



December 2018

# Westglen School

## PAWPRINTS

Westglen will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them in a middle school setting

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents,

Next week you will be able to view and print your child's Report Card, using PowerSchool. Our staff has greatly appreciated your understanding as we have been learning to use this new program. We really do feel like we are learning to fly the plane while we are already in the air! This week, as the Parent Portal has been shut down, we have had lots of time to "try all the buttons" and we are learning a great deal about what we can and can't do and how our actions can impact student grades. I know that as I become more confident with the software, I will be doing things differently next term. The greatest power in this new program is that you can access your child's marks on an ongoing basis, rather than waiting for three times a year to see their progress. The first step, if you are unsure of something, is to "dig into" each course mark by viewing each assignment and its outcomes for more information - and this is more effectively done using your computer rather than a smartphone. (Smartphones can only give you a portion of the information.) After you have done this, if there are questions remaining, please contact your child's teacher.

Three weeks until Christmas vacation! We know that this is an exciting (and exhausting) time for all of us. Last year we found that if we kept it low key up until the last few days before the holidays, everything seemed to go much more smoothly. There is lots of learning that needs to happen and we would encourage you to attend our Band Concert on Dec. 12th and the Renaissance Faire on the Dec. 18th to be impressed by our students' accomplishments!

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*"Promise me, you will always see  
the good in every child"*  
Mrs. Linda Pothier

**Christmas Band  
Concert**  
**December 12**  
**7:00 pm**

# MODELING WHAT GREAT CITIZENSHIP TRULY MEANS



## *A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT*

We are always proud of the goodwill our students and staff share with those around them each day, but particularly at this time of year. During the holiday season, we can so clearly see the impact our Chinook's Edge school communities are making as they answer the call to be good global citizens. They are sharing our caring culture by filling hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, organizing fundraising events for our local food banks, performing seasonal music at seniors' homes, and much more.

Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact an entire community, our students are modeling what great citizenship truly means. In a world where lessons in the importance of being a good neighbour, a helpful friend and a respectful citizen are all around us, we applaud our students and staff for the plentiful examples of their kindness. Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

**Kurt Sacher**

**Superintendent of Schools**

## **Welcome to Kindergarten!**

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2019 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2019. If you are interested in Pre-Kindergarten programming, please contact us!



## *HALLOWEEN 2018*

Left: Albert Einstein made an appearance at our Halloween Parade!

Right: Thing 1 and Thing 2!



*Your Trustee, Gord Kerr, is always available and happy to hear from you. Visit the Board section of our division website at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca) for his contact information.*

*Superintendent, Kurt Sacher, can be contacted directly from the Board section as well.*



# SCHOOL NEWS

## BASKETBALL NEWS

Basketball is underway! It's shaping up to be a great season; we have lots of players participating with the A and B teams as well as House League (starting in January). Come on out to cheer them on!

## RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Let it be known by one and all that a grande event called Renaissance Faire will be held on December 18th from 1:15 to 3:00 pm and 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Westglen School Gym. Please join us for a gathering of the famous and the infamous from the Renaissance times. Partake of Renaissance foods, meet Leonardo DaVinci, pirates and privateers. Tour Michelangelo's studio, explore the Tower of London and weep at the victims of Bedlam. Cavort with nobles



Thank you EQUS for donating funds to purchase equipment for our gym programs. We are very grateful!



## LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. The money raised will be used to buy resources for the library.

I would also like to thank the parents and students who have donated books to the library.

You can look on [www.destiny@cesd73.ca](http://www.destiny@cesd73.ca) to check for overdue books.

Good reading!!

Mrs. Nickel

We were honoured to have Mrs. Penner speak at our Remembrance Day service





# SCHOOL NEWS

## BAND NOTES

### Band Concert

Our Annual Christmas concert will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. All students are to arrive at 6:30 pm and go to their homeroom classes. **The doors will open at 6:30.**

Students in grade 6 -8 must wear their concert dress uniform which is a black shirt and black pants/skirt. Clean black jeans are sufficient. NO BLUE JEANS PLEASE.

Grade 5 students can wear all black as well, or simply wear something concert appropriate. Hope to see you all there!

### Fundraising

Thank you to all who purchased products from our fundraising campaign to help keep Camp Caroline affordable for our students. A big shout-out to our parent volunteers Tessa Wilson, Stacey Hickok, Colin and Laurie Holowenko and Marie Partridge who helped with

## TURKEY DINNER

Our 30th annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 20th from 11:30 until 12:45. On this day we provide a delicious turkey dinner for all of our students, community supporters and volunteers. No need for kids to bring a lunch on this day!

## TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

With the new online reporting pilot project, our report card processes will be different this year. The PowerSchool Parent Portal will be closed from November 26th until December 5th to allow for the report card preparations. When the Parent Portal opens up again on December 5th, you will find a new tab for accessing the term 1 report card. With this change we will no longer be sending home a paper copy of the report card. Don't worry, we will send out reminders via e-mail throughout this process, and more specific instructions on how to access the report card online. To make sure you are ready for this, now is a good time to make sure you have access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any questions or need a hand please contact the Westglen office.



Thank you to Telus for donating funds to support our purchase of Discovery Education's Science Techbook resource for our grade 7 and 8 students over the next four years.

Left: Shane Matchullis from Telus presents students with a very generous \$5000 donation

**Merry Christmas**



## Family School Wellness

is proud to host



### Connect® Parenting Program

- Are you struggling with your child?
- Do you want to feel better equipped to understand and parent your child?
- Do you long for a positive change in the relationship with your child?

**If so, join us at the next upcoming Connect® group...  
An Attachment-Based Program to support Parents and Caregivers  
of school-aged children.**

**When:** Starting mid-January, 2019  
**Duration:** 1.5 hours per week, for 9 weeks  
**Dates and time:** TBA based on group participants  
**Where:** Didsbury High School

Please contact **Darla Korver** at 403-335-3234 or **Andrea Caines** at 403-335-3356 to register or to get more information.



Upcoming events hosted  
by the Town of Didsbury!



## AN UNPLUGGED CHRISTMAS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Activities 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Swimming 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

A FREE family event filled with snacks,  
holiday festivities, swimming, pictures with  
Santa & more!

*At the Didsbury Memorial Complex  
Multi-Purpose Room*



Registration required, call  
Didsbury Neighborhood Place  
at 403-335-8719



## KIDS FUN SKATE!

**DIDSBURY MEMORIAL COMPLEX  
MAIN ICE SURFACE  
2:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

### Upcoming Dates!

- THURSDAY, JANUARY 3
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**GAMES,  
MUSIC,  
FUN!**

DROP IN / DROP OFF! No registration required. Drop your  
child(ren), ages 6+ off for an hour of fun skating games.

Cost is \$5.00 per child. Helmets are required.

NOTE: These are NOT skating lessons. Children must be  
able to skate short distances with no assistance.

Call 403-335-7369 for more information!



## KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON!

Brought to you by the Town of Didsbury  
and Local Artisan, Mary Ellen Fairbairn

Spend the afternoon creating adorable Christmas crafts  
and wood ornaments with festive treats and a more!



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018  
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM  
DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE**

**Ages 6+, \$20.00 per child.  
Cost includes all crafting/ ornament  
materials, and a healthy snack!**

### REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 30

To Register: Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403-335-8719  
or email [dnp@didsbury.ca](mailto:dnp@didsbury.ca)

Payment is required upon registration to secure your spot.  
**SPACE IS LIMITED.**

