



January 2021

# 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

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a restful holiday, with lots of opportunities to get outside and enjoy this marvelous weather. Meeting back up with our classes today has been very energizing and we continue to be grateful for the excellent participation and attendance that we are seeing from our students. According to Psychology Today, "Resilience is that ineffable quality that allows some people to be knocked down by life and come back stronger than ever. Rather than letting failure overcome them and drain their resolve, they find a way to rise from the ashes." The past year has certainly provided us with the training grounds for developing this life skill!

Communication continues to be critical to student success. If your child is struggling emotionally, socially or academically, please reach out to his/her teacher so that we can work together to support them. Additionally, please check your child's Power School on a weekly basis so that you are aware if they are not handing in assignments in a timely fashion. It is always better to work on issues as they arise rather than wait until they have become overwhelming.

Thank you for your efforts to help your child with online learning as we all look forward to being back together in the building next week.

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

**Online learning for  
all students January  
4-8th. See you all  
back at school on  
January 11th!**

# OUR COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS



## *A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT*

In Chinook's Edge, we know that supporting a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the achievement and social emotional well-being of our students and staff. The global situation shows us that now, more than ever, our division's focus on wellness will ensure our students remain engaged and ready to learn, even as our circumstances change and evolve.

Our division has a long-held priority of caring relationships at every level. Relationships Matter in Chinook's Edge, and we can draw on that foundation in the coming months to support a sharp focus on our divisional goals that will continue to set our students up for success: Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career Connections, and Social Emotional Well-being.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our Central Office Leadership Team, I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a happy and healthy new year.

**Kurt Sacher**

**Superintendent**

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

Chinook's Edge will be accepting Online Kindergarten Registrations beginning January 11, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year. Please visit [our website](#) for Kindergarten information!

## *THANK YOU!*

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Knox United Thrift Shop UCW (Didsbury) for their generous donation to our school. The money will be used to support our Helping Hands program, which assists students in need.

We'd also like to thank the President's Choice Children's Charity for their continued annual support of our Breakfast Program!



**Right:** 5B Amazing Race - So much fun for the kids and Miss Wiens!

**For Trustee updates and to read the latest Board eNews, please visit [our website](#).**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### *INTERNET CONNECTION TROUBLES AT HOME?*

Try these tips!

- Move closer to your router. Try to attain 3 bars.
- Do a **speed test** of your download & upload speeds.
- When possible, download content the night before it is needed (especially video content).
- Enable **offline mode** for GSuite (Google Docs, Slides, Sheets).
- Powercycle your router.
- Set Google Meet's layout to "spotlight" (and don't use blur/change background).
- Remove household cell phones from the wifi, or turn them off.



**Right:** Gingerbread Building Contest

**Below:** 6A Gnome craft - so cute!!



# January 2021



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Christmas Break	2
3	4 (Day 5)	5 (Day 1)	6 (Day 2)	7 (Day 3)	8 (Day 4)	9
All students will be learning online this week						
10	11 (Day 5) All students return to school for in-person learning	12 (Day 1)	13 (Day 2)	14 (Day 3)	15 (Day 4)	16
17	18 (Day 5)	19 (Day 1)	20 (Day 2)	21 (Day 3)	22 (Day 4)	23
24/31	25 (Day 5)	26 (Day 1)	27 (Day 2)	28 (Day 3)	29 (Day 4) Organizational Day - no student attendance	30



***Parenting  
is my  
superpower***

# Parent Support Series!

We are in this together!! Take a look at these webinars that are geared towards parents on helping your children at home during these unprecedented times.

**All webinars are \$10 each and run from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm**

## January 2021

7th: Parent Support Series #1 - Supporting the Emotional Needs of At-Home Learners

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8777>

14th: Parent Support Series #2-Using Positive Reinforcements to Support Children with Diverse Needs

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8782>

21st: Parent Support Series #3 - Attention and Memory Supports

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8781>

28th: Parent Support Series #4 - Handling Meltdowns and Stages of Escalation

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8783>

## February 2021

16th: Parent Support Series #5 - Making Math Fun

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8784>

23rd: Parent Support Series #6--Importance of Language to a Child's Success

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8785>

25th: Parent Support Series #7 - How to Read with Your Child (4-6 year olds)

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8778>

## April 2021

29th: Parent Support Series #8 - Using Schedules to Support Children with Diverse Needs

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8779>

## May 2021

6th: Parent Support Series #9--Supporting Positive Behaviours at Home

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8780>

10th: Parent Support Series #10-Questions and Answers

<https://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/details.php?id=8787>



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