



October 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 are one month into our "No Cellphones" policy and we are very pleased with the positive changes that this has brought about in our school. Previously, we had never allowed students to have their phones out during recesses or lunch because we value the importance of them learning how to interact with each other, face to face. However, having the potential to sometimes use their phones for school work was more of a distraction than most could handle. We thank all of you for your understanding and continue to encourage you to contact the office if you need to reach your child during the day.

Our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be Tuesday, October 30 from 12-1pm in the Conference Room. The PAC provides a way for members of the community to consult with and offer advice to the principal and the school boards.

School councils:

- Focus on what is best for all students in the school
- Consider the interests of all school stakeholders
- Develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school
- Represent the parent voice in the school community

One of the topics that we will be addressing is our new online grade books that allow parents to access their child's marks throughout each school term. This is new to our staff and we welcome feedback as we are learning how to use this new tool to help improve student learning.



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

**Parent-Teacher
Interviews**

**October 24 and
November 1
4:00 - 7:00 pm**

ENGAGING EVERY STUDENT IN OUR SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We know that meaningful relationships and a foundation of trust move our students toward success, and that is precisely what you can expect for your child in Chinook's Edge. We are committed to ensuring each of our students and staff feel they are safe, cared for and that they belong. This is at the core of our quality learning environment, and it leads to healthy development for our students and a sense of wellness for everyone in our school communities.

Chinook's Edge takes enormous pride in the safe and caring culture in each of our schools. We work together toward this priority by sharing ideas, blending resources and leading projects that ensure we are a school division filled with safe, healthy and happy students and staff.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

Please note:

With the legalization of cannabis expected to take effect on October 17, we want to be clear that cannabis is considered to be a restricted substance in our school division. Cannabis use, like alcohol use, is prohibited in all Chinook's Edge schools, on school property or during school related activities. Details are provided on [Admin Procedure 3-11](#) 'Student Substance Abuse', and it is important to note that infractions will result in serious consequences. October 17th will be no different than October 16th in terms of what is allowed in our schools. Thank you.



Left: Westglen students participated in the Didsbury Schools' Terry Fox Run on September 27th

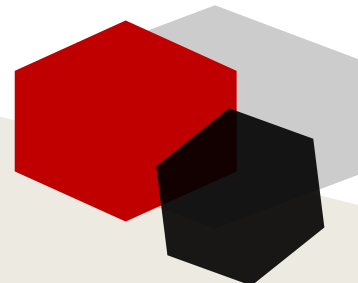


2017-18 YEARBOOKS

Our 2017-18 yearbooks should be arriving early 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.



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

BAND NOTES

Grade 7 and 8 band students will be holding their annual fundraiser to raise funds for their band camp trips in January and February.

The fundraising campaign will run from October 3rd - 24th.

Students will be selling fresh Christmas Wreaths, Poinsettias and Prairie Gourmet Perogies. All proceeds from this fundraiser go towards each students' individual camp costs.

LIBRARY NEWS

On October 2, we will be hosting author, Robert Feagan. Born in Fort McPherson, NWT, he grew up accompanying his RCMP father on dog sled patrols of the Mackenzie Delta. Travelling across our country, he has been struck by how little most Canadians know about our northern territories. His most recent novel, Arctic Thunder, is the story of a boy whose box lacrosse team has just won the Alberta Bantam championship but his plans for the next season are derailed by his father's transfer to Inuvik.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library from October 29th - November 2nd. (It will be open on the evening of November 1st during Parent Teacher Conferences.) We hope to see you there.

TURKEY TROT

Westglen's annual Turkey Trot is on Monday, October 1st at 1:45pm. Students participate, by grade, in a cross country run. Prior to the run, students practice the course in PE and record their times. Before students run the Turkey Trot, we record the estimated time that they think they will complete the course in. The student in each grade who runs the course closest to their estimated time, wins a turkey (just in time for Thanksgiving!). The winners will be given a gift certificate to pick up their turkey at AG Foods. These will be presented at a celebration on Thursday, October 4th at 2:30pm. If you are able to volunteer on the day of the run, please contact the office. We need course officials and extra help timing.



2018 Soap Box Derby (pc - Joe Cooper Photo)



Author Visit
Robert Feagan
October 2nd

School Picture
Retake Day is
October 19th
SAY CHEESE!

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL FEES

2018/19 school fees will be emailed soon; extra-curricular activities and field trip fees may still be added, so please check your online account periodically. **We really encourage parents to pay online this year.** It's easy and convenient and you can choose to pay in installments if you wish. Payments can be made using Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Interac Debit.

How do I use Student QuickPay?

1. Go to www.chinooksedge.ab.ca.
2. Click on the **Parent link**.
3. Click on the link, **Online Fee Payment**.
4. At the Student QuickPay homepage, click on the **Sign Up** button.
5. Enter your parent name, email and password.
6. Read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the site, then click the **Next** button.
7. Add students to your account by entering their Student ID, Last Name, and Birth Date.
8. After adding all students, a summary page will be displayed that lists the outstanding fee totals for each student.
9. Review student fees and click the **Checkout** button when ready.
10. Pay for fees using a credit or debit card.

