



September 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,

I can't begin to express how excited (and exhausted) we are as we prepare to welcome our students back to school. Keeping everyone safe and healthy is at the top of our agenda and we are confident in the measures that we will be taking to accomplish this goal. Yes, students and staff will be wearing masks for the majority of the day but we have plans in place that will allow us to take frequent breaks. One of the most important things to remember is that we are using this staggered entry so that we can all learn what works and what doesn't. Friday, September 11th, our staff will be meeting to take stock of our first two weeks and address anything that needs improved. Communication will be key. If you are concerned about anything, please contact your child's teacher. Scientists believe that upwards of 65% of communication is non-verbal so, with wearing masks, there are bound to be some misunderstandings that arise!

Our staff loves having fun and we are going to make sure that we continue to focus on the social aspect of school - from 6 feet apart! Class challenges and activities have been set up so that we can continue to build school spirit and be mindful of our mental health needs. Focusing on teaching reading has resulted in a steady improvement of student achievement and we are now turning our attention to their writing skills in our classroom preparation.

We are going to make some mistakes, because we are learning as we go so we appreciate your encouragement and understanding as we head back to class. Happy New Year!!

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

### Staggered Start

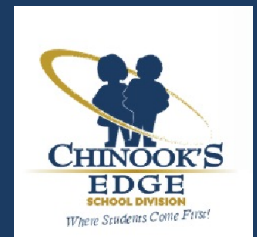
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September 1, 3 and 8**

**\*Last names L-Z attend  
September 2, 4 and 9**

**\*All students attend starting  
September 10**

# BELIEVING IN EVERY STUDENT

## A MESSAGE OF THANKS, FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols, so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students.

Schools in Chinook's Edge have been required to modify some routines, and safety is on our minds more than ever. Be assured your child will be well looked after. Our schools are prepared, our teachers and staff are keen, and our students can now embark on an exciting year with confidence. We are looking forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office team, we wish everyone a fantastic year in Chinook's Edge, where students come first!

## MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child has a serious, life threatening medical condition please request a Medical Alert Form from the office and return it promptly. These need to be updated yearly so our information is current. Please include a recent photo of your child as well.



## SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

If parent volunteer opportunities become available again, please contact us for a letter of request to get a record check done through the Didsbury RCMP. As their office is currently closed for walk-ins, you will need to call ahead for an appointment.

### Board of Education:

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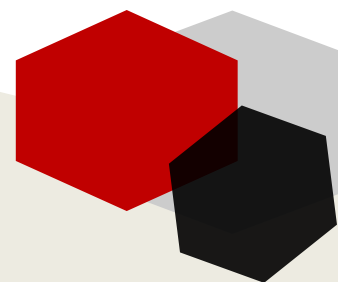
Please [click here](#) to read the latest updates from the Board of Trustees.

## DON'T FORGET!

Please remember to call the school if your child is going to be absent or late. You can call anytime and leave a message. This saves a lot of time and phone calls in the office every morning! Because students are not always with their homeroom teachers first thing in the morning, it is best to call the office even if you wrote a note in your child's agenda.

***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.***



### **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.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### *WILDCAT SPORTS*

Wildcat Volleyball teams are postponed for the first 2 weeks of September. At this time school re-entry will be reevaluated and new guidelines for school sports will be discussed.

Wildcat's Running Club information will be announced after the long weekend. All grades are welcome.

### *WILDCAT CAFE*

The Wildcat Cafe will be closed until we receive further guidance from AHS. Please be sure to send a sufficient lunch and snacks to school with your child(ren)!

### *OPTION CLASSES*

We are still in the process of determining what Grade 7 and 8 options classes can look like this year as we interpret the school re-entry guidelines and receive more guidance from the school division. For the time being, students will spend time each week with option teachers and receive an introduction to what we may be able to offer this year. Thank you for your patience while this is determined, and watch for more info in the near future.

### *BAND NOTES*

#### Grade 5 Music

Currently under the AHS guidelines CESD Re-Entry Plan, music programs cannot have students singing or playing wind instruments. Happily, percussion is allowed!

