



March 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

Later this month, your child's Term Two Report Card will be available online. You will have noticed in December that they are much more succinct because you should already have been accessing your child's grades on a regular basis. However, nothing can replace a conversation with your child's teacher(s) to celebrate his/her successes and to make a plan for areas that need a greater focus. Our conferences will be conducted virtually again and we look forward to talking with as many of you as possible. If you are unable to attend on either of our conference evenings, please contact your child's teacher(s) to set up a mutually convenient time to meet.

We value your input! This month we will also be surveying all Westglen parents, seeking to find out what is working and what areas we can improve upon. Each year our staff examines issues that are revealed in the survey data, and we also look to determine if the changes we've made are having the desired effect. 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 2021! Thank you in advance for your help with completing the survey when we email the link in March.

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Bill and Rob (pictured, right) who return our school's recycling to the depot for us and fill our water bottles at Buy-Low Foods. This has been such a help to us over the years and we are very thankful to them. Rob works for Padnoma Support Services and assists Bill with some of his day-to-day tasks.

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



STUDENTS ARE ACHIEVING HIGH LEVELS OF SUCCESS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In Chinook's Edge, we are continually looking at different assessment tools which convey the great accomplishments of our students and staff. Although some traditional measures of student achievement have been disrupted because of COVID-19, we can continue to look at a number of other indicators when determining student success. A series of success measures are embedded in our division goals:

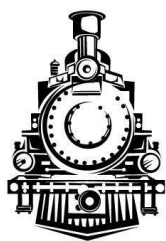
- **Academic Excellence:** we are able to refer to data from grade 3 student learning achievement tests, grade 6 & 9 Provincial Achievement Tests, grade 12 Diploma Exams, along with PowerTeacherPro Gradebook, student attendance and reading support level data, among other measures.
- **Career Connections:** our schools continue to refine their comprehensive plan of career exploration, planning and guidance for students in grades 9-12 and embed this work within school cultures.
- **Social Emotional Well-being:** school staff are utilizing our social emotional framework and our collaborative response model, along with a new vision for supporting students in the early years, to ensure the needs of all students are being met.

Among all the checks and balances in place, we believe success can also be measured in the resilience that our students have shown as they have made the shift to learning online as needed. We understand that not all families have access to adequate internet in the home, and we know parents are trying their best to support their child when they are required by COVID-19 restrictions to learn online from home periodically. Here is [a link](#) to some tips we have developed to help improve home internet access, so that your child can get the most out of their learning. Also, we encourage you to reach out to your home internet provider. Many providers have been very helpful in working with families to improve access, and they have also been assisting our technology department as they continue working towards solutions together.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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

Are you interested in running for Chinook's Edge Public School Trustee in the October election?
Please read more at [this link](#).



PRAIRIE WHISTLE
— Food Co. —

MEAL DEAL FROM PRAIRIE WHISTLE FOOD CO.

Our Meal Deal on March 18th will be a chicken caesar wrap with an optional side of trail mix, prepared by Prairie Whistle Food Co. in Didsbury. Orders must be placed online through your Student Quick Pay account by noon on March 11th.

Special thanks to the Didsbury Tim Horton's for the yummy chili, bun and donut which we had for our February Meal Deal.



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

BADMINTON NEWS

Grade 5/6 athletes are being introduced to badminton this year in PE. If there is an interest in players developing their skills further, we will look at a time for them to play after school. Currently, after school practices are just for grade 7/8 students.

Westglen does have racquets for the students to use in PE, but we encourage students to buy their own and bring it. We do this every year as the racquets are well used and very expensive to replace.

RACQUETS FOR SALE!!!!

The school will be ordering racquets for students who wish to purchase them this year.

YONEX CAB6000- \$30.00

YONEX NANORAY- \$60.00

Please have students bring their money to the office OR you can order through STUDENT QUICK PAY.

ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY FRIDAY, MARCH 12th

PRACTICE TIMES

Grade 7 - Boys and Girls Tuesday/Thursday 3:15 4:15

Grade 8 - Boys and Girls Monday/Wednesday 3:15-4:15

Students who wish to stay and play need to sign up for each practice on Mrs. Heistad's office door. Spots are limited!

ATHLETES will NEED to have their own racquets for after school BADMINTON as soon as possible.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Watch for an email coming soon with information on scheduling an upcoming Parent-Teacher Interview on March 25th or 31st. The format will be the same as our interviews in the fall - you can select a phone call or Google Meet with the teachers you'd like to visit with. You will sign up through a link on the upcoming email.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair Countdown!

Our school's **IN SCHOOL + Virtual Book Fair** will arrive March 23rd - March 26th.

To access the Virtual Book Fair please use this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5143243>

Let's continue to give our students access to the books they want to read! We are excited to provide this opportunity for our school community to shop together.

Plan to participate in our **Family Event** on Wednesday, March 24th, with free shipping for all online shopping.

Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and education resources for our school's classrooms and library.

Happy reading!





2020 LEGION COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes in the Legion's Poster and Literary Contest in honour of Remembrance Day:

Lila Morrison - 1st place Junior Black & White
Sophia Kohut - 2nd place Junior Black & White
Izzy Paul - 1st place Intermediate Black & White
Skylynn Maitland - 2nd place Intermediate Black & White
Michelle Murphy - 2nd place Junior Poster
Quinn Sheehan - 1st place Intermediate Colour
Hanna Bedard - 2nd place Intermediate Colour
Emily Blakely - 2nd place Junior Essay
Renata King - 1st place Intermediate Poem

TOONIES FOR TUMMIES

Didsbury Buy-Low Foods is participating in the Toonies for Tummies promotion where funds are raised to feed hungry school-aged children nutritious breakfasts. 100% of donations stay local. The money collected at Didsbury Buy-Low Foods March 13th will be matched by their head office, up to \$8,000! Donations will be accepted daily until the end of March and then the money raised will be shared between Ross Ford and Westglen.

Buy-Low also accepts My Neighbourhood Rewards point donations for our schools which will be tallied at the end of the year and converted to a monetary donation! We are very appreciative of their support!

Our students were excited to get out on the new ice at the arena!



NUTRITION MONTH

March is Nutrition Month! Follow this link to access a handy Nutrition Month Calendar for tips, ideas and activities to get you eating well for Nutrition Month and beyond!

2020-2021 YEARBOOKS

If you would like to order a 2020-2021 yearbook, please go to your Student Quick Pay account, select it from 'New Items', add to cart and pay. The yearbooks will be distributed November 2021. Please have your yearbook ordered by April.

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 (Day 3)	2 (Day 4)	3 (Day 5)	4 (Day 1)	5 Non-Instructional Day - no school for students	6
7	8 (Day 2)	9 (Day 3)	10 (Day 4)	11 (Day 5) Orders due by noon for Meal Deal on March 18th	12 (Day 1)	13
14	15 (Day 2)	16 (Day 3)	17 (Day 4) 	18 (Day 5) Meal Deal - Chicken Caesar Wrap with trail mix (must be pre-ordered on Quick Pay)	19 Organizational Day - no school for students	20
21	22 (Day 1)	23 (Day 2) Scholastic Book Fair begins	24 (Day 3)	25 (Day 4) Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:30. Watch for email link to sign up	26 (Day 5) Scholastic Book Fair ends	27
28	29 (Day 1)	30 (Day 2) PAC Google Meet at noon. Email cmassel@cesd73 to request a meet invite	31 (Day 3) Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:30. Watch for email link to sign up			