If you did not receive an invoice for your child, or have any questions regarding the fees, please contact Nicole Dussault at the office.



The Earth Rangers came to visit us on September 14th with live animal demonstrations, and spoke about the importance of protecting biodiversity while highlighting real conservation initiatives across Canada.

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.

October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 (Day 4) Turkey Trot	2 (Day 5) Author Visit, Robert Feagan	3 (Day 1) Grade 7/8 Cross Country Divisionals Sundre	4 (Day 2) Grade 5/6 Cross Country Fun Run Innisfail	5 Non-Instructional Day	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day	9 (Day 3)	10 (Day 4) Grade 7/8 Cross Country Zones Okotoks	11 (Day 5)	12 (Day 1) Grade 5 swimming	13
14	15 (Day 2) Start calling now to book Parent-Teacher Interviews (Oct. 24 or Nov. 1)	16 (Day 3)	17 (Day 4)	18 (Day 5)	19 (Day 1) School Picture Retakes	20
21	22 (Day 2)	23 (Day 3)	24 (Day 4) Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00pm	25 (Day 5)	26 Non-Instructional Day	27
28	29 (Day 1) Book Fair arrives	30 (Day 2) PAC Meeting 12:00pm	31 (Day 3) Happy Halloween!	November 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00pm		

A LETTER FROM ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Parents:

Changes and Updates to the School Immunization Program

Alberta Health has made changes to the school immunization program that will take effect in the 2018/19 school year.

What is changing?

HBV and HPV vaccines

Previously in Alberta, Grade 5 students were offered three doses of vaccine for Hepatitis B (HBV) and three doses of vaccine for Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Alberta is moving from a three-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 5 to a two-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 6 for both HBV and HPV vaccines. Alberta Health has made this change to align with the evidence, which shows that administering two doses at least six months apart will provide children with good protection against Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus diseases.

The Grade 9 school immunization program including the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (dTap) and Meningococcal (MenC-ACYW) vaccines will continue to be offered.

The HBV vaccine given in a two-dose series is approved for children 11 years up to and including 15 years of age. In Alberta, the majority of students are 11 years of age in Grade 6, therefore HBV immunizations will be offered in Grade 6 rather than Grade 5.

The HPV vaccine given in a two-dose series is approved for children 9 years up to and including 14 years of age who have a well-functioning immune system. HPV immunizations will be offered at the same time as the HBV vaccine, in Grade 6 rather than Grade 5. A three-dose series will continue to be offered to students with compromised immune systems.

Catch-up immunization program

In the 2018/19 school year, public health nurses will be reviewing the immunization records of all Alberta students from Grades 1 to 9 to assess immunization status. You will be contacted if your child is missing immunization information.

With your consent, your child can be offered the immunizations they are missing at school. You will continue to have the final decision on immunizing your child.

As per current practice, if a highly contagious vaccine-preventable disease, such as measles, occurs at school, children with missing immunization information or declined

immunization may be excluded from school to protect their health. In some cases, children may need to stay home for several weeks.

Below is an outline of the changes that will occur to the school immunization program in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years.

2018/2019 School Year

Students in Grade 5 will not be immunized with the HPV and HBV vaccines, as they will be offered the vaccines the following year in Grade 6.

With your consent, children in Grades 1 to 9 who are missing immunizations will be offered immunizations at school.

2019/2020 School Year

Students in Grade 6 will be offered immunization with the HPV and HBV vaccines as a two-dose series.

With your consent, children in Grades 1 to 9 who are missing immunizations will be offered immunizations at school.

Alberta Health Services, Public Health will work closely with the schools and school authorities to ensure that immunization does not interfere with students taking the Provincial Achievement Tests.

More information on immunization and Alberta's routine immunization schedule and changes to the school immunization program is available at

www.health.alberta.ca/health-info/immunization.html

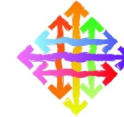
If you have any questions about immunizing your child, please contact your school's public health nurse, call 811 or visit <http://immunizealberta.ca/>.

Sincerely,

Alberta Health Services

Are you a Parent or Caregiver?

Mountain View Early Childhood Coalition
is proud to host **Dr. Jody Carrington**
for a **FREE** evening event.



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Early Childhood Development Network
Mountain View County
Early Childhood Coalition

THE MOST POWERFUL PARENTS:

Strengthening the relationship between
our babes, our partners and ourselves

OCTOBER 17, 2018
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Join Dr. Jody Carrington for an evening of laughter and stories, learning about the power of relationships with our children, our partners and ourselves. Topics Include:

- How connection - no matter what age- can be the most powerful tool we have and (sometimes) the hardest thing to do.
- Understanding how attachment and connection to our babes and our partners will give our children the most important skill they will ever learn.
- How to be kind and connected people we can be proud of.

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