



December 2019

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,

On Thursday, you will be able to view and print your child's Report Card, using PowerSchool. The greatest power in this 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 any questions remaining, please contact your child's teacher.

You don't have to be cold to be cool! It is the time of year that we need to ask for your help to ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate outerwear, especially boots and a warm coat. It is an expectation that our students will go outside twice daily at recess times for some much-needed fresh air and exercise. While a hoodie might be good enough for a dash to a heated vehicle, it can make for a miserable recess now that the temperature is falling. Additionally, does your child have indoor shoes? They often forget to tell their parents that they have outgrown/lost their shoes and, for safety reasons, they need something on their feet inside the building.

Three weeks until Christmas vacation! We know that this is an exciting (and exhausting) time for all of us and we find that if we keep it low key up until the last few days before the holidays, everything seems 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. 11th and the Renaissance Faire on the Dec. 17th to be impressed by our students' accomplishments!

From our Westglen family to yours, we wish you all the joy of the season!

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

**Christmas Band
Concert**
December 11
7:00 pm



COMPASSIONATE AND INNOVATIVE GLOBAL CITIZENS



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather together, but something extra special takes place throughout our division during the holiday season. We are seeing our students and staff answering the call to be good global citizens in many ways. They are investing their time and resources to help stock the shelves of their local food bank, performing carols at seniors' homes and collecting mittens to distribute.

Whether it's 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. They are coming at us with shovels to take care of their neighbours' sidewalks, with shoeboxes to fill for those less fortunate, and with baked cookies to share at their holiday concerts. We applaud our students and staff for their many gestures of kindness, and we thank 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 2020-2021 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2020 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2020. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

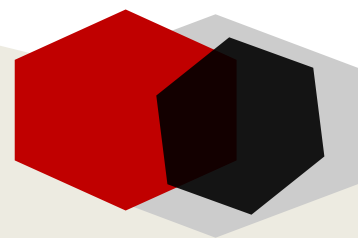
Moving forward with Budget 2019:

In Chinook's Edge we are grateful for the \$130 million budget that was allocated to us this school year. Unfortunately, we are still left with a shortfall, but through careful reflection and planning we are confident moving ahead. Please read more in the December issue of [Trustees at work for students](#).



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 for his contact information.

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





SCHOOL NEWS

STAFF CHANGES AT WESTGLEN

There have been a number of staff changes this month at Westglen and, although they may be new to their positions, they are not "new" to us!

Ms. Tammy Bedard has started in the office as our new Financial Service Administrative Assistant. She has been working at Westglen as an EA for the past several years and she brings a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to the office. She is learning how to fly this plane while it is in the air, so she will appreciate your patience!

Mrs. Llonda Leaver has transferred to Westglen as an Educational Assistant in Grade 8. She fits in like she has been here forever and we are really glad to have her with us. Many of you will know Mrs. Leaver from her involvement in activities around town, especially figure skating and hockey!

Welcome back to Miss Lauren Smith. She will be here full-time for the rest of the year as Mrs. Burkett has started her maternity leave. Miss Smith spent last year with us in Grade 8, has been working in Carstairs this fall and we are thrilled to have her back.

THANK YOU

DIDSBURY LIONS CLUB!

Right: Every fall the Lions allow our athletes to help with their Food Drive and they donate to us to help fund our athletic teams. Thanks for all that you do for our community!

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

The PowerSchool Parent Portal will be closed from November 22nd until December 5th to allow for report card preparations. When the Parent Portal opens up again on December 5th at noon, you will find a tab on the left side menu for viewing and printing the report card (we will no longer be sending home a paper copy).

Now is a good time to make sure you have access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any questions, need a hand logging in, or a password reset, please contact Mrs. Shields at the Westglen office.

WILDCAT BASKETBALL

Grade 7/8 basketball has begun! Schedules will be sent home soon, so please watch for those. We are looking forward to a fantastic season!

Note: **House league will start in the New Year



SCHOOL NEWS

BAND NOTES

BAND CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. All students are to arrive at 6:30 pm and go to their homeroom classes. **The doors will not be open before 6:30.** Students in grades 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 Donna and Marie Partridge, Tessa and Jerry Wilson and Colin Holowenko, who helped with organizing and handing out the products.

Important Dates:

Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 11

Grade 8 Band Camp January 15 - 17

Grade 7 Band Camp January 29 - 31



Right: Some of our Leadership students attended the Head Strong Conference on November 28th. They were inspired to address the need for positive mental health and brought back some creative ideas to share with their peers.



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 17th 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 and peasants alike.

TURKEY DINNER

Our 32nd annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 18th 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!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
14	2 (Day 1)	3 (Day 2)	4 (Day 3)	5 (Day 4) Report Cards are available in PowerSchool at noon	6 (Day 5) -Grade 8s attending DHS play -Grade 6 swimming 1:00pm	7
8	9 (Day 1)	10 (Day 2)	11 (Day 3) Christmas Band Concert 7:00pm	12 (Day 4)	13 Non-Instructional Day - no school for students	14
15	16 (Day 5)	17 (Day 1) -Renaissance Faire -Outdoor Ed 7 X-Country Ski Trip	18 (Day 2) Turkey Dinner	19 (Day 3) Grade 5 swimming 1:00pm	20 (Day 4)	21
22	23	24	25	28	29	30
CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ December 23 to January 5						
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See you back at school on Monday, January 6th!						