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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73


November
2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

 November Dates	
1-5	Scholastic Book Fair
3	School Picture Retakes
5	Hot Lunch- Taco Time (M/ W Kinder)
7	Daylight Savings- Back 1 Hour
10	Remembrance Day at SWES
11- 12	Fall Break- No School
16	School Council Meeting
19	Hot Lunch- Main Street Café (T/ T Kinder)
24	December Hot Lunch Order Deadline
25/ 26	Pre-K P/T Interviews
25	Hot Lunch -Booster Juice (T/T Kinder)
26	No School
29	Report Cards K-6

Report Cards

Report cards for **Grades K-4** will be going home on November 29th.

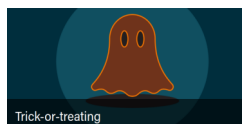
Grades 5-6 will be online and viewed through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. 

**Reminder to use a web browser on your phone or a desktop/laptop to log into [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to view the online report cards. The PowerSchool app will not give you access to report cards.

*Online report cards will clear for the school year end of July 2022. Please download for your records.

Please call the school if you need a hand, we are happy to help!

Safe & Caring Message Halloween During COVID-19 from AHS



Don't go trick-or-treating if feeling ill, even if symptoms are minor



Choose costumes that allow a non-medical mask to be worn underneath - make sure you can see and breathe comfortably



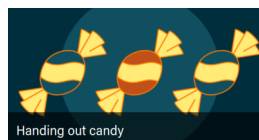
Minimize contact with others: trick-or-treat with your family or cohort, remain within your community, and stay 2 metres apart



Avoid touching doorbells or railings: call "trick or treat" from 2 metres away, knock instead of using doorbells, use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces



Wash hands and disinfect packages before eating candy



Don't hand out candy if feeling ill or isolating



Wear a non-medical mask that fully covers your nose and mouth



Ask trick-or-treaters to knock or call out instead of ringing the doorbell



Use tongs to hand out pre-packaged candy to avoid handling treats



Find creative ways to maintain distance from trick-or-treaters:



Hand out treats from your driveway or front lawn, if weather permits



Set up a table or desk to help keep yourself distanced



Make candy bags and space them out on a table or blanket; don't leave out self-serve bowls of bulk candy



Build a candy slide, candy catapult or other fun, non-touch delivery methods



Working together to ensure our students achieve A Message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we are deeply committed to ensuring that all of our students achieve success. We are very much aware of the disruptions your child may have faced over portions of the past three school years. As a result, we need to focus on the social emotional well-being for students and staff now more than ever. In light of this, we currently have hundreds of Educational Assistants, Teachers, Administrators and a variety of other staff receiving additional training and support through what we are calling our SEW (Social Emotional Well-being) Certification Series. We are also working on a SEW curriculum for our high school students.

In addition to these SEW efforts, our staff are working very hard to assess any learning gaps and to provide appropriate support for students as we move forward. Our staff are continuing to provide high quality learning environments to ensure that your child is successful in their learning. Our staff are also making great progress with processes like our Collaborative Response Model, where teams of staff come together to share their best thinking so they can help any student who might be struggling academically or in a social emotional area.

We are all working hard for our students so that we can face our new reality of a quickly changing world with the strength and hope that is needed for the future.

In closing, please join me in congratulating our newly elected and reconfirmed Board of Trustees. I truly believe they have become trustees because they share a deep passion to help and support your children. I have provided you with their latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools



A Message from our Principal



Our students have settled into routine nicely and have done a great job of adjusting to the changes in protocols. It has been great to see all of the progress our students have made during the past two months with literacy and numeracy! Thank you to all of our parents who attended the kindergarten to six Parent-Teacher Conferences virtually in early October. Our teachers appreciated the opportunity to meet with parents, share information, and get to know their students a little better. Thank you for being our partners in the education of your child!

During this past month, our teachers have been assessing where students are with their reading, writing, and mathematics skills so we know how to best help students move forward in their learning. Teachers are working with their students to ensure that they have 'good fit' books to read. To improve their reading skills, our students need to be reading books at their own level. The books should be ones that they can read successfully with a high rate of accuracy in recognizing words. Reading is an essential foundational skill for success in school and the world of work. I can't emphasize enough the importance of ensuring that your child is reading every night as it makes a huge difference in the development of their literacy skills and long term success. Consider sharing some time to share your favorite childhood books with your child! Reading to your child helps develop their vocabulary which is essential for understanding what they have read, as well as their love of books. Set your child up for success by making reading part of your daily routine.

Lastly, I would like to thank our parents for your help in keeping our front loop safe! Please remember that it is a drop off loop only and if you wish to walk your child to the door, please park on the street to walk them. Also, a huge thank you for ensuring your child arrives during his/her designated arrival times as it really helps to limit congestion. Have a great month of November!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal

Morning Drop Off In the Loop

Please **do not exit** your vehicle if using the loop as a drop off point in the mornings. Flow of traffic is disrupted. Thank you!



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Library News



Our Book Fair is Back!

