

Jessie Duncan Elementary School

JESSIE DUNCAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Feb 2nd: Power Assembly

Feb 7–8th: No Secrets

Feb 8th: Hot Lunch

Feb 10th: No School

**Feb 10th: Love Bug Dance
5:30–8:30**

Feb 14th: Hot Lunch

**Feb 15th: Parent Council
Meeting 7:00**

Feb 20–24th: Winter Break

Coming Up.....

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

March 10th & 24th: No School

**March 21–23rd: Parent/Teacher
Interviews**

**March 21–23rd: Scholastic Book
Fair**

**March 28th: Gr 2 Swimming
Starts**

Principal's Message

We are halfway through our school year and our staff, students, and community continue to do an amazing job. We are always appreciative of our parents who volunteer their time to our School Council. Each year they provide us with the parent perspective on new initiatives, events, and school communication. We value the feedback and do our best to make improvements based on this information. Our School Council also creates many learning opportunities for our students through fundraising. Over the past few years, we have been able to improve our library, playground and purchase new instruments for our music program. All of these improvements create a better experience for our students at Jessie Duncan Elementary. Thank you!!

In February we will be bringing back No Secrets, a personal safety presentation, by the Central Alberta Sexual Assault Support Centre. This program is for children in grades K-4 with a focus on teaching children personal safety as a supportive skill and tool in the prevention of child sexual abuse. The presentations will include:

- Public vs. Private – how do we treat public and private things with kindness?
- Parts of the body (including the proper names for our private parts)
- My Body Is My Own, bodies are private – you can decide if you want to give a hug or a high five
- Safe & Unsafe Touching – what is safe & unsafe touching?
- Safe & Unsafe Secrets – what are safe & unsafe secrets?
- Personal Safety Rules – Say 'No', Go, Tell a trusted adult
- Body Boundary Rules – no one should look at, touch, or take pictures of our bodies without our permission.
- Safety Network – who can you tell if something unsafe? like unsafe touching or secrets, happens

This presentation does not refer to child sexual abuse or sexual violence and is NOT sexual health education.

Questions or concerns about No Secrets in your child's classroom can be directed at your classroom teacher and school administration. The Education team from the CASASC is also available to chat with you about any content-related No Secrets questions and can be reached at education@casasc.ca

Kory Sholdice
Principal
Jessie Duncan Elementary

CONGRATULATIONS

To our December POWER Award Winners

KG: Julian, Reece, Ariana, Freya

KF: Aria, Lucas, Caleb

1D: Ella, Rowan

1P: Anya, Arlen

1S: Willa, Amara

1/2W: Sadie, Boston

2B: Brady, Emily, Hayden

2D: Marko, Corvin

2N: Rhett, Kaydence

3R: Summer, Quinn, Faith

3S: Calesi, Ken, Sophia

3V: Olivia, Lawson, Kaeden



Positive Outlook
Wins Everyday
Rewards

Tidy Teddy

WINNER FOR DECEMBER



Thank you for helping to
keep our school clean





Kindergarten Registration is Ongoing for the 2023-2024 school year

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

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Interested in Pre-Kindergarten?

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

<https://www.jessieduncan.ca/about/pre-kindergarten-report>

We are currently starting the application process for the 2023-2024 year please call 403-886-2233 or email jessie.duncan@cesd73.ca for more information on the application process.



JESSIE DUNCAN PARENT
COUNCIL PRESENTS

Love Bug Boogie

FEBRUARY 10
JESSIE DUNCAN SCHOOL

FAMILY DANCE

5:30pm – 8:30pm

\$5 per person

ONLINE PURCHASE ONLY LINK BELOW
(under 1 free)

DANCE

50/50

DINE

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Food + 50/50 all sold individually,
PLEASE BRING CASH :)

Ticket Link: quiz.ticketleap.com/lovebug

Help us raise funds to develop the outdoor school classroom by attending a family dance! We will have DJ RICCO spinning the beats for the kids, hot dogs/snacks for purchase, and a raffle! Tickets to attend are \$5 and can be purchased at the link: quiz.ticketleap.com/lovebug (Food sold separately) Please send any questions to Ellen @ mckaneellen@hotmail.com Hope to see you all there

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS

Elementary students

READ WELL

by the end of grade three



CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION

Embracing Indigenous students and their families

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Acting in support of our commitment to our 900 Indigenous students and their families, and to embrace Indigenous Learning for all students and staff, we will be installing Treaty flags inside schools across our division as a sign of respect to Indigenous Peoples.

Recently, our Board of Trustees, Leadership Team, and School Administration Teams shared an important flag ceremony with Elders, Knowledge Keepers and special guests from Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and the Métis Nation.

It was a touching and historic moment for our school division. It fills us with tremendous pride as we continue to make authentic steps forward with respect to truth and reconciliation. It was a special day in our critically important journey.

I would like to thank our Indigenous Learning team for bringing us together with our honoured guests, and to all our administrators, staff and trustees for what they have all done to this point and for what they will continue to do.

The admin team from your child's school will provide further information on their own flag ceremony as their plans evolve, and we thank you for walking alongside us throughout this journey. In Chinook's Edge, our actions will always speak louder than our words.

Kurt Sacher



Superintendent Kurt Sacher shared a warm greeting with honoured guests before addressing the audience, while students provided a spirited celebration in dance at the Indigenous Flag ceremony. Chinook's Edge is working to ensure our Indigenous students and families feel welcome, cared for and respected through our Indigenous Students Matter committee, our Indigenous Learning Team with reps in every school, and our heartfelt commitment. Please read more [here](#).

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