



Jessie Duncan School Newsletter

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

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Jessie Duncan Elementary! As always we are excited to see our students coming back after a busy summer. School looks different again this year and our staff are ready for whatever challenges arise. If we have any adjustments that need to be made we will communicate as quickly and clearly as possible.

The start of the year can be a mix of emotions - it is not uncommon for students (and parents) to feel excited and nervous all at the same time! The first few days of school are planned with this in mind. School staff will be spending a lot of time supporting students as they get to know one another, make new friends, settle into new routines, and get used to a full day of learning.

For those students riding the bus for the first time, we have extra supervision at Penhold Crossing for the first couple weeks to support our students who have to transfer buses. Our older students are also very responsible and look out for our little ones!

~Mr. Sholdice



DROP OFF

For student safety reasons, morning drop off time is no earlier than 8:30am. 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!

Sept 2021

Mark Your Calendar

Sept 1: First Day Gr. 1-3

Sept 1-3: Kinder Orientation Days—Sign Up Online

Sept 24: No School

Sept 28: Orders Due for October Hot Lunch by 10am

Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day

Coming up.....

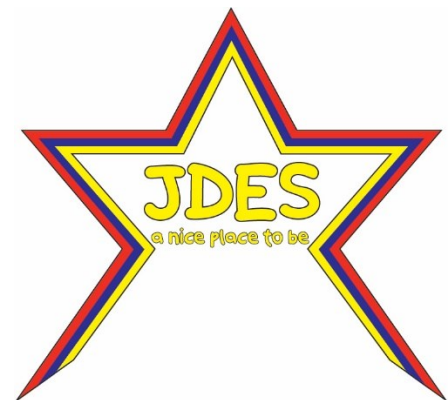
Oct 8—11: Thanksgiving Break—No School

Oct 15: School Fees Due

Oct: 18 & 19 School Photos—stay tuned for details on your students photo day.



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CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION No. 73

Believing in every student

A Message from the Board of Trustees

After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very 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. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look 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 Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Holly Bilton, Chair

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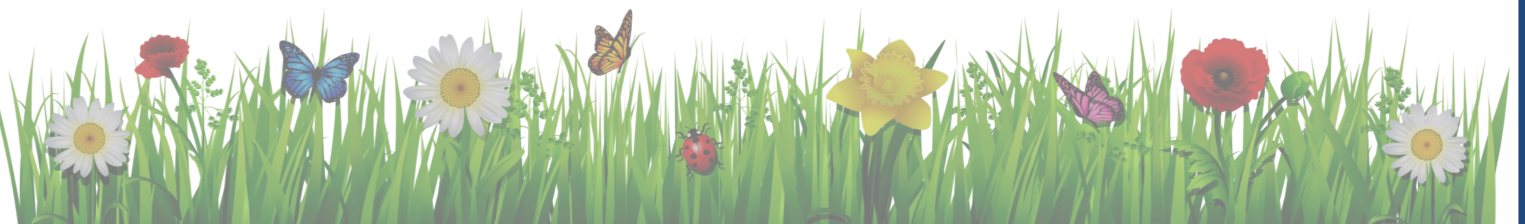
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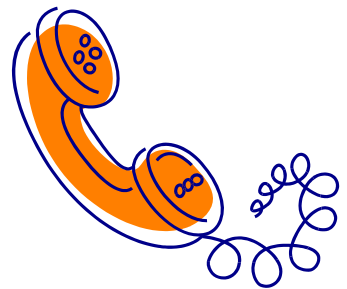


Call Safe—Student Absences

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:

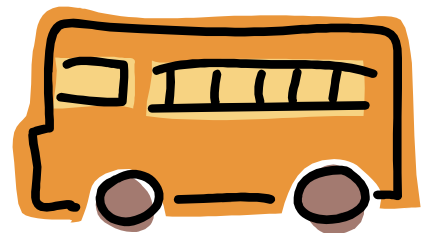
- ⇒ *Your name*
- ⇒ *Your child's name and teacher*
- ⇒ *Reason for absence*



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 greet and see the kids off from their grade door. Making a regular 'meeting spot' with your child helps for a smooth pick-up after school.

VISITORS

All visitors or parents must report to the office. There are to be no visits to the classrooms at this time. If you are dropping off a lunch or missed item please leave it at the office with your child's name and classroom teacher.

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!

2021-2022 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
Mrs. Margo Gruenewald	Kindergarten
Mrs. Chrissy Crebas	Kindergarten
Mrs. Lorrie Sparks	Grade One
Mrs. Cheryl Daines	Grade One
Mrs. Chelsea Williams	Grade One
Miss Natalie Potratz	Grade One
Mrs. Malynn Skrepnyk	Grade One
Miss Sydney Daines	Grade One
Mr. Justin Bronson	Grade Two
Mrs. Sheveryn Deschambault	Grade Two
Mrs. 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	Leveled Literacy Intervention
Mrs. Carol Hermus	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Tara Lind	Educational Assistant
Ms. Denise Rogers	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Shay Fox	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Tanya Richards	Educational Assistant
Ms. Kari Kolback	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Debbie Wilson	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Angela van der Loop	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Karin Deschamps	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Sarah Giesbrecht	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Crystal Vanderham	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Teresa Ainscough	Family School Wellness
Miss Kierra Davidson	YESS Program
	Youth Empowerment and Support Services
Mrs. Tracey Budd	Custodian
Mrs. Cathy	Custodian





