



January 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

I hope that your holidays are full of good times with family and friends and that everyone will be well-rested and ready to get back to work in the New Year!

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 when the temperature falls. 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. (As well, can you please send a pencil or two with your child? We have never solved the mystery of where they disappear to but there is some weird Bermuda Triangle of Writing Instruments that happens here.)

Every five years, Chinook's Edge principals participate in an evaluation process. Early in January, I will be sending out a link to a survey and I would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to give me your feedback on what is going well and suggestions for improvement. It's not everyday that you get to write a report card for the principal!

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



LEFT: Santa stopped by for a visit at our Turkey Dinner!

We appreciate all of the help from parents, community members and support staff to put together this amazing meal for our students and guests!



# SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF



## *A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR*

The new year provides a perfect opportunity to re-energize the many efforts underway in our school division to support the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. Nurturing a positive physical, social and emotional culture in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, which allows students to reach their potential. We also care very deeply about this priority for our staff, and our Staff Health and Wellness Committee is working to support several initiatives across Chinook's Edge.

We are grateful to the many people whose efforts are supporting these priorities for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities. Doing so will ensure we are all ready to learn and ready to teach in every classroom across our division. On behalf of the entire Board of Education, we wish each of our families a happy and healthy new year.

**Colleen Butler, Chair**

**Chinook's Edge Board of Education**

## *READY, SET, GO! WELCOME TO ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!*

Chinook's Edge is accepting Online Kindergarten Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. This new process will be piloted in our three elementary schools in Sylvan Lake from January 10-20, with general Online Kindergarten Registration for all Chinook's Edge schools beginning on January 21st.

This new process represents years of collaboration and refining across multiple departments in Chinook's Edge, and we appreciate the interest of parents across our large rural school division who are embracing Online Kindergarten Registration. As always, we invite you to call or drop by your Chinook's Edge school at any time to find out more about the wonderful opportunities waiting for your child!



RIGHT: Our 31st Annual Turkey Dinner was on December 19th



LEFT: Mr. Anderson took a group of students to SAIT to compete in the Cardboard Boat Races!

***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

## *BAND NOTES*

### **Camp Information**

The grade 7 and 8 band students will be traveling to Camp Caroline for the band workshops in the new year.

The grade 8 students will be leaving after lunch on Wednesday, January 16 and will return in time for the busses on Friday, January 18. Please watch for email permission forms on Monday, January 7. All fees should now be paid. Please pay through your child's school account if you haven't already done so.

The grade 7 students will be leaving after lunch on Wednesday, January 30 and will return by 2:30 on Friday, February 1. Permission forms will be emailed in January and final grade 7 camp payment is due by January 14.

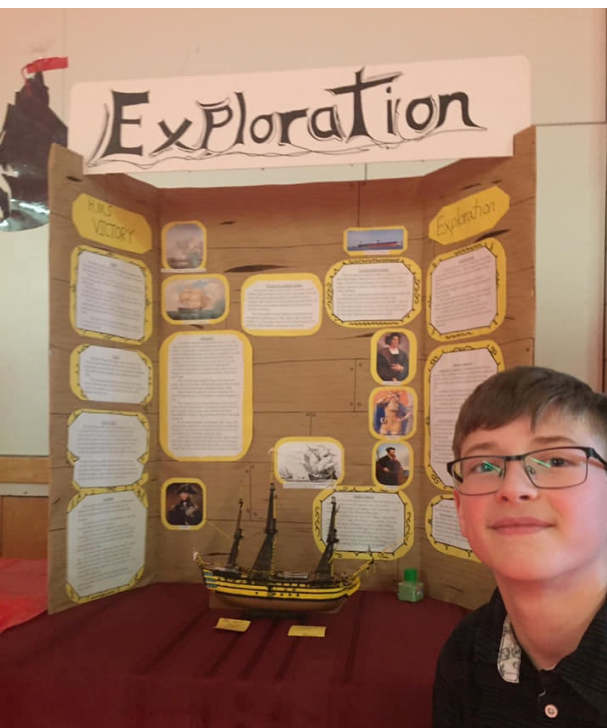
## *WILDCAT SNACK SHACK*

Every second Tuesday beginning January 29th is Take Out Tuesday. On this day food is brought in that has been ordered from Subway, Pizza Hut and other companies. There are no longer paper order forms being sent home, but rather will be ordered online. You will find this on the Westglen website by clicking the Online Payments. Check the calendar on page 4 for deadlines for these orders. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

## *DID YOU TAKE A GREAT PHOTO?*

Hey parents!

Have you attended a Westglen event or field trip and have a great photo you'd like to share with us? Maybe even see it in our yearbook? There's an app for that! See the poster on the last page of the newsletter for more information about the ReplayIt App.



LEFT and BELOW: Our grade 8 students did a fabulous job presenting their projects at the annual Renaissance Faire on December 18th



# January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 (Day 2) Welcome back!	8 (Day 3)	9 (Day 4)	10 (Day 5)	11 (Day 1)	12
13	14 (Day 2)	15 (Day 3)	16 (Day 4)	17 (Day 5)	18 (Day 1) Online Subway order due (meal is on Jan. 29)	19
			Grade 8 Band Camp, January 16-18th			
20	21 (Day 2)	22 (Day 3)	23 (Day 4)	24 (Day 5)	25 (Day 1) -Astrodome (grade 6) -Online Pizza Hut Calzone orders due (meal is on Feb. 5)	26
27	28 (Day 2)	29 (Day 3) Take-Out Tuesday! Subway (pre-ordered)	30 (Day 4)	31 Organizational Day No school		
			Grade 7 Band Camp, Jan. 30th -Feb.1st			



## 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.



# MAKE NOW FOREVER

Get your pictures in the yearbook with the ReplayIt app.



Check our school's free photo sharing app.  
It's the feed for this year's best moments as they  
happen and your chance to make the yearbook.

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