



November 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

We were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with so many of you during our first virtual Parent Teacher Conferences. There seems to be a significant portion of families who enjoyed the convenience of this format. It is always time well spent when we can talk together so that we can work towards our common goal: your child's success. Our hope was that by having conferences earlier in the school year, we could address issues your child may be having so that we can work together to address them sooner rather than later. Please build a habit of checking PowerSchool with your child on a weekly basis and ask questions when you would like more information. We encourage you to contact us anytime to discuss your child's learning - emails are the most expedient manner of reaching a teacher but you can also call the office to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time. Often I hear, "I didn't want to bother the teacher," from parents but please don't ever feel that way as the teachers are eager to work with you!

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

**Pizza 73 Meal Deal day on
November 19th! Order
through your QuickPay
account before noon on
November 16th**



ENSURING OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Chinook's Edge is committed to ensuring student success, which has long been reflected in our division's provincial achievement measures. This is a time of year when our Board receives information on Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results from last spring. As a result of the spring's disruption and the cancellation of provincial testing, the 2020 data is not available to exemplify the achievements of our students. Fortunately for Chinook's Edge, we have other longstanding methods for informing success, which show the achievement of our students.

Our expectations are high for the quality learning we expect for every child in our division, and that will never change. The data we are gathering in literacy, math and other measures is clarifying a deeper understanding of student achievement, as well as where we want to move forward as a division. We have built common assessments to ensure we have an accurate measure of the progress of teaching and learning in all of our schools. As always, Chinook's Edge will file an Annual Education Results Report with Alberta Education next month, and each school will provide a detailed Education Plan to our Board of Trustees. Moving forward, to remain responsive, transparent and robust as a school division, Chinook's Edge is moving to the Provincial Assurance Model of Assessment. For an introduction of this model, please [click here](#).

Our divisional goals remain consistent: Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career Connections, and Social Emotional Learning. We have many measures pointing to continued success in each of these and they are prompting us confidently and resolutely onward. We know our efforts help lead our students toward greater success, in learning and in life.

As always, we are pleased to provide the latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools



DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK!

Please be sure to send your child to school with a clean, reusable mask. We have been giving out a large number of disposable mask each day which becomes costly for our school division.

Thank you

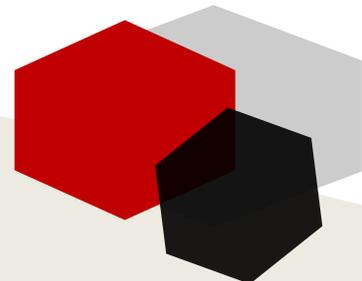


Your Trustee, Gord Kerr, is always available and happy to hear from you. Visit the Board section of our division website at www.cesd73.ca for his contact information.

Superintendent, Kurt Sacher, can be contacted directly from the Board section as well.

2019-20 YEARBOOKS

Our 2019-20 yearbooks should be arriving in December. If you ordered and paid for one with last year's school fees, you can expect your child to receive it then. Thanks for your patience!



LEST WE FORGET

FOR THOSE BRAVE WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES
SO WE COULD LIVE OURS

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the library, as well as a Virtual Online Book Fair from **November 17th - November 22nd**. The **Combination Book Fair** is a fantastic way to give our students and parents access to Scholastic's collection while keeping our school safe.

Our School Book Fair in the library will run from Tuesday, November 17th to Friday, November 20th. The Virtual Book Fair will remain open until Sunday, November 22nd.

All purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

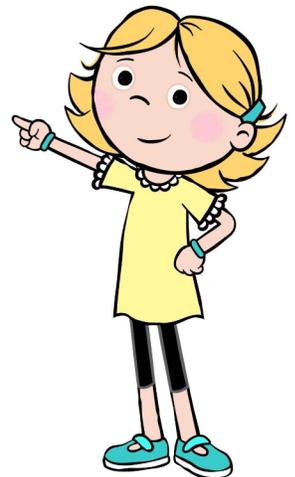
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5137849>

Before our fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE it** to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Young at 403-335- 8700.

Happy reading!



DID SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY SERVE OUR COUNTRY?

