

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 6 - Welcome Back *Hot Lunch Orders due 10 AM Jan 15 - Hot Lunch Jan 24 - Power Awards Assembly 2:15 Jan 28 Hot Lunch Jan 29 - Report Cards Jan 30 - No School (Professional Development) Jan 31 - No School

Coming Up....

Feb 7 - Power Awards Assembly 2:15 Feb 12 - Hot Lunch Feb 14 - Valentine's Day Feb 17-Feb 22 - Winter Break (No School) Feb 25 - Hot Lunch Feb 26 - Pink Shirt Day



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Jessie Duncan Families and Penhold Community!

We hope you had a restful holiday season and are as excited as we are to dive back into school and all the wonderful things this year has in store. January is an incredible month for learning in elementary school! With our routines firmly in place and relationships well established, we hit the ground running on day one. At Jessie Duncan Elementary, our staff works tirelessly to support every student's learning. Here are just a few highlights of the amazing work happening daily:

- Collaborative teams create engaging and effective programming.
- Mrs. Klassen, our music specialist, inspires creativity through music.
- Early Literacy Support for emerging readers.
- Mrs. Duffy and her dedication to our breakfast program.
- Esther Walkey, our Family School Wellness worker, supports student wellbeing.
- Jeremy Walters, our Youth Empowerment Support worker, empowering our youth.
- Mrs. Hogg, our rehabilitation assistant, helps students reach their potential.
- Our Learning Services Team ensures students get the support they need.
- The Jessie Duncan Parent Council, whose contributions are invaluable.
- And, of course, our incredible community, which makes everything we do possible.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled about the exciting events and presentations coming to JDES and our community:

- The Farm Safety Program will visit at the end of the month
- Our skating program begins January 15, 2025
- The Parent Council will host the Love Bug Boogie once again in February.
- Pound It Studios will be joining us in March for a week-long residency.

We're so grateful for the incredible collaboration between our school, families, and community. Let's make 2025 a year of growth, learning, and connection!

Warm regards, Kory Sholdice Principal, Jessie Duncan Elementary

SKATING IS COMING IN JANUARY!

EVERY CLASS WILL BE SKATING AT THE MULTIPLEX 4 DIFFERENT TIMES. STUDENTS WILL NEED SKATES, AND A CSA-APPROVED HOCKEY HELMET OR SKI HELMET, MITTS, OR GLOVES.

THANKS TO HOCKEY ALBERTA'S EVERY KID EVERY COMMUNITY PROGRAM.

ALL TEACHERS HAVE SENT OUT THEIR FIELD TRIP FORMS. PARENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE COMPLETED.





Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 School year opens January 6th <u>Please check</u> www.cesd.ca for more information

<u>https://www.cesd73.ca/progra</u> <u>ms/early-childhood-services</u>



A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Dave Litchfield and Penhold Dental Care for your generous donations to our Christmas Hampers, which support our local families.

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Thank you to Mrs. Klassen for creating such an amazing Christmas Concert for us to enjoy at JDES



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