



September 2025

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 17- Parent Council 6PM

Sept 18- Terry Fox Run

Sept 19- No School

Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 - No School (National
Truth and Reconciliation
Day)

Coming Up....

Oct 1 - Hot Lunch Orders
due 10AM

Oct 3 - POWER Assembly

Oct 8 & 9 - Picture Days

Oct 10-No School

Oct 13 - No School
(Thanksgiving)

Oct 15 - Hot Lunch

Oct 20 - No School

Oct 21 - 24 Book Fair

Oct 28 - Hot Lunch

Oct 30 - POWER Assembly

Oct 31 - Halloween

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear JDES Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We're excited to begin another year of learning and growing together with you and your children. While summer gave us some cooler days, we've been lucky to enjoy a few beautiful weeks of sunshine to help us kick off the year on a positive note. Our hallways are sparkling, classrooms are refreshed, and most importantly, we're looking forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and welcoming many new ones into our JDES community.

We're also thrilled to introduce several new members of our Jessie Duncan team this year:

- Mrs. Roy and Ms. Allen – Teaching Grade 3
- Mrs. Anderson – Joining us from Bowden Grandview School to teach Grade 2
- Ms. Blair – Teaching Grade 1
- Ms. Black – Our new Family School Wellness Worker, here at JDES every day to support students and families
- Ms. Damiani – Joining our custodial team to help keep our school looking its best

At JDES, our mission is to ignite and nurture a passion for learning within a supportive and collaborative environment. We are committed to helping every student grow into a confident learner, critical thinker, and caring individual. Our dedicated staff are here to guide, inspire, and support your child as we work together to make this year a meaningful and memorable one. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with learning, laughter, and community!

Warm regards,

Kory Sholdice

Principal, Jessie Duncan Elementary School

MORNING ARRIVAL

-Doors are open and supervision begins at 8:30

-School starts at 8:40am.

-Late arrivals please come through office doors and check in with the office staff to let us know you are here

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Important Communication Regarding After-School Plans

Please reach out directly to the teacher or contact the office if there are any changes to your child's usual after-school arrangements. We require parental consent to modify these plans via phone, message, or email.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that your child's dismissal runs smoothly each day! We truly appreciate your cooperation!



**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

For families with students who are returning this year...

Please ensure your child has access to technology, walking field trips and more... by completing your annual school re-enrollment and consent form.

To access the form, go to www.cesd73.ca and click on "PowerSchool" in the quick links drop down menu. After you login to PowerSchool, click on "School Engage" and look for the bell icon at the top right hand corner. This is where you will see your incomplete forms.

We ask parents to submit this form every year, or more often as changes occur in relation to their child. The form provides updated contact and medical information, as well as consents to Technology Use, FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy), Media, and Walking Field Trips. Your consent is needed annually in order for your child to participate at school. Thank you in advance!

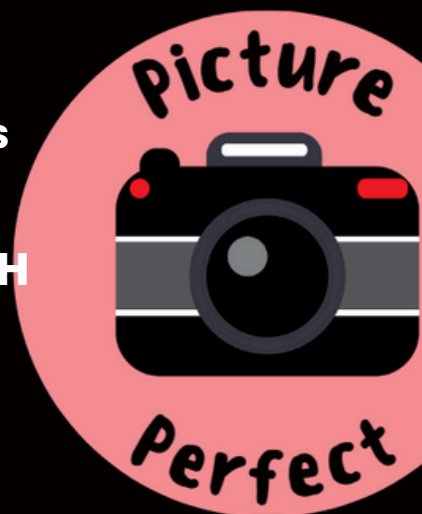
JDES PICTURE DAYS

WED OCT 8TH

**PRE-K
MON/WED KINDERS
GRADE 3'S**

THURS OCT 9TH

**T/TH KINDERS
GRADE 1'S
GRADE 2'S**



**NEW
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THERE ARE CHANGES TO THE WAY WE ENGAGE WITH PARENTS WHEN SENSITIVE TOPICS ARE TAUGHT IN CLASSROOMS

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2025, ALBERTA EDUCATION IS REQUIRING THAT ALL SCHOOL DIVISIONS INCLUDING CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NOTIFY PARENTS ABOUT INSTRUCTION RELATED TO SUBJECT MATTER DEALING PRIMARILY OR EXPLICITLY WITH GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR HUMAN SEXUALITY.

