



April 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,

We know that the current situation has caused unprecedented upheaval for your family. Westglen wants to reach out to help support our students during this school closure. We want our students to keep learning but we are also mindful that these are difficult times for all of you and we want you to remain healthy and well.

We know that there is a lot going on for families right now and we recognize that completing all of the activities in a week may not be possible at times. If that is the case, **reach out to your child's teacher** and let them know what is happening so that they can adjust expectations for your child and help your child move forward. Our intention is to provide you with resources to keep your child actively learning and engaged throughout this trying time.

On behalf of my staff at Westglen, please know that we are very grateful for your patience, understanding and support. Most of our staff (including this veteran) feel like beginning teachers as we are learning to navigate digital learning. We are thinking about you and your children. We miss having them in class and we wish we were learning together in our regular manner.

Stay well,

Carolyn

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



STRONG LEADERSHIP IN A TIME OF UPHEAVAL



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Our current situation has made it abundantly clear that the leaders we have in our Chinook's Edge schools are unparalleled in their compassion, skill and devotion to students. Our school and division leaders have guided teachers and staff to an entirely online learning platform in a matter of days. This means our goal, that learning continues to move forward for all students, can be met.

We are so proud of our teachers and support staff who are committed to making this work. Our teachers are aware of which outcomes are reasonable and essential – in other words, which strand of learning is the most essential to set our students up for success as they proceed into next year.

This time of social distancing can be trying for all of us, but for our very young students in Pre-Kindergarten and our students with complex needs, it may also be confusing. Thanks to the compassion and skill of one of our staff, we are able to share a [pictogram](#) that helps explain COVID-19 in its simplest terms. This resource accompanies information that has been developed for children and teens, and we will continue to provide information on our division's [COVID-19 webpage](#) as we move forward.

I would personally like to thank our parents and our school staff as we work together towards a common goal of student success.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools

Trustees at work for students

As a Board of Trustees, we wanted to share how incredibly amazed we are with the way our learning staff have moved so quickly to ensure they are ready to meet the changing needs of students. Please read more in the [April Board eNews](#).

Make
YOUR Mental
Health a
Priority

Taking Care of your Children's Mental Health

MANAGING CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) ANXIETY



Given the evolving provincial response to COVID-19, please view the following updates and resources to help support CESD families. Please note that our shared priority is the health and wellness of all members of our community.

If your child needs to speak to Family School Wellness, please know you still have access to them. We encourage you to please contact via email.

Andrea Caines Didsbury High School	acaines@cesd73.ca
Darla Korver, Ross Ford Elementary	dkorver@cesd73.ca
Kim Kerr, Westglen School	kkerr@cesd73.ca
Mike Bass, Didsbury Career High	mbass@cesd73.ca

Should your family require additional supports, the following contacts are available:

1. **2-1-1** (call or text): Community and Social Services Help Line (for basic needs, financial support, food, housing information, etc.)
2. **8-1-1** (call): Health Link
3. **Access Mental Health**: 1-844-943-1500
4. **Crisis Line**: 403-266-4357
5. **Mental Health Help Line**: 1-877-303-2642



Family School Wellness Program

For current information, please continue to access www.cesd73.ca for updates

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.

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

FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

Here are some links to online resources you may be interested in:

Scholastic Free Digital Subscriptions

http://scholastic.ca/education/free_digital_resources/

Fact Monster Flashcards - Practice your math facts!

<https://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards>

The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read-Alouds & Activities

https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/?utm_content=1584565321&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

Online Escape Rooms:

Escape from Wonderland (based on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland)

<https://forms.gle/P2JyLdvZ7TSRPrdCA>

Dog Man Digital Escape Room

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvvgOhiVwRzXSxHuHIEzfGEUPQaABbgpL6JLPHn8A93ThWpw/viewform>

Hogwarts Digital Escape Room

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfINxNM0jzbZjUqOcXkwhGTfii4CM_CA3kCxImbY8c3AABEA/formResponse



Pip and her big sister, Posey, practice physical distancing!

DIDSBURY JR. GOLF

Summer Golf Program sign up can be done through this link:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/225822/signups>

\$95 Membership Fee which includes 7 lessons and the Wind-Up Party

Ages 6 to 17!

www.didsburygolf.ca

403-335-3635

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		Wash your hands a lot and practice physical distancing!	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12	13 Easter Monday	14	15	16	17	18
Spring Break - April 13-17						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	This is the saddest calendar ever...we miss doing fun stuff with you!	