

Jessie Duncan Elementary School



Upcoming Events

Jan 3rd: Hot Lunch Orders Due 10:00am

Jan 9th: Welcome Back

Jan 10th: Hot Lunch

Jan 13th: POWER Assembly

Jan 25th: Hot Lunch

Jan 30th: No School

Coming Up.....

Feb 1st: Hot Lunch Orders Due by 10am

Feb 9 & 15: Hot Lunch Days

Feb 20-24 Winter Break

Principal's Message

We hope everyone had a fun and restful break. December was a great month with gingerbread houses, classroom celebrations, and our Christmas concert! Returning in January is a great time because our routines are established and we have strong relationships with our students allowing us to hit the ground running. This year we will begin assessing our students in January as we have report cards coming out on February 3rd.

We have also received funding from the Alberta Government to help address gaps in learning caused by the pandemic. This will allow grade 2 and 3 teachers to have 30 minutes each day dedicated to small group instruction focusing on literacy and later numeracy. While the teachers are working with small groups another teacher, funded by the initiative, will be teaching the rest of the class. Our teams have worked very hard to develop lessons that will help move our students' learning as much as possible.

The staff at Jessie Duncan continues to be dedicated to our students and we have many supports that make our school great every year. Here are just a few:

- Our collaborative teams work together to support all students
- Our music specialist Mrs. Klassen
- Early Literacy Support for emerging readers
- The support of our School Council and community
- Mrs. Duffy and our breakfast program
- The dedicated staff of Jessie Duncan Elementary School

Have a great January everyone!

Kory Sholdice
Principal
Jessie Duncan Elementary

CONGRATULATIONS

To our November POWER Award Winners

KG: Felix, Maverick, Grayson, Peyton, Emma

KR: Bennett, Cayden, Stella, Asher, Ariel

1D: Knox, Brynley, Mateo

1P: Kash, Brady

1S: Braxton, Logan

1/2W: Oliver, Savanna

2B: Kasey, Emslie

2D: Kooper, Conall, Rylan

2N: Afeya, Wyatt

3R: Jordyn, Kora, Felix

3S: Max, Saffron, Torren

3V: Kiptyn, Sawyer, Synthia



Positive Outlook
Wins Everyday
Rewards

Tidy Teddy

WINNER FOR NOVEMBER



Thank you for helping to
keep our school clean





Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024 Opens Jan 9th

<https://www.cesd73.ca/programs/early-childhood-services>



**Thank you to all of
those who
participated in toonie
hat day. Together we
raised **\$310.00** which
was donated to the
Food Bank**



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

GRADES 2-4	GRADES 5-8
TROUBLE WITH TRIBBLES ASSEMBLE YOUR OWN POM-POM TRIBBLE AND LEARN HOW TO WRITE A SIMPLE CODE TO MAKE THE TRIBBLE DANCE FOR YOU!	MICRO:BATS USING A MICRO:BIT PROCESSOR AND AN ULTRA-SONIC SENSOR, LEARN HOW TO USE SIMPLE BLOCK CODE TO MEASURE DISTANCES USING ECHO LOCATION LIKE BATS!
10:30AM - 11:30AM	1PM - 2:30PM

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Our commitment to health and wellness

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In Chinook's Edge, we know that ensuring a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the [Health and Wellness](#) initiative, which empowers achievement and well-being of both students and staff to thrive as compassionate, healthy and well staff. Supporting a culture of emotional, intellectual, balanced individuals.

physical, social and spiritual well-being in our division

helps our students and staff achieve success. Chinook's Edge is pleased to be partners in

creating solutions that support the health and

Our focus on student wellness has led to the wellness of our students, staff and families. Doing development of a new made-in-Chinook's Edge so ensures our students are ready to succeed in course for all high school students. The Social learning and in life.

Emotional Well-being ([SEW 15](#)) course empowers

young people with the skills to grow as individuals, I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school and allows all students to learn together and reach communities a healthy and happy new year! their full potential.

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!

Attendance Matters

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



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.

In Chinook's Edge, we share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child. Let's work together to help your child achieve success! Make attendance a priority in your home and help your child succeed. Read more [here](#).

Weekdays 'til 6



Weekdays 'til 6 is a practice in Chinook's Edge which means all non-emergency emails and texts will be sent prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays.

This is meant to honour the individual personal time of our parents, families, students and staff. Our hope is that everyone in our Chinook's Edge community enjoys a healthy work/life balance! Please read more about Weekdays 'til 6 [at this link](#), and thank you for honouring this approach. We are convinced Weekdays 'til 6 is in the best interest of the students we serve.



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 under Careers/ Casual Support Staff, by email at 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