YOU CAN EXPECT THAT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A FORM APPROPRIATE TO YOUR CHILD'S GRADE LEVEL. THIS NOTIFICATION PROVIDES PARENTS WITH THE OPTION TO 'OPT IN' THEIR CHILD FOR INSTRUCTION RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER.

PLEASE VISIT THE CHINOOK'S EDGE WEBSITE, HERE, TO SEE THE GRADE LEVEL AND CURRICULAR TOPICS THAT REQUIRE YOU TO "OPT IN".

KINDERGARTEN (K) COLOUR DAYS

THIS YEAR WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO ENCOURAGE THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO WEAR THE COLOURS BELOW ON THE DAYS LISTED!

RED Day - Monday, September 8th & Thursday, September 11th
ORANGE Day - Wednesday, September 10th & Friday, September 12th
YELLOW Day - Monday, September 15th & Tuesday, September 16th
GREEN Day - Wednesday, September 17th & Thursday, September 18th
PURPLE Day - Monday, September 22nd & Tuesday, September 23rd
BLUE Day - Wednesday, September 24th & Thursday, September 25th
PINK Day - Wednesday, October 1st & Thursday, October 2nd
RAINBOW Day - Friday, October 3rd & Monday, October 6th



AUTUMN

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

OCT 21-24

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

3:00PM-6:00PM

FRIDAY

3:00-4:00 PM



2025-2026 Hot Lunch Schedule

Hot lunch orders are to be made online by 10am on the Due Date. **CLICK => Quick Links** menu tab on our website and click 'Online Fee Payments' at www.jessieduncan.ca. You can order for as many months as you want. Hot lunch orders will be delivered to the student's classrooms at lunch time. ****Cancellation:** *If you notify us prior to the due date of the hot lunch you can be refunded. If your child is sick on the date of the lunch, the teacher will save it for the next day, but it will be too late for a refund. If there is a yellow inclement weather day and buses are canceled but school is in session it is non-refundable as it is a school fundraiser. Red Days hot lunch will be rescheduled. Please note that we do not provide refunds for duplicate orders unless you notify us prior to the due date. This policy is in place to ensure we can fulfill your orders in a timely manner.* **See Online Payment instructions on the back of this schedule.**

OCTOBER Orders Due OCT 1, 2025

Oct 15th, Wed. - \$7.50 DQ 3 Piece Chicken Fingers w/ treat & juice box

Oct 28nd, Tue. - \$8.00 Penhold Family Restaurant Mac & Cheese w/ treat & juice box

NOVEMBER Orders Due Nov 3, 2025

Nov 19th, Wed. - \$6.00 DQ Burger w/ treat & juice box (Hamburger or Cheeseburger)

Nov 25th, Tue. - \$6.00 Pizza Stop XL Slice (Cheese/Pepperoni) w/ Chips & juice box

DECEMBER Orders Due Dec 1, 2025

Dec 10th, Wed. - \$5.50 Hot Dog w/ chips & juice box.

