



# Jessie Duncan School Newsletter

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

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## Principal's Message

As a school team, we are working diligently to support all our students' learning needs. Our grade teams, administration and outside specialists all work together to create and deliver programs that will help each student reach their potential. We are also excited to continue connecting with our parents through volunteer opportunities, assemblies and school events.

Each spring, we ask for parent feedback on a number of areas and we use this information to guide our work with students and parents. Here are a few highlights from the survey.

- ◆ My child is receiving the academic support they need to be successful at school. 95% agree
- ◆ My child usually feels happy, cared for and safe at school. 93% agree

and here are a few comments from some of our parents.....

The school has gone above and beyond trying to help my child catch up to her proper reading level.  
 Our son adores his teacher and the EAS at the school.

*At Jessie Duncan we love teaching and learning with your children and we thank you for your trust and support. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's education and experience at Jessie Duncan please contact us.*

**Kory Sholdice, Principal**

## NOV 2022

### Mark Your Calendar

**Nov 1st:** Hot Lunch Orders Due by 10am

**Nov 4th:** Power Awards Assembly

**Nov 8th:** DQ Hot Lunch

**Nov 9th:** Remembrance Day Ceremony

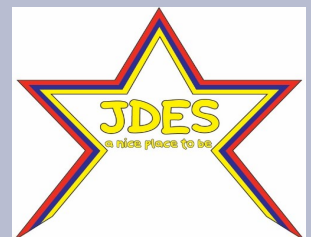
**Nov 10-13:** Fall Break No School

**Nov 14th:** Photo Retakes

**Nov 14th:** Gr 3 Swimming Lessons begin, Swim days are Monday and Wednesdays

**Nov 23rd:** Hot Lunch Day

**Nov 25th:** No School



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## Remembrance Day



*Jessie Duncan Elementary School*

**Observing Remembrance Day**

**10:00AM November 9th, 2021**

Every year the students learn about the meaning and importance of Remembrance Day. This year we are able to have our multi-school assembly once again. This will take place at Penhold Crossing at 10AM and it is open for families to attend. Our students will be leaving JDES by 9:20 to travel to the high school. We would like to encourage the students to dress formal or in uniform if a Brownie / Cub Scout etc. Thank you.

## Photo Retakes



### **Monday, November 14th**

Lifetouch will be here on *Monday, November 14th* for school photo retakes. If your child was absent during photo days, please notify the teacher that you would like to get their photo done that day.

If you have questions about your fall photos status, errors on your orders or how to place orders, please call our Lifetouch Customer Care line at **1.866.457.8212** or go to our ordering website, [www.mylifetouch.ca](http://www.mylifetouch.ca)

Lifetouch Photography is excited to announce the launch of a new way to access photos online.

After much safety and security testing, Lifetouch developed a way for families to access their child's photo using their **student ID number**.

Go to our website at [www.mylifetouch.ca](http://www.mylifetouch.ca), click on Student ID and follow the detailed instructions to view and order photos.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHINOOK'S EDGE  
SCHOOL DIVISION



**CHRONIC ABSENCE**  
18 or more days

**WARNING SIGNS**  
10 to 17 days

**SATISFACTORY**  
9 or fewer absences

### Help Your Child Stay Healthy and Engaged

- **Establish** routines for bedtime, waking up and showing up for class.
- **Identify a quiet place** for your child to do school work. If you have more than one child, make a schedule.
- **Develop back-up plans** for logging in to the computer if you can't be there. Find a family member, neighbour, or older child who can help. Community based organizations might also be able to help.
- **Avoid extended family trips and non-urgent** medical appointments when school is in session.

## Swimming Lessons



### Grade 3 Swimming

#### Swimming Dates

November 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th & 30th

December 5th & 7th

Please remember to complete both the Field Trip Form and the Lesson Participant Form from the pool as soon as possible. Cost for swimming is \$65.50 due before lessons begin



**P**ositive

**O**utlook

**W**ins

**E**veryday

**R**ewards

**KF: Merritt, Dennissa**

**KG: Brant, Blaire, Sawyer, Charlotte**

**KR: Raelynn, Mason**

**1D: Joyce, Dominic, Nixon**

**1P: Dallin, Cole**

**1S: Teagan, Knoxx, Brooklyn**

**1/2W: Mia, Allison, Agamjot**

**2B: Brayden, McKinley**

**2D: Harper, Chloe, Aubree**

**2N: Owen, Ava**

**3R: Quinn, Hayden, Raya**

**3S: Gionna, Kohenn, Lilee**

**3V: Travis, Mackenzie, Kesler**

### Library

JDES Library is looking for gently used book donations.

