



# May 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 2 – No School Collab Day**

**May 5 – Gr.1 Swimming starts**

**May 9 – Spell-a-thon Assembly 2:00**

**May 14 – Hot Lunch**

**May 16 – No School**

**May 19 – No School Victoria Day**

**May 23– Power Awards Assembly**

**May 27 – Hot Lunch**

**May 30 – Track and Field Day (\*\*NEW Hot Lunch)**

### Coming Up...

**June 3 & 4 – K Field Trip**

**June 5 – Gr 3 Field Trip**

**June 6 – Gr 2 Field Trip**

**June 9 – Gr 1 Field Trip**

**June 26 – Student's Last Day \*Noon Dismissal**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The past month has been an exciting one at Jessie Duncan, with the kickoff of our annual Spell-a-thon and the welcome arrival of spring! We were also treated to a visit from the "Bees" from Penhold Crossing High School, who performed an entertaining skit for our students. As always, the bees became a little irritated and ended up chasing your quick-footed principal out of the gym—but no worries, I'm far too fast and clever to be caught! We have changed the date of our Spellathon celebration assembly from May 1st to May 9th.

On behalf of our entire staff, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support of the Spell-a-thon. Thanks to your generosity in past years, we've been able to take students on memorable field trips, enhance our music program, and add engaging activities to our playground. This year, we'll again focus on supporting field trips and playground improvements. We always take great care in deciding how funds are used to ensure they benefit as many students as possible and help create a rich, positive school experience for everyone.

We also want to thank you for helping maintain consistent routines at home, especially during this tricky time of year with longer daylight hours. The time change can be tough on young learners, and we notice its impact here at school. A good night's sleep goes a long way in helping students stay focused and ready to learn.

As we head into the final months of the school year, please know we're here to support your children both academically and emotionally. If your child is experiencing challenges, don't hesitate to reach out. We're proud of the caring and collaborative team we have here at Jessie Duncan—including our amazing teachers, administration, Family School Wellness workers, and of course, our supportive parents.

Kory Sholdice



# Jessie Duncan Elementary School

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

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Good afternoon,

Jessie Duncan staff are planning for the upcoming year.

We are asking parents and guardians to ensure that they can sign into their PowerSchool parent portal account before the end of the year. If you are having trouble with your username or password, please contact your school **before the end of May** to get help.

When mid-August rolls around our school division will be sending you an email to fill in your "Annual Re-Enrollment and Consents" for the 2025-2026 School year. The form will need to be completed and submitted prior to the start of the school year.

The form will ensure your registration and certain consents for the upcoming school year.

Within the form are the consents including a Walking field trip, and Technology consents that have to be completed every year before your child can participate in these activities.

**Please do not create a new registration we will send you the form when it becomes available**

This is for all active K to 12 students

Please try to sign in to the link below to ensure your username and password.

Thank you

<https://powerschool.cesd73.ca/public/>

If you have verified that you can sign in, please disregard this message.

**AT THE**  
**pool**

**Grade 1  
Swimming Lessons**

**May 5,7,12,14,21,  
26,28 & June 2**

**1W- 10:30-11:15  
1B - 11:15-12:00  
1P - 1:00-1:45**

**welcome to  
kindergarten**

 **2025-2026** 

Kindergarten registration  
for the 2025-2026 School  
year is now open  
Please check [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca)  
for more information

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



**PRE-K**

Pre-Kindergarten builds children's strengths and skills in a playful, language-rich environment.

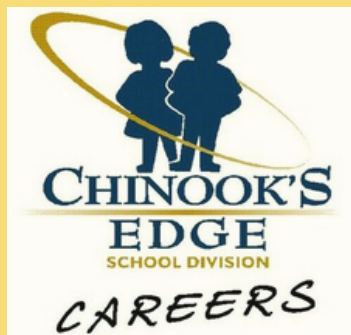
- Learn to express themselves, share, and problem-solve
- Improve communication and motor skills through specific intervention, exploration, and guided activities
- Build social skills and confidence in a playful and welcoming environment
- Discover new experiences, friends, and a love of learning

To learn more about our program please visit:  
<https://www.jessieduncan.ca/about/pre-kindergarten-report>



**JOIN US FOR OUR  
2025 SPELL-A-THON  
WRAP-UP ASSEMBLY  
MAY 9TH @ 2:00PM**





# School Bus Drivers WANTED



- No experience needed
- Must have a non-GDL Class 5 license
- **Paid** Class 2S training
- Take your preschool children with you.

