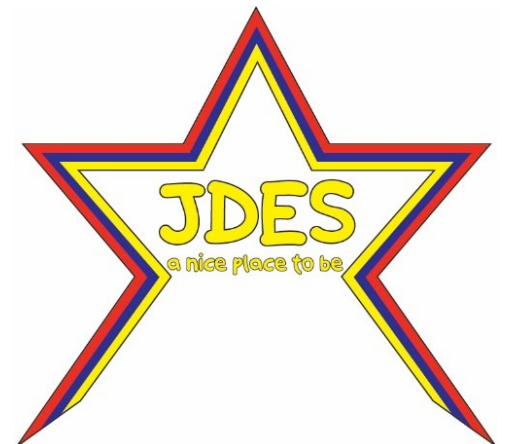
March is also when we start to think about budget for next school year. To help us with enrollment predictions we will be emailing a Google Form link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAVKmvJ-I0AhYUTWX7Spc4f4owR9bF-JjpFVA6saYerCLwQg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAVKmvJ-I0AhYUTWX7Spc4f4owR9bF-JjpFVA6saYerCLwQg/viewform?usp=sf_link) This information really helps us with planning for next year.

We would also like your feedback on how we are doing. Please take a moment to fill in our Parent Satisfaction Survey to give us feedback on a few areas. We appreciate your time and use the information to guide our improvement goals. The survey will open on March 1, 2021 and can be accessed at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAVKmvJ-I0AhYUTWX7Spc4f4owR9bF-JjpFVA6saYerCLwQg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAVKmvJ-I0AhYUTWX7Spc4f4owR9bF-JjpFVA6saYerCLwQg/viewform?usp=sf_link)



## THANK YOU

The Ma & Pa's Bakery in Penhold regularly donates delicious baked goods to our breakfast program! We want to extend a HUGE heart felt thank you! It's such a lovely treat for the students!



## Fall 2021 Kindergarten Registration



### Online registration is still OPEN!

Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2021 to be eligible for Kindergarten. Please visit our website [www.jessieduncan.ca](http://www.jessieduncan.ca) to register your kindergartener online.

**We offer 2 full day Kindergarten programs—Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs (with alternating Fridays).**

*Please do not hesitate to call the school at (403) 886-2233 if you have any questions.*

## POWER AWARDS

### Power Award Winners—February 2021

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.

**PreK:** Axton, Regan

**KC:** Kasey, Sophia, Lennox, Owen, Wyatt

**KM:** Willow, Liam, Mason, Marlow

**1DS:** Isabella, Griffin, Anna

**1-2W:** Mackenzie, Lucas

**1M:** Ken, Saffron

**1P:** Oliver, Caleb

**2B:** Easton, Sophie, Cole

**2D:** Rachel, Jocelyn

**2N:** Kate, Jayden, Emersyn, Jordyn

**3S:** Robyn, Tegan, Conlin

**3R:** Cohen, Dominic, Arwen

**3V:** Romi, Russell, Gaby



### **Pre- Kindergarten registration is now open!**

Pre-Kindergarten builds children's strengths and skills in a playful, language-rich environment. The program is for children with severe needs who are between the ages of 2 years and 8 months and 4 years and 8 months old by September 1 of 2021. Community students who are interested in a preschool program and have no specialized needs are also accepted at a cost of \$200 per month.

### **GOALS**

- Learn to express themselves, share and problem solve
- Improve communication and motor skills through specific intervention, exploration and guided activities
- Build social skills and confidence in a playful and welcoming environment
- Discover new experiences, friends and a love of learning

### **BENEFITS**

- Regular access to specialized support (e.g., speech and language pathology, and occupational therapy)
- Development of appropriate skills and strategies that support learning and growth
- Improved ability to socialize and play with others
- Opportunities to share and celebrate the diversity of each other
- Strong partnership between family and school

### **THE PROGRAM**

- Half-day classes 8:40 - 11:40 Mon to Thurs (400 hours of instruction per year)
- Small class sizes.
- Playful and engaging learning environment
- Flexible instruction based on children's needs and interests



### **How do I register?**

- You can call the school and speak to Mrs. Dillabough, our Vice Principal, about your child and their needs. Next, the Pre-k teacher Ms. Fletcher will call you and go through the application form which will be reviewed by our team. Your child will need to meet program eligibility requirements based on an assessment or diagnosis from a healthcare provider. We can also provide a screen if you see a concern that has not been yet diagnosed.
- If your child is approved you will then be asked to fill in a registration form.



Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**





# CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION No. 73

## Students are achieving high levels of success

A Message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we are continually looking at different assessment tools which convey the great accomplishments of our students and staff. Although some traditional measures of student achievement have been disrupted because of COVID-19, we can continue to look at a number of other indicators when determining student success. A series of success measures are embedded in our division goals:

**Academic Excellence:** we are able to refer to data from grade 3 student learning achievement tests, grade 6 & 9 Provincial Achievement Tests, grade 12 Diploma Exams, along with PowerTeacherPro Gradebook, student attendance and reading support level data, among other measures.

**Career Connections:** our schools continue to refine their comprehensive plan of career exploration, planning and guidance for students in grades 9-12 and embed this work within school cultures.

**Social Emotional Well-being:** school staff are utilizing our social emotional framework and our collaborative response model, along with a new vision for supporting students in the early years, to ensure the needs of all students are being met.

Among all the checks and balances in place, we believe success can also be measured in the resilience that our students have shown as they have made the shift to learning online as needed. We understand that not all families have access to adequate internet in the home, and we know parents are trying their best to support their child when they are required by COVID-19 restrictions to learn online from home periodically. Here is [a link](#) to some tips we have developed to help improve home internet access, so that your child can get the most out of their learning. Also, we encourage you to reach out to your home internet provider. Many providers have been very helpful in working with families to improve access, and they have also been assisting our technology department as they continue working towards solutions together.

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Are you interested in running for Chinook's Edge Public School Trustee in the October election?

Please read more at [this link](#).

