

SEPT
2020

Jessie Duncan
Elementary School

Newsletter

CALENDAR

Sept 11: No School

Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day

Coming up.....

Oct: 19 & 20 School Photos—stay tuned for more details on your students photo day.

Oct 9—12: Thanksgiving Break—No School

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

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to another year at Jesse Duncan. It has been so great to see our students coming through our doors this year after such a long absence. I know that there are a mix of emotions for everyone and I want to reassure you, that as a staff our goal as always is to make school a safe and exciting place. Although we have some new ways of doing things, many of the great lessons and activities will happen here.

Please help us keep the lines of communication open this year. If you have a concern, please let your child's teacher know. We sincerely want to know what's going on in our students' lives. Chances are if you've noticed a problem, your child's teacher has observed it too. By working together, we are able to come up with a solution that's right for your child.

Mr. Sholdice

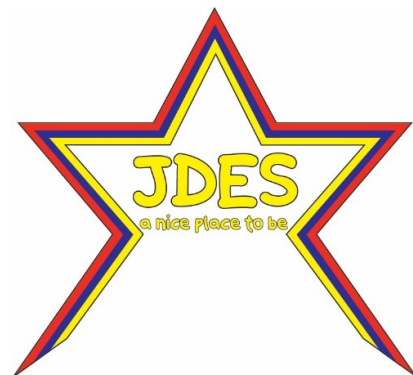


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For student safety reasons, morning drop off time is no earlier than 8:25am. There is no supervision outside until this time. Currently, students are not to play on the playground prior to start of school. Students are to go straight to their entry door.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING
STUDENTS SAFE!



Welcome our new Vice Principal ~ Mrs. Susan Dillabough



Welcome back Everyone! My name is Mrs. Dillabough and I am the new Vice Principal. It has been an exciting time for students, parents and staff as we come back to school and establish new relationships and routines. I look forward to supporting you and your child with their learning journey. Throughout my career I have taught almost every grade from kindergarten to grade twelve. I believe in creating a quality learning environment where students, staff and parents feel supported, welcomed and encouraged. I am very passionate about literacy, health and wellness, social emotional learning and highly effective collaborative teams. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our Jessie Duncan Community and excited for a new amazing year.

Superintendent Message



CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION No. 73

Believing in every student

A Message from the Board of Trustees

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols, so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students.

Schools in Chinook's Edge have been required to modify some routines, and safety is on our minds more than ever. Be assured your child will be well looked after. Our schools are prepared, our teachers and staff are keen, and our students can now embark on an exciting year with confidence. We are looking forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office team, we wish everyone a fantastic year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Allan Tarnoczi, Chair
Board of Trustees

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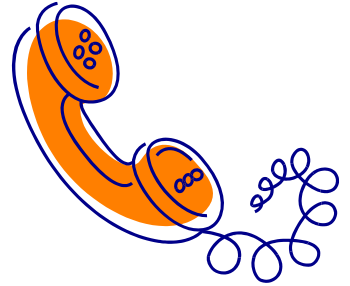
Please [click here](#) to read the latest updates from the Board of Trustees.

Call Safe—Student Absences

Please call the school before 9:30 am to let us know if your child is going to be away, sick or late —403-886-2233—press 1 to leave a message with the details below or press 2 to speak to office staff. Our attendance system will call all unexcused absences.

Please tell us:

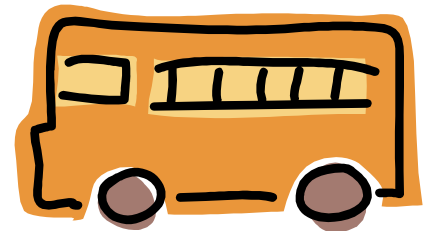
- ⇒ ***Your name***
- ⇒ ***Your child's name and teacher***
- ⇒ ***Reason for absence***



BUS ZONES

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

- 8:15—8:45 am
- 2:45—3:45 pm



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

END OF DAY PICK UP

- At this time we are asking parents not to come into the school. Teachers will see the kids off from their grade door. Please make a 'meeting spot' with your child. You can meet in places like the fence or side walk for example. This is required so that we can eliminate congestion at the doors so that parents/staff/students can maintain a safe physical distance from each other.
- 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.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children safe!