Great part time  
job for retirees  
and parents with  
young children

**APPLY TODAY:**

**403-227-7072**

**transportation@cesd73.ca**

[www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca)

under Careers/Support  
Staff/Spare Bus Drivers



**COUNCIL  
CORNER:**

# May



*Jessie Duncan Parent Society*



**PARENT COUNCIL**

**NEXT MEETING**

**MAY 21, 2025 @ 6PM**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
FOLLOWED BY PARENT SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING**

**ALL PARENTS  
WELCOME!**



*Thank You  
to our  
Community &  
Parent  
Volunteers!*

*Jessie Duncan  
School Council & Parent Society*

## Kinder Orientation

**Welcome**

**New JDES Families**

**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU**

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5-6 PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
PARENT COUNCIL CONTACT:**

[jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com)



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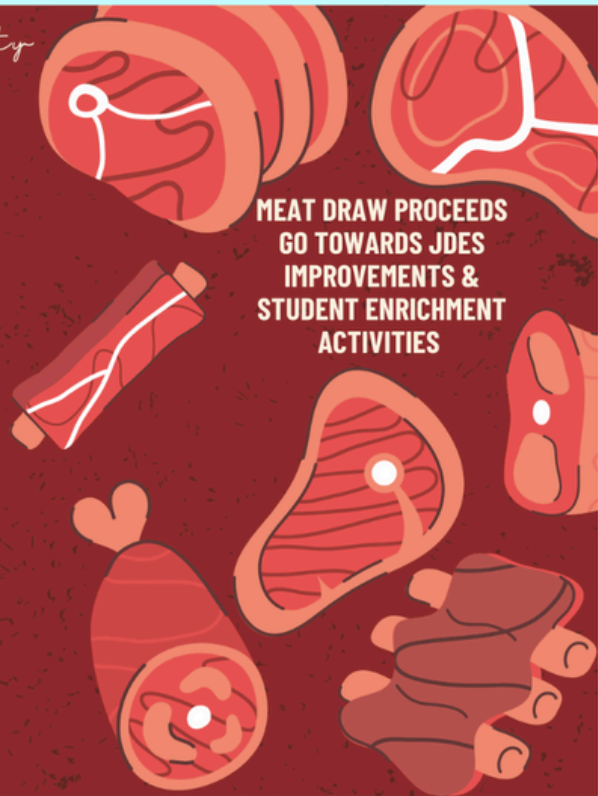
# Meat Draw Volunteers Needed!

**May 30<sup>th</sup> &  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

MEAT DRAWS ARE ON FRIDAYS @ THE  
PENHOLDER TAVERN. 4 VOLUNTEERS  
ARE NEEDED FOR EACH DRAW  
HOURS 6:45 PM- 8:45PM

**PLEASE CONTACT**  
**jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com**  
**FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP**

MEAT DRAW PROCEEDS  
GO TOWARDS JDES  
IMPROVEMENTS &  
STUDENT ENRICHMENT  
ACTIVITIES



Jessie Duncan Parent Society

## MAYOR MIKE'S FUN RUN! *Volunteers Needed!*



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 - 5:30 PM (PENHOLD MULTIPLEX)

**JOIN US IN ASSISTING AT THE FUN RUN**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP  
EMAIL: [JDSCHOOLCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY TICKET: TO RIDE  
THE MIDWAY RIDES OR ADULTS CAN ATTEND THE  
CRAFT BEER, WINE & SPIRITS FESTIVAL AFTERWARDS

Did You Know?



### LOOSE PARTS SHED

- The JDES Parent Society funded \$3000 towards the new "Loose Parts Shed"
- The Loose Parts Shed will help foster imaginative play and create more responsibilities for students with different job assignments to help organize/ maintain the shed and its contents

If you have 'usable items' that you would like to donate to the Shed for imaginative play please contact the office

