



June 2020

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,

Thank you to each of you for your patience, understanding and kindness as we have all learned to fly this airplane while it is already in the air. The learning curve for each of us has been steep and it has been a dance as we try to navigate what is best for each of our students. I am proud of the Westglen staff as they have responded to this situation so professionally and I am proud of our students who have forged ahead and continued to work through the materials that have been provided. Our ability to tolerate ambiguity has certainly been tested this year, especially as we continue to await the province's directions about what our return to school in September will look like.

As we approach the end of June, students should be taking stock of which assignments may still be outstanding and they should be handing them in so that it positively affects their report card. Teachers have been emailing and "returning" assignments so that corrections can be made or missing answers provided, but students are often overlooking these notifications so checking on these would be a good idea while there is still sufficient time to make these improvements.

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

THANK YOU

to our

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

These hardworking staff members have been integral to helping our students succeed and we wish them a restful summer. While our EAs are finished for the school year, teachers will still be available for extra help!

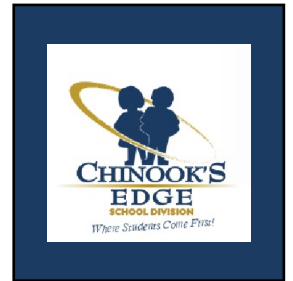
2020-21 school
supply lists are now
available under the
'Parents' tab at
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

To our Grade 8s, we are so sorry that our year ended this way. One of our greatest joys as a school is being able to take part in the Field Frenzy activities that you organize and to celebrate you at our final assembly. However, you are just going across town and we look forward to staying in touch with you throughout the next four years. Didsbury High School is going to be the beneficiary of your boundless enthusiasm and amazing talents.

Wildcats, finish strong! This has been a year for the history books and each of you has learned more about how capable and innovative that you can be in a trying situation. I will never take for granted the simple pleasure of being able to chat in the hallways or visit on the playground (okay - and in class, too!) when we are able to return. While we miss so much about our school day (scheduled times, paper, etc.), the thing that we miss most of all is you.

See you in the fall,



A MESSAGE OF THANKS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the end of a school year draws near, our typical June newsletter message would reflect on the meaningful learning that we have shared together as a division. Although meaningful learning has taken place, I don't need to tell you that it required a significant adjustment to the way we typically serve our students in a face to face environment. I know that it has been equally as challenging at your end. This year has been a testament to the fortitude of everyone involved – our students, teachers, parents, staff, and community. Our entire Board and Central Office team would like to express both our pride and gratitude for every level of success that has been achieved in each of our school communities.

We know that even in the best of times our leaders and our people need to be able to handle a changing world and all of the ambiguity that comes with that. During a pandemic that pressure is elevated to a place that requires the very best mindset from all of us. To get through this, we are all doing what we can to remain calm, to be flexible, to support the increasing social emotional needs of our students, and yet still keep our eye on our core purpose: student learning. Our classroom, school and division leaders have all been put to the task in ways that we could not have completely anticipated. We know we did well under difficult circumstances, and yet we also know we need to learn from this and be even better in the fall. Moving learning forward during the pandemic has involved hard work and dedication from every corner, including the amazing perseverance of our students and their parents. We will need the best from everyone involved as we move into the 2020-21 school year.

Until that time, I hope that the summer months provide opportunities for all of you to be with your family and friends and restore the vitality that you may have lost during these unsettling times. I look forward to the fall and I hold out great hope for the days ahead.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

Trustees at work for students

As a Board of Trustees, we are proud of the robust structures in place that support high levels of student success. We believe this will help in closing any gaps in student learning at this time of pandemic. Please read more in the [June Board eNews](#).

Connecting with Students

Please [click on this link](#) to see a publication we prepared for our Chinook's Edge students! This was emailed to all Grade 7-12 students last week and is posted on our website under the 'Caring' feature.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 (Day 3)	2 (Day 4)	3 (Day 5)	4 (Day 1)	5 Non-Instructional Day	6
7	8 (Day 2)	9 (Day 3)	10 (Day 4)	11 (Day 5)	12 (Day 1)	13
14	15 (Day 2)	16 (Day 3)	17 (Day 4)	18 (Day 5)	19 (Day 1) -Last day of on-line classes for students -PowerSchool Parent Portal temporarily disabled for report card prep	20
21	22 Please be sure that all school resources such as textbooks, library books and Chromebooks have been returned before June 26th (more details will be emailed regarding drop-off)	23	24	25	26 Final report cards will be available in PowerSchool	27
28	29 Organizational Day	30				
					<i>Enjoy your summer!</i> <i>First day back for students is Tuesday, September 1st</i>	