

Jessie Duncan School Newsletter

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

105 Newton Dive, PO Box 29, Penhold AB TOM 1R0
Phone: 403-886-2233 * Fax: 403-886-2589 www.jessieduncan.ca
Principal: Mr. Kory Sholdice Vice-Principal: Mrs. Susan Dillabough

Principal's Message

Hello everyone,

The last month has been an exciting one with a return to assemblies, our record breaking Spell-a-thon and the Spring Concert this week. It has also been great to see many parents volunteering in the classrooms and being a part of our school community. Thank you for all of your help!

Thank you, parents, for doing your best to maintain regular routines and nightly homework with your children to counter the effects of longer daylight hours and the anticipation of year-end. We appreciate all that you do to encourage your children to stay focused on their learning!

As the year draws to a close we will continue to support our students and families both academically and emotionally. If you feel your child is experiencing challenges, please reach out. We have a great team at Jessie Duncan with our Teachers, Administration, Family School Wellness workers, and of course our Parents.

Kory Sholdice Principal

May 2022

Mark Your Calendar

3rd: Hot Lunch Due

4th: Hats On For Men-

tal Health Day

4th-5th: Spring Concert

6th: No School

10th: Hot Lunch

12th: Fall 2022-2023 Kinder Parent Night

13th: Dress-Up Like a Teacher or Principal

18th: Joe Media Presentation

20th: No School

25th: Hot Lunch

Note: May is the last hot lunch for the school

year.



Spring Concert

We are excited to have our Spring Concerts this week. We wanted to send some communication around entering the building for students and parents.

- Students can enter through the doors they usually do each day. Please drop your child at these doors and someone will meet them there.
- Parents please enter the school through the front doors by the office. We will have some signs to mark this.
- After the concerts, parents can then exit through our grade 3 doors (at the front of the school on the north side). Again we will have signs to help you. Students can then be picked up at their daily doors.
- This will reduce congestion in the halls and help our students get settled and ready for their concert.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th, 2022

Concert 1: Kindergarten Only - Time: 5:30pm

Concert 2: 1 Skrepnyk, 2 Deschambault, 3 Rintoul - Time: 6:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 5th, 2022

Concert 3: 1 Potratz, 1 Daines/Sparks, 2 Bronson, 3 Vickery - Time: 5:30pm

Concert 4: 1 Williams, 2 Neumeier, 3 Smith - Time: 6:30pm

Please let the teacher know as soon as possible if your child will NOT be able to attend.

We are excited to see everyone and for our students to perform.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Night for FALL- September 2022

When: May 12, 2022

Where: Jessie Duncan Gymnasium

Time: 5:00-6:00

This evening is designed for parents to come with their children to hear what to expect in Kindergarten. You will be able to meet the Kindergarten teachers, Principal, Vice- Principal, the Occupational therapist and Speech pathologist. We will be available to discuss and answer questions about the program. Throughout the evening you will experience some fun interactive stations to learn more about the school. The Kindergarten students will all receive a Welcome to Kindergarten bag.

If you are planning on attending please fill in the google form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11Khd4Qu1jOqMEteAYFPXgOaO Tb4AZ9INWYXkUhITP U/edit

> or call the school at 403 886 2233 to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday May 12, 2022 at 5:00



Ensuring the highest levels of safety in our schools

A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge has an outstanding record of meeting safety standards in our schools, and our annual safety audit shows our division's steadfast commitment. Our staff and students are mindful of maintaining the detailed safety protocols that are embedded in our division culture. This means that, while we continue to deal with the ebb and flow that the pandemic has required of us, our attention to our safety program is strong.

We are very grateful to everyone in our school communities for working to maintain our high standards of safety. We strive for optimum safety levels throughout our division because we care about the people in our buildings – our students, staff, parents, volunteers and guests – and this priority ensures everyone continues to thrive in our safe and caring schools.

Kurt Sacher Superintendent

We would love to hear your thoughts on this month's parent survey at this link.

For Trustee updates and to read the latest Board eNews, please visit our website.

POWER Award Winners - POWER Award Winners Congratulations to our Award winners from April 2022!

PreK: Miss Kolbeck, Mrs. Van der Loop

KC: Lane, Kenzie, Logan, Natalie, Rowan, Sylas

KG: Braxten, Deagan, Isaac, Taliah, Oliver

1DS: Emslie, Liam **1W:** Ava, Sasha

1S: Athena, Rhett, Scarlett

1P: Denver, Myah

2B: Ryder, Torren, Ken

2D: Synthia, Isabella, Caleb

2N: Locklyn, Everly

3S: Audrey, Rachel

3R: Lachlan, Kylie, Colt

3V: Hailey, Declan

Tidy Teddy Award: Ms. Vickery's Gr. 3 Class









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 building the new natural playground.

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!



Jessie Duncan Elementary School Parent Council would like to invite you to join them for a presentation about starting the social media conversation with our children.

There are a lot of scrary misconceptions around how kids are using social media. Proceeding with uninformed fear, or by banning and forbidding devices and apps isn't the answer though. Jo Phillips and Joe Whitbread from Joe's Scoial Media in Lacombe will be presenting to our school virtually, on May 18th to help start an important social media conversation.

You are invited to login and join us for this important conversation, starting at 6:30 pm for this insightful and valuable conversation about the ways all of us are raising children in a very digital world.

Jessie Duncan- Penhold
Wednesday May 18, 2022 at 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Google Meet joining info
Video call link- https://meet.google.com/evm-kxhd-sqt

We look forward to seeing you all there, if you can only attend part of the presentation that is not a problem, feel free to come and go as you need.