



November 2018

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 the Parent-Teacher-Student conferences recently. 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. As well, it gave us an opportunity to help parents navigate the Parent Portal on PowerSchool. 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! You can look forward to accessing your child's report card electronically during the first week of December.

Please take a minute to click on this three minute [video](#). Full disclosure, it is an advertisement for a granola bar, but it raises some interesting questions for all of us about the impact that cell phones and video games are having on our youth.

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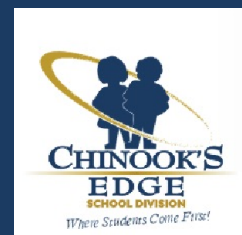
Vice Principal:
Allan Whitehead

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

**Remembrance
Day Service
November 7
1:30 pm**



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN CHINOOK'S EDGE



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Our division's outstanding achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team. Results from the most recent Accountability Pillar and satisfaction survey results show an all-time high for Chinook's Edge in a number of measures across the board. Our division is above provincial average in the Acceptable Standard for both Diploma Exams and Provincial Achievement tests, and the measures of Excellence on these exams continues to rise. We are also proud of our all-time high graduation rates, as well as the increasing number of students who transition into post-secondary learning.

Chinook's Edge has identified four divisional strategic goals for student success: literacy, academic achievement, career connections and social emotional learning. This focus is impacting students at every grade level in our division, which makes us extremely proud. We are equally pleased with the high level of satisfaction that our students, parents and staff are reporting. Chinook's Edge works to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for students, families and staff. That strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities, and is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools



Left: Students enjoyed learning from visiting author, Robert Feagan last month

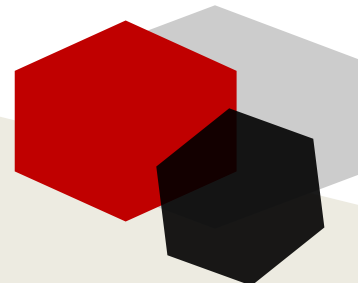


2017-18 YEARBOOKS

Our 2017-18 yearbooks should be arriving in November. 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!

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.



LEST WE FORGET

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

SCHOOL NEWS

BAND NOTES

Thank you for supporting our grade 7 and 8 band fundraiser to help students raise money for their trip to Camp Caroline. All money and orders should now be in.

Perogie and sausage orders must be picked up on Wednesday, November 14 between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the school. The school does not have the freezer space to hold your order. Poinsettias will be arriving November 27. Although we don't know the exact date for the wreaths, we will let you know as soon as we can. Please mark these dates in your calendar and be prepared to deliver products to customers right away. **All perogie and sausage orders must stay frozen and poinsettias must stay warm.** We will send out a reminder about pickup dates and times.

Thank you to our parent volunteers for tallying all the orders: Amy Kohut, Erin Enns, Jeff Oldford, Stacey Hickok, Tessa Wilson, Shannon Black and Marie Partridge. You are amazing!

Mark your calendars - Christmas Concert - Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Didsbury Lions! Lion Frank (pictured above with Westglen students) came by to make a very generous donation to our school. Every fall, the Lions provide our kids with the chance to help in their Food Drive and we really appreciate the opportunity to try volunteering. Their support of our students is so very appreciated.

DID SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY SERVE OUR COUNTRY?

As part of our Remembrance Day service on November 7th, we include a PowerPoint that acknowledges the contributions made to our country by the family members of our students and staff. Along with a picture, please 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. Massel, cmassel@cesd73.ca by Friday, November 2nd** and feel free to contact her if you have any questions. If you submitted pictures last year, there is no need to re-submit them; we still have them.



Turkey Trot was cold, but fun!



SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

With the new online reporting pilot project, our report card processes will be different this year. The PowerSchool Parent Portal will be closed from November 26th until December 5th to allow for the report card preparations. When the Parent Portal opens up again on December 5th you will find a new tab for accessing the term 1 report card. With this change we will no longer be sending home a paper copy of the report card. Don't worry, we will send out reminders via e-mail throughout this process, and more specific instructions on how to access the report card online. To make sure you are ready for this, now is a good time to make sure you have access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any questions or need a hand please contact the Westglen office.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open from October 30th to November 2nd. Come in and do some early Christmas shopping!

We appreciate your continued support of the Magazine Campaign. It will run from November 13th to 22nd.

I am now emailing students their overdues on their Google school accounts.

Good reading!!

Mrs. Nickel



WILDCAT NEWS

The grade 7/8 volleyball season will be winding up this weekend. On Tuesdays in November, we will have a grade 6 girls volleyball session running from 3:10 to 4:45 pm.

Grade 7/8 basketball practices will start after the Fall Break. More information will be coming soon!



Mrs. Heistad, Mrs. Biggin, Mrs. Massel and Mrs. Bohnet were great sports, participating in the "Pie in the Face" fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation

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.

November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 (Day 4) Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00pm	2 (Day 5) Grade 7 swimming 9:00am	3
4	5 (Day 1) Scholastic Book Fair ends	6 (Day 2)	7 (Day 3) Remembrance Day Service 1:30pm	8 Fall Break No School	9 Fall Break No School	10
11	12 (Day 4)	13 (Day 5) Magazine Fundraiser begins	14 (Day 1) Pick up perogie and sausage orders from band fundraiser (3:00-5:00pm)	15 (Day 2)	16 (Day 3) -Eric Walters Author Visit -Grade 8 swimming 1:00pm	17
18	19 (Day 4)	20 (Day 5)	21 (Day 1)	22 (Day 2)	23 Collaborative Day No School	24
25	26 (Day 3)	27 (Day 4) PAC Meeting 12:00pm	28 (Day 5)	29 (Day 1)	30 (Day 2) Grade 6 swimming 1:00pm	

You Are Invited To CONNECT



**Sometimes wonder and worry about your child's behaviour?
Sometimes feel like you just don't know what to do?
Ever worry about your relationship with your child?**

**Come out and learn about CONNECT
An Attachment-Based Perspective on Parenting Children and Teens**

When: Monday evenings from November 19th – December 17th 2018

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Where: Cremona School - Library

**Goals: To think about behaviour from a different perspective
To develop awareness of relationship issues and patterns
To learn new skills and consider new options in parenting**

Dinner & Childcare Provided

If you are interested in registering, please do so with:
Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Harvey, or the office staff @ Cremona School 403 637 3856
It will not run without having the required minimum number of participants