Chinook's Edge School Division No 73

2021-2022 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

AUGUST 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Aug 27/30 School Organizational Days

Aug 31 Focused PD Day

SEPTEMBER 2021						
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Sept 1 Students First Day of School

Sept 6 Labour Day

Sept 24 Focused PD Day

OCTOBER 2021						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Oct 8 Non Instructional Day

Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day

Oct 22 Collaborative Day
(HS Common Collab)

NOVEMBER 2021						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Nov 11 Remembrance Day

Nov 11-12 Fall Break

Nov 26 Collaborative Day
(HS Common Collab)

DECEMBER 2021						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Dec 10 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

Dec 20-31 Christmas Break

JANUARY 2022						
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30	31					

Jan 3 Students Return

Jan 14 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

Jan 31 School Organizational Day

FEBRUARY 2022						
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27	28					

Feb 11 Collaborative Day
(HS Common Collab)

Feb 21 Family Day

Feb 21-25 Winter Break

Feb 24-25 Teachers' Convention

MARCH 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Mar 4 Non Instructional Day

Mar 25 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

APRIL 2022						
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Apr 15 Good Friday

Apr 18 Easter Monday

Apr 18-22 Spring Break

MAY 2022						
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May 6 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

May 20 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)

May 23 Victoria Day

JUNE 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Jun 3 Non Instructional Day

Jun 28 Students Last Day

Jun 29 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.



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.

Information on Daily Health Checklist for Students under the age of 18.

Please do this check list each morning and follow the recommendations from AHS. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms at school, and the check list advises to go home, we will be calling you to pick up your child. We appreciate your cooperation. Our main goal is always to keep students/staff safe and healthy.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the [Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders](#) instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments.

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	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, 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
If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 1:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per CMOH Order 39-2021 OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activitiesUse the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.			
If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 1, proceed to question 2.			

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

If the child answered “YES” to ONE symptom in question 2:

- 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 2:

- 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.

COVID-19 Protocols for School Start up September 2021

...at-a-glance information for staff and parents



- The **first day of school** for students is September 1.
- Chinook's Edge is **following the [guidelines](#) from Alberta Health Services (AHS)** as it pertains to COVID-19 protocols. If the situation changes, we may revise our Chinook's Edge protocols either by school or across the division. Safety is our top priority.
- **Masking** will not be mandatory in schools and classrooms, but masks are required for all students (K-12) and staff on school buses. We support students, staff and visitors who choose to wear a mask in our schools. If an outbreak occurs we may require masking if directed by AHS.
- It continues to be important that students and staff **remain at home if they are sick**. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. If they become sick at school, we will notify you to pick them up immediately. Please refer to this [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) to monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19. Please let your child's teacher know of any pre-existing conditions your child may have, to ensure these won't be mistaken for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Schools will continue to employ **good public health practices** to help reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory infections (including COVID-19, influenza and common colds) among students, staff and visitors. Details are available [here](#).
- AHS will be notifying parents should an outbreak situation occur at a school. Chinook's Edge will report to Alberta Health Services if any of our schools experience a **10 percent or higher absenteeism rate**.
- Chinook's Edge will expect all students and staff to follow [AHS Isolation and Quarantine requirements](#) when they receive a positive test or when they have symptoms.
- The front doors will be open at our schools, but **parents and visitors are asked to make a prior appointment** with the school office. As per our routine procedures, all visitors will be asked to use sign-in sheets.
- There are no restrictions on **school activities** or classroom cohorting; however full school assemblies will be avoided whenever possible.
- Any food brought from home for sharing must be distributed by school staff.
- Sports, music and fine arts activities will be permitted.
- Parents will be given the option of in-person or virtual Parent Teacher Interviews.
- Community use of schools is permitted.
- If schools choose to hold special events, they may adapt the format in order to limit the number of participants.
- Chinook's Edge will continue to **clean and disinfect** high touch surfaces each day, and provide hand sanitizer in multiple areas throughout each school. Buses will continue to be sanitized after each route. Carpets may be used in classrooms; however, cloth furniture is not permitted due to difficulty in sanitizing.
- Chinook's Edge **field trips** within the province of Alberta may resume effective September 9th.
- AHS will be holding voluntary **COVID-19 vaccination clinics** in our schools for students and staff. Details on this AHS vaccination program will be sent to parents. Chinook's Edge is strongly recommending that our staff get vaccinated.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to change, Chinook's Edge will remain highly vigilant of safety protocols and will review these items on a regular basis. We are working to provide optimal safety for everyone in our school communities, as we focus on engaging every student in meaningful learning. We are aware that students will be needing reassurance as we move forward, and our teachers and staff will be highly attentive to the Social Emotional Well-being of everyone in our Chinook's Edge schools.