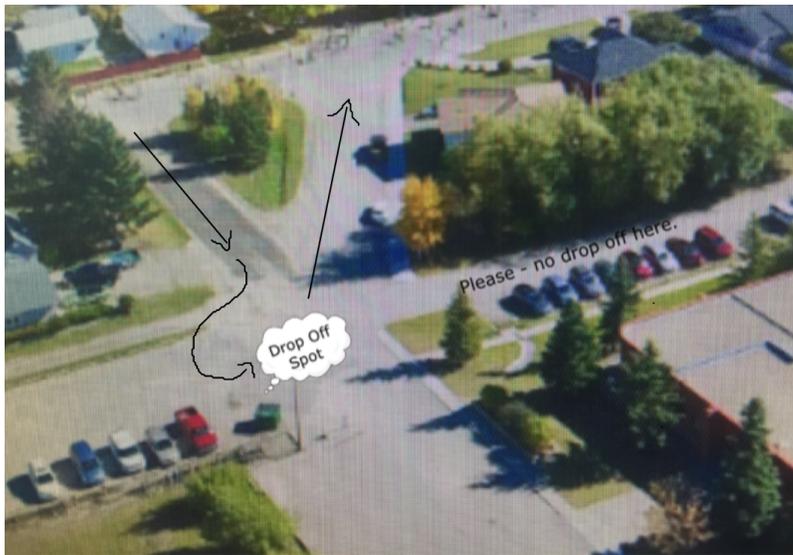


As part of our Remembrance Day service on November 10th, we include a PowerPoint that acknowledges the contributions made to our country by the family members of our students and staff. To include your relative, please send a picture, and include the name of the person, time of service, and their relation to a student(s) at Westglen. Eg. Doug Bird, Calgary Tank Corps, WWII, Grandfather of Mrs. Massel. It would be preferred that the picture be taken at the time that they were serving. **Please email the picture to Mrs. Shields, jshields@cesd73.ca by Thursday, November 5th.** If you submitted pictures last year, there is no need to re-submit them.

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT DROP-OFF

Safety is always a priority at our school. We would like to ask parents to only drop students off in the "loop" that is created by coming in the one-way, dropping off near the garbage dumpsters, and then exiting out the one-way street, eastbound. Please DO NOT use the parking lot on the east side because this has presented several dangerous situations lately.



HALLOWEEN FUN!



Drop-In Math & English Tutoring

Do you need afterschool help with math or english?

Do you have questions that need explaining? Math problems you need help solving, or a paper you need assistance with? Drop In EVERY Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Didsbury Neighborhood Place for FREE help! Registration is not required. Students must arrive by 4:15 pm, any late arrivals will not be seen that day. Covid restrictions will be in place. Maximum 10 students allowed for each session.

Intended for students in grades 8-12

This drop-in program begins on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**, and runs until **Wednesday, December 2, 2020**. Tutoring is located at Didsbury Neighborhood Place, in partnership with the Didsbury Municipal Library.

For more information on this FREE Drop In Program, contact the Mountain View Family Resource Network!

- 1-877-761-0033
- www.mvfrn.ca
- info@mvfrn.ca
- @mvfrn

Didsbury Neighborhood Place is located at 1606-14 Street in Didsbury.



"BLOCK 8", HOMEWORK HELP

Mrs. Roy is offering homework help after school (called Block 8) to give kids extra time and help to complete their work. Grade 5/6 are welcome to attend on Wednesdays and grade 7/8 on Thursdays until 4:00pm.

Block 8 will be held in room 144 or the library if extra space is needed.

Contact Mrs. Roy at croy@cesd73.ca with any questions.

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 (they will be posted on the first school day of the month). If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 (Day 5)	3 (Day 1)	4 (Day 2)	5 (Day 3) Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-6:30 pm Book through the Google Form that was emailed to parents	6 (Day 4)	7
8	9 (Day 5)	10 (Day 1) Remembrance Day presentation in homerooms	11 Remembrance Day No School	12 Fall Break No School	13 Fall Break No School	14
15	16 (Day 2) Pizza 73 orders due online by noon for Nov. 19th (through your Student QuickPay account)	17 (Day 3) -5C Swimming 1:00pm -Scholastic Book Fair arrives (in library until Nov. 20). Virtual Book fair starts as well	18 (Day 4)	19 (Day 5) Meal Deal Day Pizza 73 (personal 6" pizza)	20 (Day 1)	21
22 Virtual Book Fair closes today	23 (Day 2) 5B Swimming 1:30pm	24 (Day 3) PAC Meeting at 12:00pm (Google Meet)	25 (Day 4)	26 (Day 5)	27 Collaborative Day No School for Students	28
29	30 (Day 1) 5A Swimming 1:30pm					