



# Jessie Duncan School Newsletter

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

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## Principals Message:

As Christmas approaches we are continuing to learn and enjoy time with our students. We are very excited for our Christmas Concert this year! These events bring our community together and give our students an opportunity to show what they have been learning in music with Mrs. Klassen. We will have four concerts over two nights to ensure all our families can come see their children perform. A big thank you to Mrs. Klassen and Mrs. Gruenewald and our staff for all the work they do to make these two nights a success. The schedule for the concerts are below.

**Wed, Dec. 21:**

**5:30-6:00: Kindergarten Concert**

**6:30-7:00: 3S/1D/2N**

**Thurs. Dec. 22:**

**5:30-6:00: 3V/1P&1/2W/2B**

**6:30-7:00: 3R/1S/2D**

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

Jessie Duncan Elementary

## Dec 2022

### Mark Your Calendar

**Dec 1:** Power Award Assembly

**Dec 5,7:** Gr 3 Swim

**Dec 7-23:** 12 Days of Christmas—calendar pg.2

**Dec 7:** Hot Lunch Day

**Dec 9:** No School

**Dec 20:** Hot Lunch Day

**Dec 21 & 22** Christmas Concert

## Dec 24-Jan 8

### Christmas Break

.....Coming Up!

**Jan 3:** Hot Lunch Orders Due 10AM

**Jan 9:** Back to School!

**Jan 9:** New Kindergarten Registration Opens

**Jan 10, 25:** Hot Lunch Days



# The Twelve Days of Christmas at Jessie Duncan



## December 2022

Jessie Duncan's 12 Days of Christmas!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Wear Red	8 PJ Day	9 <b>**No School**</b>	10
11	12 Plaid-erday! Wear Plaid today!	13 Wear a Christmas Hat/Headband	14 Bring a toonie to wear any hat all day	15 Wear Green and a Mrs. Duffy Christmas treat!!	16 PJ's and Pancakes Day	17
18	19 Bring red/green food items for lunch	20 Wear a Christmas shirt/sweater	21 Wear Christmas socks	22 Candy Cane Day (wear red/white)	23 PJ Day Last Day of School!! See you in January 2023!!	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day ←-----	26 -----	27 --CHRISTMAS--	28 ---BREAK---	29 -----	30 -----	31 -----→

## Christmas Concert

### JDES Christmas Concert

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## Congratulations to our October Power Award Winners

**P**ositive

**O**utlook

**W**ins

**E**veryday

**R**ewards

**KF:** Jasper, Hazel, Kaysen

**KG:** Axton, Ava, Kingston, Rowyn

**1D:** Brock, Liam, Scarlett

**1P:** Jordyn, Jase

**1S:** Tenley, Kaiden

**1/2W:** Hudson, Connor, Emily

**2B:** Nash, Brayden, Rayne

**2D:** Piper, Kinsley, Elizah

**2N:** Colby, Quinn

**3R:** Lawson, Hunter, Max

**3S:** Jordyn, Blaine

**3V:** Abigail, Isabel

**Tidy Teddy Award  
for October went to  
2D**



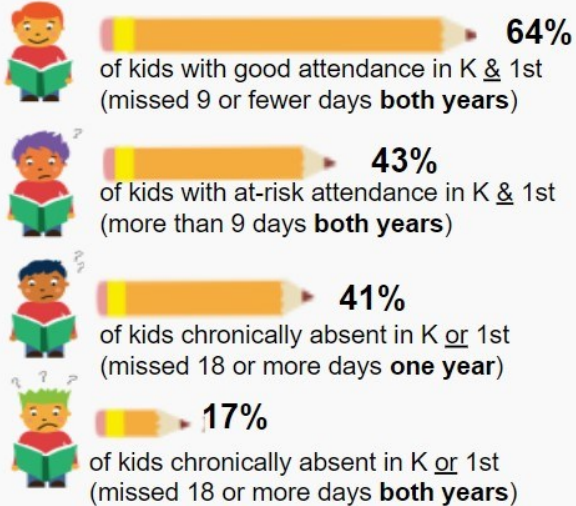
**Together we  
collected 85  
Shoeboxes.  
That's amazing  
JDES!**

## Attendance Reminder

### Why It Matters

- Children who don't attend school regularly miss out on fundamental reading and math skills, and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.
- Children who are chronically absent in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of Grade 3 and beyond.

### Who Can Read at Grade Level After Grade 3?



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### Make School Attendance a Priority

- **Monitor your child's attendance** and participation, and contact your teacher to address any concerns.
- **Post your child's class schedule** and log in information on the fridge or your child's homework area.
- **Log in to Powerschool** to receive updates about your child's grades (grades 5-12) and/or attendance.
- **Find out if your child feels safe.** If there are problems, contact the school team to find a solution.
- **If your child seems bored or anxious** about school, talk to their teacher, Family School Wellness, or other parents for advice on how to make your child feel safe and excited about learning.
- **Ask for help when you need it.** School staff, community agencies, or other parents are available to help families access supports when needed.
- **Contact your school team** if you need help to support your child and make school a great place to learn and grow.

### Thank you for your support

Generous community - The Jessie Duncan School community gathered to thank representatives from companies that donated funds to support the new school playground. Nexxus Energy Technologies (\$25,000) and Richardson Pioneer Resources (\$15,000) helped relocate the playground from its original location at River Glen School, allowing Jessie Duncan's rapidly growing school population to enjoy their refreshed playground!



# Thank You

## Modeling what great citizenship truly means

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather, and this fall there has been a renewed sense of gratitude for our time together in school each day. We know the holiday season ignites an even greater sense of compassion and goodwill in our schools, as students and staff answer the call to be good global citizens. They are sharing our caring culture by ensuring the shelves are well stocked at area Food Banks, filling hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, performing seasonal concerts at seniors' homes, and gathering warm mittens for those less fortunate.

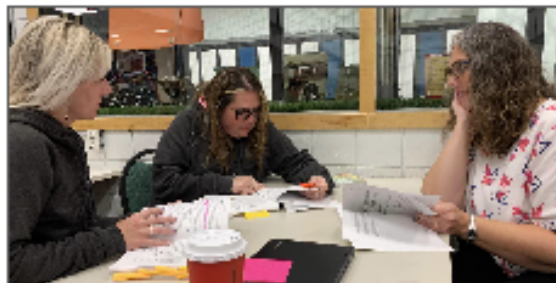
Our students model what great citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. At a time when lessons in the importance of being a good neighbour, a helpful friend and a respectful citizen are needed, we applaud our students and staff for the plentiful examples of their kindness.

Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

### Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2023 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. **Online registration will begin on January 9, 2023.** Please visit our website for [Kindergarten information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming!

### Professional Learning Day November 25



These teachers and staff at Westglen School, as in schools throughout Chinook's Edge, have been engaged in high leverage strategies to support student progress during the division's Professional Learning Days.

Focussed efforts on Professional Learning Days have improved student achievement results, and support for those having difficulty, so that high school graduation is a reality for everyone! Read more [at this link](#).

### Responding to the rise of respiratory viruses



The chief medical officer of health, Dr. Mark Joffe, has issued a statement about the increase of respiratory viruses in Alberta. As always, Chinook's Edge takes its lead in these matters from the officials at Alberta Health Services, and share their priority to keep our school communities safe. The government's full statement can be read [at this link](#).

We appreciate your attention to the preventative measures Dr. Joffe outlines. Our efforts together make a huge impact in our safe and caring schools!