2020-2021 JDES Staff List

Mr. Kory Sholdice	Principal
Mrs. Dillabough	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Tina Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Teierle	Administrative Assistant/Library Tech
Ms. Lisa Fletcher	Pre-Kindergarten/Student Services
Miss Melissa McBride	Kindergarten
Mrs. Chelsea Williams	Kindergarten
Mrs. Lorrie Sparks	Grade One
Mrs. Cheryl Daines	Grade One
Mrs. Judy Miller	Grade One
Miss Natalie Potratz	Grade One
Mrs. Malynn Skrepnyk	Grade One
Mr. Justin Bronson	Grade Two
Miss Sheveryn Hammarstrand	Grade Two
Ms. Christine Neumeier	Grade Two
Mrs. Shyla Smith	Grade Three
Mrs. Ami Rintoul	Grade Three
Miss Lacey Vickery	Grade Three
Mrs. Kim Klassen	Music
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. Debbie Wilson	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Christen Sweet	Family School Wellness
Mrs. Melissa Frank-Douglas	Speech / OT Rehab Specialist
Mrs. Tracey Budd	Custodian
Mr. Norm Sanderson	Custodian



Jessie Duncan Bell Schedule

Monday to Friday

Bell Times	
8:40am – 10:10am	Learning Time
10:10am – 10:25am	1 st Recess
10:25am – 10:40am	2 nd Recess
10:40am – 11:50am	Learning Time
11:50am – 12:10pm	1 st Lunch Recess
12:10pm – 12:30pm	2 nd Lunch Recess
12:30pm – 3:00pm	Learning Time
3:00pm	Dismissal



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.

Visiting During COVID-19

If you need to meet with admin staff, please call to make an appointment.



All visitors to the school must wear a face mask upon entry to the school.

Office: 403-886-2233

8am – 4pm

If you are experiencing Flu/Cold like symptoms you are prohibited from entering.

Thank you for keeping our school safe!



Chinook's Edge School Division No 73

2020-2021 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

AUGUST 2020						
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Aug 27-28 School Organizational Days
Aug 31 Focused PD Day

SEPTEMBER 2020						
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Sept 1 Students First Day of School
Sept 7 Labour Day
Sept 11 Focused PD Day

OCTOBER 2020						
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Oct 9 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 23 Collaborative Day
(HS Common Collab)

NOVEMBER 2020						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 12-13 Fall Break
Nov 27 Collaborative Day
(HS Common Collab)

DECEMBER 2020						
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Dec 11 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
Dec 21-31 Christmas Break

JANUARY 2021						
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Jan 1 Christmas Break
Jan 4 Students Return
Jan 29 School Organizational Day

FEBRUARY 2021						
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Feb 5 Collaborative Day
(HS Common Collab)
Feb 15 Family Day
Feb 15-19 Winter Break
Feb 18-19 Teachers' Convention

MARCH 2021						
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Mar 5 Non Instructional Day
Mar 19 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

APRIL 2021						
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Apr 2 Good Friday
Apr 5 Easter Monday
Apr 19-23 Spring Break

MAY 2021						
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May 7 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
May 21 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
May 24 Victoria Day

JUNE 2021						
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Jun 4 Non Instructional Day
Jun 29 Students Last Day
Jun 30 School Organizational Day

LEGEND	
	School Planning Day
	Focused P.D. Day
	Holiday
	Non-Instructional Day
	Teachers' Convention
	Significant Start and End Dates
	Breaks
	Collaborative Days - No school for students. One Focused PD Day will be designated as the TPGP

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. Fill out Administering Medication Form on our webpage www.jessieduncan.ca under the Parents Tab.
2. Be in writing; issued by a medical practitioner or pharmacist.
3. Specify the time(s) at which such medication should be administered.
4. Specify the exact dosage and method of administration
5. Specify the duration of the treatment
6. 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.



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Safely back to school in *Chinook's Edge*

What you are doing at home



Daily Screening

Before leaving home each day, students (with help from parents) and staff must review the [questionnaire](#) and may only enter schools if free of COVID-19 symptoms.



Stay at Home

If students or staff are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home and follow the Alberta Health Services [guidelines](#). Please notify the school of a student absence.



Wear a Mask

[Mask use is mandatory](#) for all staff and for students in Grade 4-12 in common areas or where physical distancing is not possible. Masks are optional but encouraged for students in K-3. All students will receive 2 reusable masks.



Hand Washing

Everyone entering a school is required to [wash their hands](#) or use hand sanitizer immediately, and repeatedly throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is placed at all entrances and classrooms.



