



## Westglen School

# PAW PRINTS

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*"Promise me you will always see the good in every child."*

*Mrs. Linda Pothier*

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*"Westglen will encourage life long learning and responsible citizenship by providing children with varied educational opportunities in a safe and caring environment."*

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## Principals' Messages

Congratulations to Mrs. Massel and Mrs. Perigny as they begin their new roles as Westglen School's leadership team. Mrs. Massel takes on the role of Acting Principal while Mrs. Perigny begins her leadership journey as Acting Vice-Principal. I know I leave the students, parents and staff of Westglen School in very competent and caring hands as I take on my short-term responsibilities as a Chinook's Edge Divisional Administrator. I will return to my current role as principal at Westglen School in March. Until then take care of each other and happy learning!

*Mr. J. Thompson*

Following a year-long process, new mission and vision statements have been created for Chinook's Edge that will shape the future of learning in our school division. Our mission is that Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them. To that end, it is important that our students have a sense of ownership and pride in Westglen School. During Advisory classes and throughout the school day, the importance of respect and kindness towards others are discussed, as we all have a role to play in the social and emotional wellbeing of our school community. A school where students feel safe and cared about is the basis for a healthy learning community.

As a Middle School, part of our

responsibility is to help our students negotiate the tricky areas of friendships and other relationships in what can be a confusing time. Please continue to discuss ways with your child that they can respond to others in an appropriate manner and, if an issue arises, that they ask for adult help. If your child is experiencing difficulty with another student that seems to persist, please encourage them to talk to their homeroom teacher as we can't help them solve a problem that we aren't aware of. Our teachers welcome and value your input as partners in your child's education.

*Mrs. C. Massel*

**PLEASE NOTE:** School picture retakes will be on Friday, October 21 - first thing in the morning.

## Westglen Golf Tournament

Our 14th Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success; the weather was beautiful and everyone had a great afternoon! We would like to thank the following businesses and people for their donations and support of our tournament: **Didsbury Dollar Store and More, Value Drug Mart, Carstairs Golf Club, Olds Golf Club, the Visser family and the Town of Didsbury.**

Congratulations to this year's champions:

**Mens**—Brodie and Bruce Dunn

**Ladies**—Abi Honeyman and Sue Hardie

**Mixed**—Donnie and Christina Dixon



## Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held on Wednesday, September 28. Our students participated along with students from Ross Ford and Didsbury High School. We also had a Toonie Hat Day which was organized by our 5C class with the money raised being donated to the foundation as well. We are proud to say that Westglen students raised a total of \$394.75.



## Thank You

Thanks to Don Neal for donating Lego to our Lego Club and Betty Musgrove for her donation of school supplies. We really appreciate your help!

← Westglen students getting ready for the Terry Fox Run



## Cross Country News

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the parents who have taken time out of their day to drive for our cross country runs. We have two more runs coming up. Zones for

grades 7 & 8 will be held in Canmore on October 5th and there is a meet for grades 5 & 6 in Innisfail on October 6th.  
Mrs. Guenther

## Didsbury Lions Club Food Bank Drive

Several Westglen students assisted the Didsbury Lions Club with their food drive on September 22. Students went door-to-door collecting food and cash

donations for The Mountain View Food Bank. In appreciation for their help, the Lions Club donated \$500 to our athletic program at Westglen.



## Turkey Trot

Westglen's annual Turkey Trot is on Tuesday, October 4th at 1:45 pm. Students participate, by grade, in a cross country run. Prior to the run, students practice the course in PE and record their times. Before students run the Turkey Trot, we record the estimated time that they think they will complete the course in. The students

in each grade who run the course closest to their estimated time, win a turkey (just in time for Thanksgiving!). The winners will be given a gift certificate to pick up their turkey at AG Foods. These will be presented at a celebration on Friday, October 7 at 2:45 pm.

If anyone is interested in helping out with the race, please contact the office.

## Wild Cat Cafe

The school store, Wildcat Café, has been open now for one week and although we are waiting on a few items to be delivered or made by parent volunteers, it was a great success.

The Meal Deal will start up once again with the first one taking place on Friday, October 7. For \$5.00 students will receive a hamburger, juice and a treat.

## Library News

We still have some outstanding overdues from last year. Please check for these items and return them as soon as possible.

Library club will be starting soon and our first big event will be our book fair which will be running from November 1 to November 10. We look forward to seeing you there.

On October 4 we will be having an author, Jacqueline Quest, coming to present at our school.

Good reading!!!

MRS. NICKEL



## Volleyball News

Our middle school volleyball teams will be playing their games through the month of October. Coaches have sent home schedules with players regarding game times and locations. This year we have three girl's teams and two boy's teams participating and are looking forward to a great season!

Our grade 7 teams have been invited to play an exhibition game in Innisfail on the afternoon of October 21—stay tuned for permission forms!

# Achieving Success in our Safe and Caring Schools



“Knowing that a school is safe is a key foundation for a quality learning environment.”

### A Message from the Superintendent

Knowing that a school is safe is a key foundation for a quality learning environment. Chinook's Edge works very hard to create and maintain a variety of safety initiatives. For example, our Safety Manager has regular site visits at each of our schools to ensure staff, structures and processes meet the highest standards. Our staff are trained and comfortable with the division's Violence Threat Risk Assessment protocols, our Emergency Response Plan, and our procedures for dealing with a variety of emergent situations.

Our commitment to ensuring that safety is everybody's business has helped to create a culture of caring and trust in our schools. Our most recent data shows that 92 percent of our students feel welcome at school, 89 percent state they are encouraged to do their best at school, 87 percent feel the school staff cares about them and 86 percent feel safe at school.

From breakfast programs to athletic leagues, and exciting clubs to engaging classrooms, our students are well cared for from the time they arrive to school to the time they go home each day. Everyone at Chinook's Edge is working to bring our Mission and Vision to life by ensuring we are a school division full of safe, happy, healthy students and staff.

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent of Schools

### Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

### Vision:

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

## SASS

### Students and Seniors Sharing


SASS is an intergenerational program sponsored by Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services designed to provide students with the opportunity to volunteer at Aspen Ridge Lodge, providing conversation and friendship to seniors. This volunteer position runs on Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 starting in November until May.

For more info please call Georgina Daub 403-439-0188.

If your child has a medical condition, allergies or asthma that our staff should be aware of, please request a **Medical Alert Form** from the office and return it ASAP. These need to be updated yearly so our information is current.

# October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Jr B Girls Volleyball at Westglen  Jr B Boys Volleyball at Cremona	4  Turkey Trot	5  Cross Country Zones in Canmore	6  Grade 5 & 6 Cross Country Meet in Innisfail Jr A Girls Volleyball at Deer Meadow Jr A Boys Volleyball at River Valley	7  Meal Deal Day Hamburger, juice and treat for \$5.00  Turkey Trot awards presentations at 2:45 pm	1/8
9	10  No student attendance	11	12	13 Jr A Girls Volleyball at Hugh Sutherland  Jr A Boys Volleyball at Deer Meadow	14	15
16	17 Jr B Boys Volleyball at Westglen	18	19  SASS Volunteer meeting at noon	20 Jr A Girls Volleyball at River Valley  Jr A Boys Volleyball at Westglen	21 School Picture Retake Day  Grade 7 volleyball teams play in Innisfail	22
23	24 Jr B Boys Volleyball at OKCS  Jr B Girls Volleyball at Holy Trinity	25	26	27 Jr A Girls Volleyball at Cremona  Jr A Boys Volleyball at Hugh Sutherland	28  Non-Instructional Day No student attendance	29
30	31  Professional Development Day No student attendance  Happy Halloween					