Dec 16th, Tue. - \$7.50 DQ 3 Piece Chicken Fingers w/ treat & juice box

JANUARY Orders Due Jan 5th, 2026

Jan 14, Wed. - \$8.00 Penhold Family Restaurant Mac & Cheese w/ treat & juice box

Jan 27th, Tues. - \$6.00 Pizza Stop XL Slice (Cheese/Pepperoni) w/ chips & juice box

FEBRUARY Orders Due February 2, 2026

Feb 11th, Wed. - \$7.50 DQ 3 Piece Chicken Fingers w/ treat & juice box

Feb 24th, Tue. - \$5.50 Hot Dog w/ chips & juice box

MARCH Orders Due March 2, 2026

Mar 18th, Wed. - \$6.00 DQ Burger w/ treat & juice box (Hamburger or Cheeseburger)

March 31st, Tues. - \$8.00 Penhold Family Restaurant Mac & Cheese w/ treat & juice box

APRIL Orders Due April 1, 2026

April 15th, Wed. - \$5.50 Hot Dog w/chips & juice box.

April 28th, Tues. - \$7.50 DQ 3 Piece Chicken Fingers w/ treat & juice box

MAY Orders Due May 1, 2026

May 13th, Wed. - \$ 6.00 Pizza Stop XL Slice (Cheese/Pepperoni) w/ chips & juice box

May 29th Fri - \$5.50 Corn Dog w/ chips & juice box (*Track and Field day*)





Paying for School Fees Just Got Easier

JESSIE DUNCAN ELEMENTARY

Chinook's Edge School Division is pleased to announce our online fee payment portal, Student QuickPay. In an effort to reduce time, money and paper waste, parents of returning students can avoid the long lines of school start-up and pay their children's fees through a secure online website. Examples of school fees you can pay for online include *Elementary fees, hot lunch orders, swim lesson fees, library fines etc.*

With a few simple mouse clicks, parents can view assessed fees, any outstanding balances, and pay for multiple children at Chinook's Edge in a single transaction.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to use Student QuickPay?

Parents will need access to the Internet and sign up for an account with a valid email address. They will also need a credit or debit card and have their child's student ID number readily available.

What are the costs to parents when using Student QuickPay?

We do not charge a fee to use Student QuickPay, however, standard bank and/or credit card service charges may apply.

What are the methods of online payment?

You can pay with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PrePaid Credit Cards, and **Interac** Debit.

My child's information is displayed incorrectly. How do I change this?

Please contact your child's school directly to change any student information.

My child has been assessed fees that should not be on their account. How do I change this?

Please contact your child's school directly to inquire about student fees. You have the option to remove one or more fees from the payment total. You can return to StudentQuickPay at another time if you determine the fee is applicable.

How do I use Student QuickPay?

1. Go to www.jessieduncan.ca
2. Click on the **Online Payments**.
3. At the Student QuickPay homepage, click on the **Sign Up** button if you do not have a login yet.
4. Enter your parent name, email and password.
5. Read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the site, then click the **Next** button.
6. Add students to your account by entering their Student ID, Last Name, and Birth Date.
7. After adding all students, a summary page will be displayed that lists the outstanding fee totals for each student.
8. Review student fees and click the **Checkout** button when ready.
9. Pay for fees using a credit or debit card.

I'm having technical issues with my parent account. Who do I contact?

Please email feesupport@cesd73.ca for technical support.



COUNCIL CORNER:

September



WELCOME BACK JDES FAMILIES!

WISHING NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS
A WONDERFUL 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR!



Jessie Duncan School Council & Parent Society

Did You Know?

ALL PARENTS AND/ OR GUARDIANS OF
STUDENTS ATTENDING JDES ARE
MEMEBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL?

GET INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITY AND JOIN US AT OUR AGM
SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025 @ 6PM



COUNCIL CORNER:





****CALL FOR NOTICE****

PARENT COUNCIL AGM

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2025 @ 6 PM

PLEASE JOIN US! ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

(ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWED BY PARENT SOCIETY MEETING

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS!

**** CALL OF NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE- CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER. AS WELL AS PARENT SOCIETY PRESIDENT, VICE- PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER & DIRECTOR POSITIONS HAPPEN @ THE AGM ****



MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE JDES STAFF ROOM

Jessie Duncan Parent Society

Meat Draw Volunteers Needed!

September 19th , 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