Lunch Break

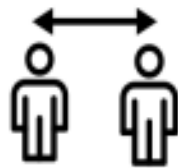
Students will most often eat lunch in classrooms, and will be asked to sanitize their hands before and after eating. Microwaves and vending machines will not be available for use.

What we are doing at school



September Staggered Entry

Students will be welcomed back on [alternating days](#) to assist with a seamless transition back to class. This allows staff to establish safety routines and build caring relationships of trust.



Physical Distancing

Desks are spaced at the largest distance possible and arranged to not face each other. Students seated at tables may be separated by a partition. Breaks may be staggered to allow for more distancing.



Enhanced Cleaning

A thorough cleaning of schools has been completed, with area rugs and soft furnishings removed. Custodial time is increased throughout the school division to conduct frequent cleaning.



Traffic Flow

All schools have been equipped with floor signage and posters for reminders to physically distance. Plexiglass shields have been installed in reception areas and PPE is provided and in use.



Limited Access

Parents are permitted in schools only for a specific purpose and with prior permission from the principal. Parents are not permitted to enter during drop off/pick up. Volunteers/guest presenters are not permitted at this time.



These measures are based on recommendations from Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services, to support optimal safety for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities

Please [click this link](#) for the full Chinook's Edge School Division Re-Entry Plan or visit www.cesd73.ca

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

Overview

This tool has been developed to support activity organizers, employers, businesses and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees/staff. The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should fill out this checklist prior to participating in the activity or program. If an individual answers **YES** to any of the questions, they **must not** be allowed to attend or participate in the activity or program. Children and youth will need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

Screening Questions

1.	Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with a symptomatic** close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

* Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in a occupational setting wearing the recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

** 'ill/symptomatic' means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above.

Challenging... Encouraging... Believing

Welcome to a new year of learning together in Chinook's Edge!



The Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) was physically distanced and emotionally connected during multiple-day meetings to help prepare for a year of success in Chinook's Edge!

Nominate a volunteer

Chinook's Edge is lucky to have many outstanding volunteers whose contributions make our schools better!

Alberta Education invites nominations for the 2020 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards to celebrate the impact volunteers have on our schools and communities.

For info or nomination forms, visit

<http://alberta.ca/stars-awards>

Deadline: September 15

Please remember to begin sending the great photos and stories from your schools, so we can continue sharing our Chinook's Edge news from across the division!

Please check with your office staff to ensure the students in each photo have media consent, and remember that each issue of Celebrating Chinook's Edge is also shared with media. They also love to hear our stories!

*Thank you for being such great
ambassadors of Chinook's Edge!*
Sandy Bexon

On behalf of COLT and our Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome you back for what we hope will be an amazing school year in Chinook's Edge. We are all thrilled to have so many of our students back so that we can interact and connect with them. Working with students face to face is the best way to help the overwhelming majority of our young people learn and grow. That said, when we are challenged to support learning at home, or on-line, we have proven we can rise to the occasion as needed. A particularly special thanks to the teachers of Off-campus, Remote Learning, and Career High for all of their efforts making sure we support as many students as we can.

We are so proud of everyone's work in difficult times. We have stayed true to our core values. We take tremendous care of our students, and we take great care of each other. We go out of our way to meet the social-emotional needs of everyone, and at the same time, we never set aside our core purpose, which is to always provide a quality learning environment to the best of our ability.

Through the challenges created by the global pandemic, we have done our due diligence to ensure safety for all with an understanding that, while we cannot eliminate risk, we can very effectively minimize that risk.

For almost six months now, we have all been tested in our personal lives and in our professional roles. We need to keep our focus on safety, relationships, mental health, and learning. They are all critically important, now more than ever.

Every single adult in our system makes a significant difference, either directly or indirectly, that affects 11,000 students. We pride ourselves on being a school division where students come first.

While we are all resilient, there are limits and there are times when some of us simply need assistance along the way. Please do not hesitate to connect with our Chinook's Edge Staff Health & Wellness resources [through this link](#) if at any point along the way you need some additional support.

As a school division, we care deeply about all of our students and all of our adults. Please take great care of yourselves, and have an incredible start to your year.

Kurt Sacher

Vigilant about safety

Division Office staff was 'all in' to assist Shawn Russell, Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services, as he lead the charge throughout the summer to prepare an array of PPE for schools.

