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Jessie Duncan
Elementary School

Newsletter

CALENDAR

Nov 3: Hot Lunch orders due at
@ 10:00am

Nov 9: School Photo Retakes

Nov 10: Hot lunch-Chicken Strips
Formal Dress Day for
Remembrance Day

Nov 11-13: No School Fall Break

Nov 18: Booster Juice Day
PAC Meeting 7:00pm

Nov 26: Report Cards sent home

Nov 27: No School

ASCA

Alberta School Councils' Assoc. Parent Pandemic Pulse Survey

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) welcomes your participation in this survey; your contributions are both essential and greatly appreciated!

This survey takes approximately **15 minutes** to complete. Please complete this survey only once. This pandemic research survey closes on

Friday, November 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

LINK BELOW:

<https://ca.surveygizmo.com/s/50085641/ASCApreventcovidtest>

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Principal's Message

As a school team, we are working diligently to support all our students' learning needs. Although this school year brings new challenges, we remain committed to helping each and every Jessie Duncan student achieve at their highest level. Each spring, we ask for parent feedback on a number of areas and we use this information to guide our work with students and parents. Our Spring 2020 survey shows high satisfaction in all areas. We are very proud of our survey results.

I feel that my child is safe at school. 98%

My child's teacher believes in him/her and he/she is appropriately challenged and encouraged in the classroom. 98%

I am satisfied with the overall quality of education that my child is receiving. 98%

I am satisfied with the overall communication that the school provides me. 95%

Parents were also asked, "What are the three best things about your child's school?" Here are some of the responses:

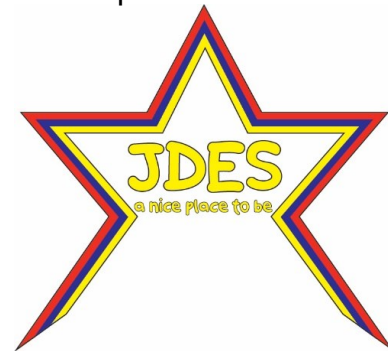
Teachers employ many different teaching methods and strategies within the classrooms. My kids are always engaged and excited about what is happening.

My child has grown by leaps and bounds in reading this year!

My child's teachers have always gone the extra mile to make learning approachable and fun, and that has sparked a love of learning!

At Jessie Duncan we love teaching and learning with your children and we thank you for your trust and support. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's education and experience at Jessie Duncan please contact us.

Kory Sholdice, Principal



Superintendent Message

Ensuring our students achieve A Message from the Superintendent



CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION No. 73

Chinook's Edge is committed to ensuring student success, which has long been reflected in our division's provincial achievement measures. This is a time of year when our Board receives information on Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results from last spring. As a result of the spring's disruption and the cancellation of provincial testing, the 2020 data is not available to exemplify the achievements of our students. Fortunately for Chinook's Edge, we have other longstanding methods for informing success, which show the achievement of our students.

Our expectations are high for the quality learning we expect for every child in our division, and that will never change. The data we are gathering in literacy, math and other measures is clarifying a deeper understanding of student achievement, as well as where we want to move forward as a division. We have built common assessments to ensure we have an accurate measure of the progress of teaching and learning in all of our schools. As always, Chinook's Edge will file an Annual Education Results Report with Alberta Education next month, and each school will provide a detailed Education Plan to our Board of Trustees. Moving forward, to remain responsive, transparent and robust as a school division, Chinook's Edge is moving to the Provincial Assurance Model of Assessment. For an introduction of this model, please [click here](#).

Our divisional goals remain consistent: Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career Connections, and Social Emotional Learning. We have many measures pointing to continued success in each of these and they are prompting us confidently and resolutely onward. We know our efforts help lead our students toward greater success, in learning and in life.

As always, we are pleased to provide the latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools

School Photo Retake Day

Lifetouch will be here on **Monday, November 9th** for photo retake day. Please bring your proof sheets for retakes. If your child was absent during photo days, please notify the teacher that they are to get their photo done.



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.



Remembrance Day



Jessie Duncan Elementary School

Observing Remembrance Day

November 10th, 2020

Every year the students learn about the meaning and importance of Remembrance Day. This year we will not be having the large multi-school assembly. We would like to encourage the students to dress formal November 10th. Thank you.

JDES Parent Council

Hey parents, we know how much you want to support your children's school. Things are a bit different for every family this year, so we are doing things a bit different as well.

This year the parent council will only be doing two fundraisers. A Poinsettia sale from November 2nd-16th and a "Fill Your Freezer" (teamfund.ca) fundraiser in the spring. Starting this year all fundraisers will accept cash donations as another option to support the school. All your support (even just the change in your pocket!) will help continue making JDES a fun place to learn.