The Book Fair will be in-person shopping with an opportunity to shop online as well. In person shopping is only open to students and staff during regular school hours. Classes will be shopping during their regular scheduled library times. Classes who do not have a library period scheduled will be provided a time to shop.

In addition to our in-school Book Fair, there is an online option for those students that are not able to come in to shop and any parents who wish to place orders. All orders will be sent to our school, and there will be no shipping charges. If you go to the link before the start date, it shows our book fair dates and some small virtual fliers to look at.

On-line shopping link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5160977>

Thank you for your support!

Thank you!!!

Thank you to the Colley family for building and donating the "Squisher" to our school.

Another big "Thanks" to Bratt Jet for their foam and vinyl work on the Squisher!



Parent Council

Tuesday, November 16th, 7:00 p.m. Virtually, call the office for the link.

Steffie Woima School Council met on October 19th. We had updates from the Fundraising Society, Breakfast Program and Hot Lunch.

Literacy continues to be a focus at Steffie Woima this year. We love seeing literacy continue as the focus and are planning the reinvented 5th Annual School Wide Book Club in January! If you have any fabulous books you've read that you would like to suggest to use for the School Wide book club, please contact Jennifer at jbahler17@gmail.com or 403-505-5889.

We are also brainstorming ideas for Parent learning sessions to be held at the beginning of our school council meetings...if you have some ideas or opportunities please let Jennifer know. We hope to "see" you at our next meeting!

Jenn Bahler

Hot Lunch - Thank you to all who came out to help with October Hot Lunches

Trish Hammond Lindsay Clark Christa Currier
Leah Inkster Rhonda Christie

SWES Fundraising

Steffie students & teachers definitely have a few exciting hands on opportunities to look forward to this year. First up will be the Clay for Kids. This is a residency where leaders are brought into each class. Each student will get to build their own clay project with glazing and firing. Fundraising will also be building a Gaga/Wilson Ball court in the school yard to play on in the up coming Spring, yea! The fund-raising society also recently purchased playground equipment bags for each classroom.

There will be a few fundraisers to help fund these opportunities and future ones to come. One was Farm to School Veggie's, which raised \$517.50 for the school. There will be Mom's Pantry coming up in November so please watch out for more information on this. We will also be bringing back the Christmas plant sale for December as well as one of the students favourite, candy cane sales! Dates and details to follow, so please watch for those updates via text and or email.

Thank you to Jenn Bahler & Trish Hammond for your help organizing and distributing the veggies. Thank you to those who donated veggies for the food bank, always appreciated. If you think you might be interested in helping with future fundraising you can text/call me at 403.396.0048 or if want to join in on a meeting just to hear what goes on I invite you to come check it out at the next meeting on November 16, 2021 following the Parent Council meeting at 7pm. Simply email the office at jjamieson@cesd73.ca or call the office at 403.887.3088, they would be happy to send you the meeting link.

Happy Fundraising!

~ Christa Currier ~

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Inclement Weather Day

Key priorities when winter weather hits Chinook's Edge

Be Safe - see more details [at this link](#)

- No matter the season, be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and don't let them walk if the weather is not safe.
- Watch [this video](#) for pointers on dressing children safely before they head outdoors!
- Don't drive and/or don't let your children drive if the roads are not safe.
- Be familiar with the Chinook's Edge Inclement Weather approach to safety and know what the terms **Yellow Day** and **Red Day** mean:
 - **Yellow** - Buses are not running in part or all of the division, but schools are open and learning is moving forward.
 - **Red** - Red Days are rare, but Red Days mean schools are closed in part or all of the division.

Be Aware of how Inclement Weather Days will affect your family

- Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) makes a final decision before 6:00 a.m. on the Inclement Weather Day (decisions may be made the evening prior in rare, extreme weather cases). This notification will be sent through School Messenger to parents whose families will be impacted (ie. the Inclement Weather situation may only involve one community).
- ◆ An Inclement Weather admin procedure guides these decisions, particularly as it pertains to the prime morning time between 7-9 a.m. (when students and staff are driving or walking) It can be read [at this link](#).
- Notification will be posted immediately through the Bus Status App to any affected bus routes, and the Transportation Department will communicate directly with bus drivers and any impacted bus families regarding bus routes.
- Notification is emailed to all staff and is posted to the division website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Area media outlets are notified.

Be ready to learn

- Although it will look different at elementary schools than it does at high schools, learning will continue during Inclement Weather Days:
 - Yellow Days - Students who aren't able to attend class will access Google Classroom for information to help them learn what is covered in class. Students will have opportunities to catch up when they return to school.
 - Attendance - It is important that parents of rural bus students notify the school if their child will be absent. Some parents may choose to drive their child when their bus isn't running, while some will choose to keep their child at home. Schools cannot make assumptions when safety is at stake.
 - All other students with safe transportation are expected to attend.
 - Red Days - When schools are closed, students will access their learning through Google Classroom:
 - Day 1 teachers will communicate the day's learning plan with students, respecting the fact that many families may not be able to provide necessary technology or support for their children.
 - Day 2 and all subsequent Red Days will involve instruction delivered via Google Meet and/or Google Classroom.

Visit our [Inclement Weather website](#) for details and updates

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