



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. We have spent the past week preparing for the arrival of our students and have plenty of amazing activities ready to help everyone grow and learn. Our open house was a great success and it was great to see everyone who could come.

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!

If you are interested in being a part of our School Council you can reach out to the following email address jdsschoolcouncil@gmail.com and a School Council representative will get in touch with you. School Council has helped to expand our playground, provide Jessie Duncan shirts for all of our new students, support our families in need and much more. The School Council is a great way to help improve the learning experience for all of our students at Jessie Duncan

~Mr. Sholdice



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Swim Lesson Fee Correction

The note titled **2022-2023 Information Items** has a typo. Due to the raise of transportation costs we have had to increase the swim fee lessons from \$60 to \$85. We are currently trying to find a way to lower the cost. We will notify you closer to the swim lesson dates what the final fee will be.

Sept 2022

Mark Your Calendar

Sept 1: First Day Gr. 1-3

Sept 1-2: Kinder Orientation Days—Sign Up Online—only come at your allotted time.

Sept 5: No School

*Labor Day

Sept 23: No School

*PD Day

Sept 30: No School

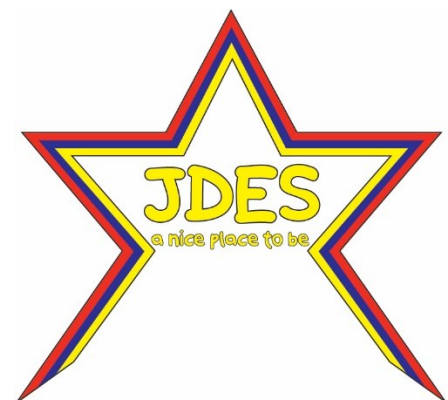
*National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Coming up in October.....

Oct 10: Thanksgiving Break—No School

Oct: 17 & 18 School Photos—stay tuned for details on your students photo day.

Oct 31: School Fees Due

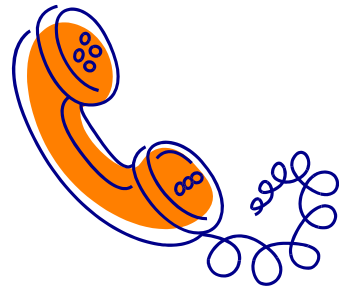


Call Safe—Student Absences

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*



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS**
read well by the end
of the third grade.



**MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS**
pass important
courses



**HIGH
SCHOOLERS**
stay on track for
graduation



**UNIVERSITY/
COLLEGE
STUDENTS**
earn their degree



WORKERS
succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

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!

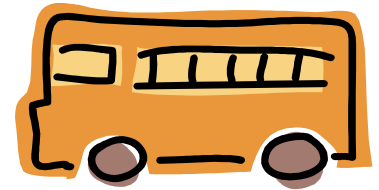
2022-2023 JDES Staff List

Mr. Kory Sholdice	Principal
Mrs. Susan Dillabough	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Tina Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Teierle	Administrative Assistant/Library Tech
Ms. Lisa Fletcher	Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten
Mrs. Margo Gruenewald	Kindergarten
Mrs. Christi Rosenberger	Kindergarten
Mrs. Cheryl Daines	Grade One
Mrs. Chelsea Williams	Grade One
Miss Natalie Potratz	Grade One
Mrs. Malynn Skrepnyk	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
Ms. Kari Kolback	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Debbie Wilson	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Karin Deschamps	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Sarah Giesbrecht	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Crystal Vanderham	Educational Assistant
Ms. Aashna Christoph	Family School Wellness
Mrs. Steve Ord	Custodian
Ms. Lauria Nelson	Custodian

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 this zone during those times. Thank you for your cooperation.

START and END OF DAY PICK UP

- For students not taking the bus home, 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 mid-day without an appointment with the teacher. If you are late arriving to the school, you must check into the office to let us know for attendance. If you are dropping off a lunch or missed item please leave it at the office with your child's name and classroom teacher. If you need to see your child, we will call them down to the office for you.



Chinook's Edge School Division

2022-2023 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

AUGUST 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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 29 School Organizational Day
 Aug 30 Focused PD Day
 Aug 31 School Organizational Day

SEPTEMBER 2022						
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Sept 1 Students' First Day of School
 Sept 5 Labour Day
 Sept 23 Focused PD Day
 Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

OCTOBER 2022						
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Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day
 Oct 21 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

NOVEMBER 2022						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
 Nov 10-11 Fall Break
 Nov 25 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

DECEMBER 2022						
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Dec 9 Non Instructional Day
 Dec 26-31 Christmas Break

JANUARY 2023						
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Jan 2-6 Christmas Break
 Jan 9 Students Return
 Jan 30 School Organizational Day

FEBRUARY 2023						
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Feb 10 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)
 Feb 20 Family Day
 Feb 20-24 Winter Break
 Feb 23-24 Teachers' Convention

MARCH 2023						
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Mar 10 Collaborative Day
 Mar 24 Non Instructional Day

APRIL 2023						
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Apr 7 Good Friday
 Apr 10 Easter Monday
 Apr 11-14 Spring Break

MAY 2023						
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May 5 Collaborative Day
 May 19 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
 May 22 Victoria Day
 May 29 Non Instructional Day

JUNE 2023						
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Jun 27 Students Last Day
 Jun 28 School Organizational Day

LEGEND			
	School Planning Day		Teachers' Convention
	Focused PD Day		Significant Start and End Dates
	Holiday		Breaks
	Non Instructional Day		Collaborative Days - No school for students. One Focused PD Day will be designated as the TPGP

CESD appreciates feedback from all of our stakeholders in the creation of this calendar. Over 2000 CESD staff members, parents and students contributed to the most recent CESD Calendar Survey. The next opportunity for feedback will be in the 2022-2023 school year.

April 28, 2022

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 the school office.



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.

Believing in every student - A message from the Superintendent

Students, staff and families across Chinook's Edge are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us, and I extend a warm welcome on behalf our Board of Education and Central Office Leadership Team.

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our schools share a focus on key [divisional goals](#): Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections. We believe this strong foundation will allow our students to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. Our schools are filled with enthusiasm as this year gets underway.

Our staff have worked hard to ensure a clear path ahead for our students, including a focused collaboration to support the new K-3 curriculum (more information below). We work to build welcoming school cultures and believe each day is filled with learning opportunities for every student in our care, which is why we are launching our [Attendance Matters](#) initiative.

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school and wish everyone a tremendous year ahead!


Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Welcome letter from The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education: [click here](#)

Ready to go with new provincial curriculum



Twenty-five Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers from schools across the division worked in grade teams to collaboratively create resources to support implementation of the [K-3 curriculum](#). They found that, while there are some new or refreshed initiatives, the curriculum has clear connections to the three division goals in Chinook's Edge:

Academic Excellence
Social Emotional Well-being
Career Connections