Mrs. Biggin will be teaching Fine Arts 5 this year to all Grade 5 students, allowing them to take both Music (not Band) and Art. Each student will have a \$4 charge on their school fees that will provide them with their own individual drum sticks. Band instruction will begin next year in Grade 6.

### *AGENDAS FOR GRADES 7 & 8*

Agendas are optional for grade 7 and 8 students. If your child would like one, please let their teacher or the office know and we will provide it. A \$10 charge will be added to school fees.



### **Westglen is GREEN**

All newsletters will be emailed to you, so please be sure that we have your current email address. You can also view the newsletters on [www.westglen.ca](http://www.westglen.ca) (they will be posted on the first school day of the month).



# Safely back to school in *Chinook's Edge*

## What you are doing at home



### Daily Screening

Before leaving home each day, students (with help from parents) and staff must review the [questionnaire](#) and may only enter schools if free of COVID-19 symptoms.



### Stay at Home

If students or staff are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home and follow the Alberta Health Services [guidelines](#). Please notify the school of a student absence.



### Wear a Mask

[Mask use is mandatory](#) for all staff and for students in Grade 4-12 in common areas or where physical distancing is not possible. Masks are optional but encouraged for students in K-3. All students will receive 2 reusable masks.



### Hand Washing

Everyone entering a school is required to [wash their hands](#) or use hand sanitizer immediately, and repeatedly throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is placed at all entrances and classrooms.



### Lunch Break

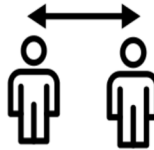
Students will most often eat lunch in classrooms, and will be asked to sanitize their hands before and after eating. Microwaves and vending machines will not be available for use.

## What we are doing at school



### September Staggered Entry

Students will be welcomed back on [alternating days](#) to assist with a seamless transition back to class. This allows staff to establish safety routines and build caring relationships of trust.



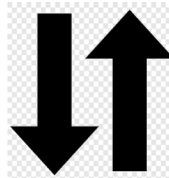
### Physical Distancing

Desks are spaced at the largest distance possible and arranged to not face each other. Students seated at tables may be separated by a partition. Breaks may be staggered to allow for more distancing.



### Enhanced Cleaning

A thorough cleaning of schools has been completed, with area rugs and soft furnishings removed. Custodial time is increased throughout the school division to conduct frequent cleaning.



### Traffic Flow

All schools have been equipped with floor signage and posters for reminders to physically distance. Plexiglass shields have been installed in reception areas and PPE is provided and in use.



### Limited Access

Parents are permitted in schools only for a specific purpose and with prior permission from the principal. Parents are not permitted to enter during drop off/pick up. Volunteers/guest presenters are not permitted at this time.



*These measures are based on recommendations from Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services, to support optimal safety for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities*

Please [click this link](#) for the full Chinook's Edge School Division Re-Entry Plan or visit [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca)



If you cannot answer NO to all of these questions on behalf of your child, please do not send them to school.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

### Overview

This tool has been developed to support activity organizers, employers, businesses and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees/staff. The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should fill out this checklist prior to participating in the activity or program. If an individual answers **YES** to any of the questions, they **must not** be allowed to attend or participate in the activity or program. Children and youth will need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

### Screening Questions

1.	Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with a symptomatic** close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

\* Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in a occupational setting wearing the recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

\*\* 'Ill/symptomatic' means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above.

# September 2020



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 (Day 1) Last names starting with A-K in attendance	2 (Day 1) Last names starting with L-Z in attendance	3 (Day 2) Last names starting with A-K in attendance	4 (Day 2) Last names starting with L-Z in attendance	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 (Day 3) Last names starting with A-K in attendance	9 (Day 3) Last names starting with L-Z in attendance	10 (Day 2) All students in attendance	11 PD Day - no student attendance	12
13	14 (Day 3)	15 (Day 4) Westglen Golf Tournament (more info to follow)	16 (Day 5)	17 (Day 1) School Picture Day	18 (Day 2)	19
20	21 (Day 3)	22 (Day 4)	23 (Day 5)	24 (Day 1)	25 (Day 2)	26
27	28 (Day 3)	29 (Day 4)	30 (Day 5)		Upcoming: *Oct. 5 - picture retakes (am)	