



March 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

We value your input! This month we will again be surveying all Westglen parents, using the same questions that we used last year. We have made some changes based on survey data that we received last year and, by using the same survey questions, we can see if the desired changes are being realized. Our school division collects the data, organizes it by question and returns it to us and then we put the data in front of our school teams to help guide our decision making. I realize that a survey is "one more thing", but we spend a great deal of time going over the information and taking it into account as we are already planning for September 2019! Thank you in advance for your help with completing the survey when we email the link in March.

There is a great deal of information circulating online and in social media regarding what is called the Momo Challenge, and it is making parents and young children worried. We encourage you to: monitor your child's activity online and on social media to ensure they are not being exposed to activities that may be detrimental to their well-being; emphasize that children should never provide personal information to anyone online; be sure children know to inform you of anything they see online that makes them uncomfortable. Teachers and staff in our schools discuss and model good digital citizenship regularly with our students. We want to work together to keep all of our young people safe and well.

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



LEFT: Grade 5 students enjoyed visits from Junior Achievement volunteers learning about "Our Business World"

RIGHT: The 5C science class made pancakes while learning a hands-on approach to Classroom Chemistry





This month's newsletter theme of 'Assessment' is the perfect opportunity for us to share our pride in the great accomplishments of our students and the dedicated staff who support them.

In Chinook's Edge, we measure student success in a number of ways. This includes provincial achievement data, of course, but it also includes information about whether our students are reading at grade level, if they feel safe at school, and if they feel equipped to continue striving toward their goals after graduation. Our division-wide focus on literacy, academic excellence, career connections and social emotional well-being is setting our students up for success.

Our most recent Accountability Pillar report shows an all-time high for Chinook's Edge in a number of measures. Chinook's Edge is above provincial average in the *Acceptable* standards for both Diploma Exams and Provincial Achievement Tests. Although work is underway to continue to pursue standards of *Excellence*, the division's results in those areas are also better than ever before. This success is because of a huge effort in all of our schools and is an important indication that our strategic focus is impacting students at every grade level. Our clear goals, along with the commitment of staff, students and parents, is leading to great success for our students.

Superintendent

MIKI TOWN STUDENT VISIT

While we have been exchanging letters and postcards, the day is finally approaching for when our Japanese exchange students from Miki Town come to visit our town and school! As part of the Maple Exchange Program, Miki Town students will be arriving to Didsbury on Friday, March 22 to stay with their host families. Westglen looks forward to meeting these students on Monday, March 25 and seeing what great activities they have planned for our Grade 8 classes. Please contact the Town of Didsbury office for further details on this visit.



Hey students - do you have any overdue library books? Check online using the Destiny program and return them promptly!

Thank you

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

BAND NOTES

This month, our grade 7 and grade 8 bands will be participating in the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival. Performances are open to the public and are free of charge. Grade 7 Performance -Wednesday, March 20th at 11:00 am Grade 8 Performance - Thursday, March 21st at 12:30 pm. As with concerts, students are to be dressed in all black concert clothes and all students in the band program are expected to participate. Performances will take place at the TransCanada Theatre located in the Fine Arts Building in Olds. We will be traveling to Olds via buses that will depart and return to Westglen. Parents are needed to help chaperone and help transport instruments. Please email hbiggin@cesd73.ca if you have covered trucks or vans and are available to help. Permission forms and a detailed itinerary will be emailed next week.

Grade 8 Concert Band Kiwanis Music Festival Grand Concert Performance Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Our grade 8 band has been asked to perform at the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival Grand Concert this year. This concert showcases the top performers and performances from the Music Festival. It is a huge honour to be asked!!

The concert is on **Tuesday, April 2 at 7 pm** and would involve playing O Canada and one other of our pieces to start the evening concert. The students then would be able to leave. Including warmup, I anticipate that this would involve a time commitment of 45 minutes from 6:30 - 7:15.

It is a huge honour to be asked to perform at this concert and full participation from all band members is necessary. I am very excited about this opportunity for our students to showcase their talents! **Please contact me if your student will be away as we will need full commitment from students and families.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to our students and families who supported our Magazine Fundraiser. We will be using the money for extra student resources.

The next Scholastic Book Fair will be running from April 1st to 8th. The fair will also be open during Parent-Teacher Interviews on April 3rd and 4th from 4:00-7:00 pm. We hope to see you there.

Good Reading!!

Mrs. Nickel

GRADE 5 CHOCOLATE SALES


Grade five students will be selling World's Finest Chocolate to raise money for camp. Chocolates will arrive March 27th and will be sold until the end of April.

Watch for more information from your child's homeroom teacher!

Below: Grade 5 Mad Hatter's Book Cafe was tons of fun!



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Upcoming in April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 1 - Scholastic Book Fair begins April 3 & 4 - Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00pm 					1 (Day 4)	2
					Mountain View Science Fair - Saturday, March 2	
3	4 (Day 5)	5 (Day 1) Grade 7 Field Trip (Rob Nash, Calgary)	6 (Day 2)	7 (Day 3)	8 (Day 4)	9
10	11 (Day 5)	12 (Day 1)	13 (Day 2) -Grade 5 skating and 3-on-3 basketball tournament -Grade 6 Movie Fundraiser 4:30pm -online orders due for Pizza Hut Calzones, March 26	14 Non-Instructional Day No school for students	15 Non-Instructional Day	16
17 	18 (Day 3) -Call now to book Parent-Teacher Interviews on April 3rd or 4th -PowerSchool Parent Portal turned off for report card preparations	19 (Day 4)	20 (Day 5)	21 (Day 1)	22 (Day 2)	23
			Kiwanis Music Festival, Grades 7 & 8			
24/31	25 (Day 3)	26 (Day 4) -PAC Meeting 12:00 pm -Pizza Hut Calzone Meal Deal Day (orders were due online March 13)	27 (Day 5)	28 (Day 1) -Mrs. Is Ski Trip to Nakiska -Report Cards available in Powerschool Parent Portal	29 Collaborative Day - no school for students	30