Contact Jessie Duncan PAC at jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com with any questions.



Parent Council

Parent Notice

Phone Messages for Students

Please try and plan ahead with your children as to what the plan is for afterschool. We receive many calls into the office at the end of each day regarding afterschool plans. It is difficult connecting with students at bell time to ensure they receive the messages. Your help will limit the calls and allow us to get the urgent messages to the students who need them.



Power Awards

Power Award Winners— October 2020

Each month, students who are helping make Jessie Duncan School a “nice place to be” will be recognized by their teachers and presented with a POWER Award certificate.

- ◆ **KM:** Hayden, Emslie, Quinn, Cash, Brayden, Aurora
- ◆ **KW:** Allison, Barrett, Boston, Allice, Amelliana, Connor
- ◆ **1DS:** Gideon, Lilee
- ◆ **1-2S:** Cole, Bennett, Lawson
- ◆ **1M:** Hunter, Lawson
- ◆ **1P: Karter, Graeme**
- ◆ **2B:** Tyson, Abigail, Savayah
- ◆ **2DM:** Everlee, Ryder, Alex
- ◆ **2N:** Rhys, Callie
- ◆ **3S:** Rockford, Hailey, Nicholas
- ◆ **3R:** Isaiah, Jessica, Sullivan, Corbyn
- ◆ **3V:** Ana, Lina, Ryder



FAMILY SCHOOL WELLNESS

hi



Hello, my name is Melissa Frank-Douglas, and I will be serving Jessie Duncan Elementary School as your Family School Wellness worker this year. I'm looking forward to working in the Penhold community and I look forward to meeting all of your kiddos, and as many parents as I am able to. If you have any concerns about your child, yourself or someone in your family, I am here to help you navigate! I plan to be at Jessie Duncan Monday's and Wednesday's, although the days may fluctuate. You can reach me at the school, by email at mfrankdouglas@cesd73.ca or by text/call at 403-358-4583. My second school is in Sylvan Lake and will do my best to answer you at my earliest convenience. I wish everyone a happy, healthy school year.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*Send good news
& great joy!*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We would like to give you and your family the opportunity to participate in Samaritan's Purse - **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox** program this year. Each year thousands of shoeboxes are filled by families across North America and sent to children around the world who often receive very little for Christmas. This fits in well with a major outcome in social studies that of Global Citizenship. It allows children to get involved and help those in third world countries to experience some joy at Christmas.

Shoebox items include small toys, school supplies, and some hygiene items. If you are interested in filling out a shoebox, remember to include a donation of \$10.00 to pay for transportation costs. Please email your child's teacher to let us know if you are wanting a box sent home. Your child will be given a shoebox that they can bring home along with a brochure full of ideas to help your family prepare the gift. For more ideas check out <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/suggested-gifts/>.

Due to the COVID-19 this year we will NOT be collecting the boxes here at the school, you will need to be able to drop them off during Collection Week from November 16-22 at one of the drop off locations listed on their website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/drop-off-locations>
Thank-you for your interest, and for the opportunity to help a child in need.

Sincerely, Teachers at Jessie Duncan

Yes, I am interested in receiving a shoebox and I will deliver it directly to one of the locations myself.

Child's name & class : _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

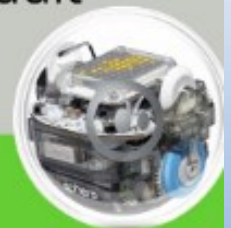


Penhold & District Library

In conjunction with Red Deer College

Presents.... **RED HOT SCIENCE!**

- Thursday, November 19
- Registration free but required; call (403) 886 2636
- Children ages 8 and under must have an adult attend with them



Sphero Mini Golf

Grade Level: Grades K to 2

Subject: Technology & Computers

This activity will teach young children how robots work by following a program.

The children will learn the basics of programming through making a course for a programmed Sphero to navigate based on their commands.

4:00-5:00

Sphero Hot Potato

Grade Level: Grades 3 to 5

Subject: Technology & Computers

Participants will learn the basics of block programming as well as how to use conditional blocks in their program.

6:30-7:30



COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

Overview

This tool has been developed to support schools, 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 complete this checklist prior to participating in the activity or program. Children and youth may need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If an individual answers **YES** to any of the questions, they **must not** be allowed to attend or participate in the activity or program. * Individuals with fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat, are required to isolate for 10 days per [CMOH Order 05-2020](#) unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test and are feeling better. Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) to determine if testing is recommended and follow information on [isolation requirements](#).

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	
	• <i>Fever*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Cough*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Runny nose*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Sore throat*</i>	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• 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 ¹ ?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact ² with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with an individual who has any one of the first 5 symptoms on this list (shaded) AND who is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

¹ Individuals legally required to quarantine for 14 days when entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada

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