#### Popular Titles/Subjects:

Dogman	Dragon Masters
Wings of Fire	Notebook of Doom
Babysitter's Club	Pete the Cat
Bad Guys	Disney Princesses
Titanic	Pokemon
Space	Minecraft
Roblox	Holiday Themed



### Learn Tennis

#### TENNIS CLASSES

At Jessie Duncan Elementary School



#### Kids' Classes: Ages 8-13

Mondays 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
October 31- December 19

Players will learn fundamentals on each shot- forehand, backhand, serve, and volley with fun games and also learn about rules and scoring.

Cost: \$155/ student

\*No class Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

Rackets can be provided if needed

To register, please call or text Tyler @ (587) 877-6420  
or E-mail at [centralabtennis@gmail.com](mailto:centralabtennis@gmail.com)

**REGISTER NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

# Division News

... for parents and guardians

November 2022



## Achieving our goals together -

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In our three-year [Education Plan](#), we have set specific targets and detailed strategies around our divisional goals to ensure each student in Chinook's Edge achieves success. Our Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections goals are impacting students at every grade level, and our division's achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team.

Staff in all schools, across all grades, help students achieve success by setting the bar high and then supporting students as they strive to reach it. We have a strong focus on sharing best practices around teacher strategies to bring the very best learning experiences to the students we serve. That is the focus and benefit of our five Professional Learning Days in Chinook's Edge (more on this below).

Staff in our schools are making genuine gestures to invite parents back to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend their assemblies, or take part in Parent Teacher Interviews. At the division level, the Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are grateful for the feedback we are receiving through our Parents Matter Committee and Parent Council meetings.

We work hard to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for our students, families and staff, because we believe that strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities. Most importantly, it is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve, which will set them up for a lifetime of success.

To read the latest version of the Board eNews, please [click here](#).

### Professional Learning Days



What are staff doing during the division's five non-instructional days for students?

"[Professional Learning Days](#) provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom and ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life. The most valuable resource we have is each other," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. [Read more here](#).

### Inclement Weather



The safety of students, staff and parents is our highest priority, which is why Chinook's Edge developed an Inclement Weather procedure.

This link to our [Inclement Weather website](#) outlines specific responses if weather causes a change to our regular daily processes. This means school buses may not run or school closures may be in effect for a single school, a community of schools or the entire school division if weather necessitates an Inclement Weather day.

Be safe, Be aware, Be ready to learn! Be familiar with this important information. Thank you.



## Inclement Weather Day

Key priorities when winter weather hits Chinook's Edge



### Be Safe - see more details [at this link](#)

- No matter the season, be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and don't let them walk if the weather is not safe.
- Watch [this video](#) for pointers on dressing children safely before they head outdoors!
- Don't drive and/or don't let your children drive if the roads are not safe.
- Be familiar with the Chinook's Edge Inclement Weather approach to safety and know what the terms **Yellow Day** and **Red Day** mean:
  - **Yellow** - Buses are not running in part or all of the division, but schools are open and learning is moving forward.
  - **Red** - Red Days are rare, but Red Days mean schools are closed in part or all of the division.

### Be Aware of how Inclement Weather Days will affect your family

- Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) makes a final decision before 6:00 a.m. on the Inclement Weather Day (decisions may be made the evening prior in rare, extreme weather cases). This notification will be sent through School Messenger to parents whose families will be impacted (ie. the Inclement Weather situation may only involve one community).
- An Inclement Weather admin procedure guides these decisions, particularly as it pertains to the prime morning time between 7-9 a.m. (when students and staff are driving or walking) It can be read [at this link](#).
- Notification will be posted immediately through the Bus Status App to any affected bus routes, and the Transportation Department will communicate directly with bus drivers and any impacted bus families regarding bus routes.
- Notification is emailed to all staff and is posted to the division website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Area media outlets are notified.

### Be ready to learn

- Although it will look different at elementary schools than it does at high schools, learning will continue during Inclement Weather Days:
  - Yellow Days - Students who aren't able to attend class will access Google Classroom for information to help them learn what is covered in class. Students will have opportunities to catch up when they return to school.
    - Attendance - It is important that parents of rural bus students notify the school if their child will be absent. Some parents may choose to drive their child when their bus isn't running, while some will choose to keep their child at home. Schools cannot make assumptions when safety is at stake.
    - All other students with safe transportation are expected to attend.
  - Red Days - When schools are closed, students will access their learning through Google Classroom:
    - Day 1 teachers will communicate the day's learning plan with students, respecting the fact that many families may not be able to provide necessary technology or support for their children.
    - Day 2 and all subsequent Red Days will involve instruction delivered via Google Meet and/or Google Classroom.





We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca) under Careers/ Casual

Support Staff, by email at [transportation@cesd73.ca](mailto:transportation@cesd73.ca) or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds