

April 2023

Jessie Duncan Elementary School

Upcoming Events

**April 4th: Hot Lunch Orders
Due by 10am**

Apr 6th: Power Assembly

**Apr 10th- 14th Spring Break
No School**

April 19th: Hot Lunch

**April 24th: Pre-K Open House
3:30-5**

April 25th: Hot Lunch

Coming Up.....

**May 1st- Grade 1 Swimming
Begins**

**May 2nd- Hot Lunch Orders
Due by 10am**

THANK YOU!

**We would like to send a
huge thank-you to all of
our families that came in
to visit us to support our
book fair.**

Principal's Message

We are excited to welcome Spring and all of the fun that comes with the warmer weather. Often in April we do see variations in temperature, so please be sure to check the weather. Our playground can also be very wet and muddy, so sending kids in boots and suitable outdoor clothes and even packing extra clothes for the inevitable mishaps that occur is a good idea. Staff are trying their best to keep the kids high and dry, but they are kids after all and we have more than enough mud puddles to go around.

Our parent teacher interviews were a big success this year with the large majority of families connecting with classroom teachers. The partnership between home and the school is an important piece to help our students learn and grow. Thank you for your trust and support throughout the year.

We also wanted to say thanks to all the families that were able to attend our Book Fair. The kids were very excited and all funds raised will help us keep our library full of new and exciting books for our readers. With your support throughout the past year through fundraising, book fair and book donations we have been able to add over 500 new books to our collection and the excitement for reading is easy to see when our students come into the library.

Kory Sholdice
Principal
Jessie Duncan Elementary

JOIN US FOR OUR PRE-KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE APRIL 24TH



Monday April 24th
3:30-5:00

Pre-K Open House

Please join the pre-kindergarten team for an open house on Monday, April 24 3:30-5:00 to learn more about our program.

Jessie Duncan Elementary school's pre-kindergarten program provides a language-rich, play-based environment for children who will be 4 years of age by December 31, or 3 years of age if your child has severe language needs. Children are provided with educational activities to enhance cognitive, emotional, social, creative, and physical development. A certified teacher, educational assistant, speech and language pathologist, and occupational therapist work together to provide individual learning opportunities.

If you believe your child may have a speech and language delay or requires behavioral and emotional regulation, please contact Jessie Duncan at 403-886-2233 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our February POWER Award Winners

KG: Maddison, Chase, Harper, Hudson

KF: Austin, Sophia, Lexi

1D: Syllas, Nevayah

1P: Emma, Tinsley

1S: Sadie, Rylee, Bentley

1/2W: Olivia, Lila

2B: Irelyn, Connor

2D: Eden, Athena, Kinsley

2N: Hanna, Ayla, Jayda

3R: EJ, Carolyn, Austyn

3S: Oliver, William, Locklyn

3V: Tyrell, Isaac, Everly

Own your
POWER

Positive Outlook
Wins Everyday
Rewards

Tidy Teddy

WINNER FOR JANUARY



Thank you for helping to
keep our school clean



AT THE
pool

Swimming Lessons 2B, 2D, 2N

March 28, 30, April 4, 6, 18, 20, 25, 27

2N – 11:15–12:00

2B – 1:00–1:45

2D – 1:45–2:30



**CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION**

**Research
shows
that**

missing 10 percent of the school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.



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.



Dual credit is a powerful program for students

- A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Did you know... *A student who enrolls in a dual credit course is almost 100% guaranteed to graduate?*

As Chinook's Edge looked back over the last decade of students who participated in dual credit opportunities, our records show that almost all of these students graduated. We knew dual credit was going well, but when we discovered this data we were thrilled!

What is dual credit?

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in a course through a post-secondary institution and receive credit for that course "dually": at the post secondary level and at high school. Dual Credit programming provides career pathway experiences as students explore various career learning through these courses. We offer:

- Various skilled trades experiences with early introduction to trades courses
- Pre-employment Certification in Welding and Heavy Equipment Technician
- Student career training in the area of animal sciences with the offering of the Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate
- Dual credit single course experiences: exploration of careers in business, sports management, animal sciences, horticulture, health care, hospitality, and agriculture technology

The goal of dual credit is to provide students with skills and experience necessary to transition successfully to post-secondary learning for their career of choice learning. We want students to leave high school engaging in the career pathway that they are passionate about. About 490 Chinook's Edge students enrolled in dual credit this year.



Veterinary Tech - dual credit students

Why does dual credit have an impact on graduation? There are two main reasons this program is having such a positive impact:

1. We have found that students who participate in dual credit *gain motivation*. They might hear, for instance, from a post-secondary instructor that a certain mark or a specific course is needed to progress in a career. Students are telling us this direct connection to careers makes their schooling more purposeful to them. As well, students find that their overall high school achievement increases as they better understand how important the skills of math, science and communication are for them in their future career.
2. *Direct support from a caring adult*. The structure of the dual credit program means a staff member will directly support individual students through advising and coaching to ensure the experience is successful. The influence of these staff members in a 'shepherding' type of role contributes significantly to student success.

In Chinook's Edge "Career Connections" is one of our three major priorities. Dual credit is just one high leverage strategy to help students transition into future careers. Please connect with your school for more information.

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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