



Jessie Duncan School Newsletter

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

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Principal's Message—Kory Sholdice

We are excited to welcome Spring and all of the fun that comes with the warmer weather. Often in April we do see variations in temperature, so please be sure to check the weather. Our playground can also be very wet and muddy, so sending kids in boots and suitable outdoor clothes and even packing extra clothes for the inevitable mishaps that occur is a good idea. Staff are trying their best to keep the kids high and dry, but they are kids after all and we have more than enough mud puddles to go around.

Also we wanted to say thanks to all the families that were able to attend our Book Fair. The kids were very excited and all funds raised will help us keep our library full of new and exciting books for our readers. We are also appreciative of the time to connect through interviews and volunteer opportunities. In the coming months, there will be more opportunities to connect such as our Power Award Assemblies with families able to attend and our Spring concert in May.

April 2022

Mark Your Calendar

April 1st: Western Dress-up

**April 5th: Hot Lunch Due
@10:00am**

April 13: Hot Lunch Day

April 15-24: Spring Break

**April 25th: Grade 1 Swim
Lessons Start**

April 26: Hot Lunch Day

**May 3rd: HL Orders Due
@ 10am**

May 6th: No School



Ready, Set, Go!
Welcome to Kindergarten

**Online Kindergarten
Registration for the
2022-2023 school year
begins on January 10!**





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FOOD SERVICE

Dear Families,

Mark your calendars! The "Fill your Freezer" fundraiser is happening **APRIL 12- MAY 5**, just in time for BBQ season! Order restaurant quality food and support the purchase of new books for the school library.

JOIN our fundraiser in 3 easy steps:

Check out our fundraiser here or Scan the code below:
<https://jessieduncanelementary.myteamfund.ca>

1. Click "JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER"
2. Shop online on your own personal page until Tuesday, May 5th at 11:00 pm
3. Sharing is Caring!

After you Join the Fundraiser: You can easily share your personal link to supporters via text, email, social media and Facebook groups or download your own personal order form to collect additional orders.

You can pick up your order(s): Thursday, May 17th at 5:00 pm

* More details on the web page.

Scan Here to Join



Hold your camera over the barcode, no need to take a photo.

Thanks again for your support. Every order counts!

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POWER Award Winners - POWER Award Winners

Congratulations to our Award winners from March 2022!

PreK: Dennissa, Danielle
KC: Ben, Gabby
KG: Daisy, Knoxx, Carson, Felix
1DS: Kooper, Jayda
1P: Raya, Tristan
1S: Alice, Kaydence
1W: Emily, Rylan, Eden
2B: Lawson, Quinn
2D: Jaxen, Kiptyn, Blaine
2N: Oliver, Isaac
3R: Jocelyn, Jordyn, Jayden
3S: Kierra, Inara
3V: Taleah, Luke



Tidy Teddy Award: Mr. Bronson — Grade 2

Strong leadership at every level sets students and staff up for success

A Message from the Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are re-energizing our connection between school and home, after two years of disruption to our usual routine. We, along with each of our schools, are working to ensure parents feel you are valued leaders in our schools and in your child's learning.

Our parent community has been leading the learning from home when called upon and collaborating with staff in our schools, in a shared resolve to move learning forward. We know that a strong and caring connection between school and home has multiple benefits for student success. We hope our work together will engage students at a deeper level and motivate a momentum of renewed rigor.

It was our pleasure to connect with several parents from across our division at a special online Parents Matter gathering on March 17, and we're happy to share [this recap](#) of what we learned. We encourage you to check in with your principal and School Council to see how you might become more involved, we invite you to read our [Board eNews](#) each month, and we thank you for sharing the leadership qualities that continue to ensure Chino's Edge is a division *where students come first*.

Chair Holly Bilton,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

We would love to hear your thoughts on this month's [parent survey](#): Do you feel that you are involved in your child's education? How would you like to be further involved in your child's learning at the school?

Fall 2022 Kindergarten Message

Dear Fall Kinder Families,

We are so excited to have you join Jessie Duncan Elementary School in the Fall! Kindergarten is the most exciting and fun grade by far and we can't wait to share it with you! Our Kindergarten team would like to welcome all new students and parents to our Open House on May 12, 2022 at 5:00pm. We will have several activities for students and parents to do together as well as an opportunity to chat with the teachers, administrators and some of our special service providers.

Our Orientation will be on September 1,2. Students will join both Kindergarten teachers in small groups of 10 students for approximately 45 minutes. After all the orientation groups have met, we will determine placement of students. Thanks so much and see you all in the Fall!



Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Crebas & Mrs. Gruenewald

School Supplies in 2022-2023

As a school we are always considering how to best serve our students and families. This year was the first time we ordered all the students supplies and had a basic fee for them, instead of sending you on a shopping trip. This saved a lot of \$ and time! The teachers loved having all the supplies ahead of time, so they could get everything organized for this students!

How does it work?

Our teachers create their school supply list and we, as a school purchase the supplies. This bulk ordering allows us to secure better pricing and it also ensures that all students receive high quality supplies.

How do I pay? What is the cost?

The cost will be \$50 dollars or less per student. In the fall, you will receive a school fee on your school account. More information will be provided at that time.

What if you move mid year?

If your family moves away, we will send any unused supplies with your child. As always, we will help to set your child up for success at their new school.

IS EVERYTHING INCLUDED?

No. You will still need to provide a **backpack, indoor shoes, water bottle** and some classes may require **headphones**. We will send home more details regarding this at the end of the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

