



Jessie Duncan School Newsletter

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

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Principal's Message

We are on our final days and you can feel the excitement for summer building each day! Individual classrooms are finding ways to celebrate their year of learning. Although it has been a different year, we could not be more proud of our students. They have shown a great deal of resilience and made the best of each day.

Progress reports will go home with students on the last day of classes. You will also receive a letter indicating your child's teacher for next year.

At the start of the 2021-2022 school year, we may need to make slight adjustments to class placements due to changes in grade enrollment. If your child's classroom placement is changed, you will be contacted by the school.

Next year will bring some staffing changes to Jessie Duncan Elementary. We would like to take this time to thank Ms. Miller who has been teaching grade 2 for the 2020-2021 school year. She has been a great addition to our school and we wish her all the best in the new school year. Mrs. Deschambault will be returning to our grade two team in the fall and we are excited to have her back.

Ms. McBride will be returning to John Wilson Elementary. Although she has only been with us for a year she has had a big impact on our students and staff. We would like to thank her for all of her contributions and wish her well. Mrs. Margo Gruenewald will be our new kindergarten teacher. She comes to us from Spruce View School and has taught from kindergarten to grade 6 and she will be a great addition to our Jessie Duncan family.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Dransfield on her retirement. Mrs. Dransfield started with Red Deer Public for two years at Aspen Heights and Normandeau School. She then started teaching Kindergarten at Jessie Duncan in 1999 and has been with us for 22 years, primarily as a grade one teacher. In that time, she has been a leader in our building helping with many school events and staff development improving the learning for the students of Jessie Duncan Elementary.

Finally, we would like to celebrate the career of Mrs. Judy Miller. Mrs. Miller has been teaching for 41 years and the families in the Penhold community have been lucky to have her for 21 of those years. During her teaching career Mrs. Miller has always been guided by what is best for students and has helped shape the culture at Jessie Duncan to be focused on creating the best experience for our students. Our school has been and will continue to be a better place because of her passion for education.

June 2021

Mark Your Calendar

4th: No School

8th: Hot Lunch Day
rescheduled from
May 11th

11th: Crazy Hair Day

23rd: Wear Purple Day

29th: Last Day—Noon Dismissal— Buses are running at this time to accommodate.



STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

for 2021-2022

Dear Parents,

For the next school year 2021-2022 we are trying something new in regards to Students School Supplies. Since we get good pricing on school supplies, we are going to purchase all the school supplies for the students. They will be waiting for them for the first day of school. We will be charging each student a \$35-\$45 flat fee for School Supplies depending on the grade. This will be charged to your school account and you will be able to pay this after the first day of school. PreK has no school supplies.

You will need to still supply your child with the following:

- Headphones—each student needs their own (no ear buds).
- Indoor Shoes
- Backpack
- Lunch Kit & Water Bottle



BREAKFAST PROGRAM INFORMATION

The last morning for breakfast program will be **June 21st**.

June 21—Bannock and Berries—For National Indigenous Peoples Day

Our breakfast program is funded by an Alberta Education Nutritional Grant. This nutrition grant has been renewed for next school year 2021-2022! Our students love Mrs. Duffy's cooking! Some delicious items students have enjoyed are: Fresh Muffins, toast, bagels, banana bread, cereal, fruit, yogurt, cheese etc! Our kitchen always smells amazing!

THANK YOU MRS. DUFFY!!!!



Reflecting with gratitude on an exceptional year

A message from the Superintendent

As the end of this school year draws to a close, the Board of Trustees and Central Office team would like to express their gratitude for the level of success that has been achieved across the division. Everyone in Chinook's Edge has worked to ensure meaningful learning has taken place, knowing it required a significant amount of flexibility and grit throughout the year.

Moving learning forward during the pandemic has required dedication from every corner. We are particularly appreciative of the amazing perseverance shown by our students and their parents. Chinook's Edge has retained positive momentum, with a sharp focus on the social emotional wellbeing of our students. Our staff have worked so hard, often during challenging pauses from in-school learning, to support over 11,000 children and youth.

Thank you to our students and staff for their hard work and dedication, and to our parents and community partners who have engaged in learning alongside us throughout one of the most challenging years in our history. We take tremendous pride in knowing that our extra efforts still made a significant difference in the lives of our students. Please enjoy a safe and joyful summer.

Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools

POWER Award Winners - POWER Award Winners **Congratulations to our Award winners from May 2021!**

KC: Mrs. Evans, Ms. Rogers
KM: Diego, Myah-Reign, Allyria
1DS: Hudson, Liam
1-2W: Ava
1M: Pyper, Noah, Cohen
1P: Rylan, Eli, Mila
2B: Keira, Samuel, Everett
2D: Kierra, Lachlan
2N: Kylie, Harper
3S: Jayden, Jordyn
3R: Kyle, Lexi-Anne, Jayden
3V: Clara, Quinten



Tidy Teddy Award: Mrs. Miller's Grade 1 Class

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Pre-K Enrollment & Registration



Pre-Kindergarten Program

- Pre-Kindergarten builds children's strengths and skills in a language rich learning environment for children who may benefit from a cooperative and nurturing experience.
- JDES Pre-K is an intervention focused program for children with delays or difficulties in the following areas: speech/language, social/emotional regulation, fine/gross motor, etc. Students with severe learning delays are eligible for free programming.
- We are accepting applications for community children who have mild moderate needs or no specialized needs, however there is a charge of \$200 a month per child.
- Pre-Kindergarten offers half-day programming three-four days each week throughout the school year.
- We are currently starting the application process for the 2021-2022 year – please call 403-886-2233 or email jessie.duncan@cesd73.ca for more information on the application process.



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A brighter future for kids now and beyond the pandemic

Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, has been named to a six-person provincial panel that will explore the impact Covid-19 has had on children and youth.

The Child and Youth Well-Being Review panel, co-chaired by MLA for Calgary-South East Matt Jones and Minister of Children's Services Rebecca Schulz, will work to understand the full scope of the psychological, social, educational and physical impacts resulting from and related to the COVID-19 pandemic on children and youth.



The panel will learn from researchers, educators, health-care professionals and mental health experts, as well as Alberta parents and kids. It will then provide recommendations to the government in the fall of 2021, to help support young people both now and into the future. Read the full [government release here](#)

Mental Wellness Day for Schools - June 3



A note from Education Minister Adriana LaGrange:

As we move through this pandemic, mental health and wellness in our school communities is top-of-mind. The resilience and fortitude shown across our province and especially in our schools has been evident. I thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to support the well-being of students and staff.

In recognition of this and the continued need to build our collective capacity to support mental health and well-being, I invite students, teachers, support staff, parents, administrators and Board members to come together on Thursday, June 3, to participate in Mental Wellness Day for Schools—with the theme 'Take care of yourself and each other'. I invite you to mark this day in your calendar and [visit the website](#) for detailed information, including the agenda.

Chinook's Edge is excited to launch our new division website and 40 new school websites on June 1st! Watch for this change tomorrow.