



October 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,

On behalf of all of us at Westglen, please know how much we appreciate your children! Faced with so many requirements and challenges in order to return to school, they have risen to the challenge admirably. We are so impressed with their cooperation and cheerfulness and, as a result, our start up has gone more smoothly than even we had hoped for! We are incredibly proud of our students - thank you for sending us such a great bunch of young people. Last spring's abrupt school closures have reminded us of what a great privilege it is to be able to attend in person and learn together.

Our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be Tuesday, October 30 from 12-1pm via Google Meet. 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

Please email me at [cmassel@cesd73.ca](mailto:cmassel@cesd73.ca) for an invitation to join the meeting.

THANK YOU!

We would like to say a big "Thank You!" to Isabelle Morgan for her donation of school supplies. Isabelle is a former Westglen student who saves her own money to buy a set of supplies for one boy and one girl each school year. We appreciate her kindness and generosity!

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

**School Picture  
Retakes are on  
October 5th  
Say Cheese!**

# HAPPY TO BE LEARNING IN OUR SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Now more than ever, ensuring everyone in our school communities are surrounded by caring professionals within safe settings is paramount. Teaching and learning in the midst of a pandemic is a new experience, and our entire team has worked to ready ourselves for shifts in practice that may be required as we move forward. We are able to accomplish this because of our caring culture and our resilient students. We have heard that our students are happy to be back together and enthusiastic about their learning.

We consider our Inclement Weather procedures to be another important example of our safe and caring focus, and we will soon be navigating the challenges that winter weather can throw at us. We want to remind parents and staff of these Inclement Weather procedures, and encourage you to refer back to the information in the months ahead as we continue to refine our approach to ensure upmost safety for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities.

As always, we are also pleased to provide this link to the latest Board eNews.

Kurt Sacher  
Superintendent of Schools



Left and right : Twenty seven Westglen students participated in the 23rd Annual Golf Tournament, September 15th. We had a great evening!



## 2019-20 YEARBOOKS

2019-20 yearbooks are scheduled to arrive in December. If you ordered and paid for one with school fees last year, your child will receive it then (for kids at DHS, theirs will be delivered to the high school).



***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

### TERRY FOX RUN

Westglen's Terry Fox Run will be held Friday, October 2nd in the afternoon. Students are asked to bring any funds they'd like to donate to their homeroom teachers. We will also be having a Hat Day, so any students who donate will be permitted to wear a hat for the day!



### BAND NOTES

The grade 6, 7, and 8 band classes started playing Monday, September 28. Yay!! The school division has generously provided each student with a bell cover for their instrument and we maintain a 6 foot distance when playing at all times. We are so excited to be playing again!

### MEAL DEAL DAY

We are able to offer our students a COVID-friendly Subway Day on October 15th for online order only through Student QuickPay at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/MyAccount/Main.aspx> For \$6.00, students will get a 6" sub, juice box and chocolate chunk cookie. All meals are packaged individually and delivered to classrooms as per our school COVID protocol.

Orders are due on Thursday, October 8th - no exceptions.

### TURKEY TROT

The annual Turkey Trot is on Tuesday, October 6th. 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.

### SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

Our school picture retake day is Monday, October 5th. If you've viewed your child's proofs and would like retakes, please email [photos@dhschoolphotos.com](mailto:photos@dhschoolphotos.com) and include your child's name and Westglen School.

If your child did not bring home the form with the code to view their online proofs, please call the office or email [jshields@cesd73.ca](mailto:jshields@cesd73.ca) and we can provide it for you!

If your child was absent for the original picture day, they will be on the list for retakes, no need to email.

Thank you





# WELCOME TO WESTGLEN!



Welcome (back) to Mr. Dustin Moreau! Having spent the last several years in schools in Carstairs and Penhold, we are happy to have Mr. Moreau with us full-time at Westglen. Born and raised in Didsbury, he is teaching Industrial Arts (shop) and Grade 7 Math and Science.

Mrs. Joyce Friesen is our new daytime custodian. She makes endless rounds of the school, wiping down high touch surfaces and checking on PPE supplies. She makes her home in Carstairs and has been a cheerful addition to our Westglen crew!



## PHOTO GALLERY

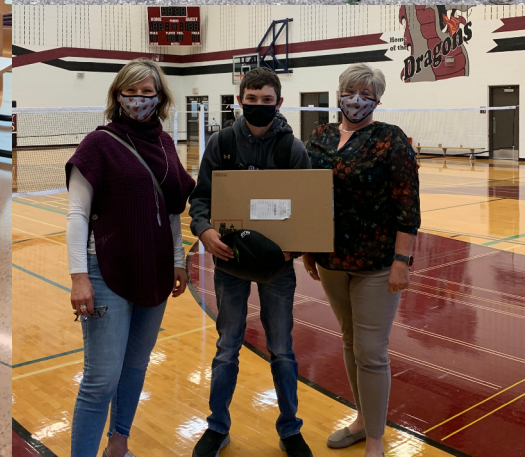
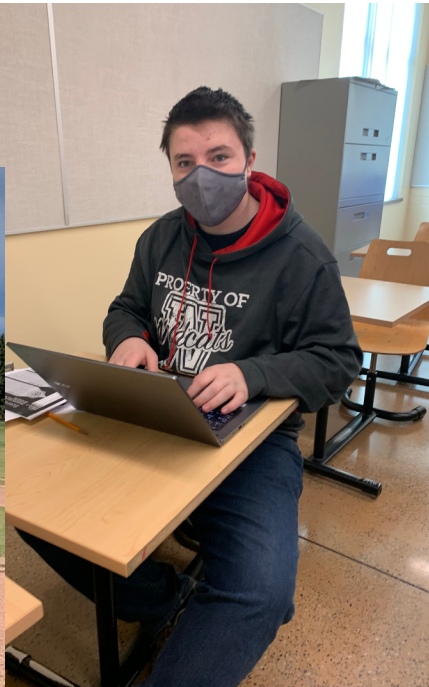


Clockwise:

1. Evan enjoys a game of road hockey at recess

2&3. Linda Pothier Award winners, Blake and Brody, received their Chromebooks

4&5. Mrs. Guenther challenged a student in each homeroom to a 400m race. She came in 4th! Congrats to Marc Mencarelli on his big win!





# SCHOOL NEWS

## 2020-21 ANNUAL DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE

2020-21 Annual Demographic Updates are due. If you have not completed yours, please log into PowerSchool Parent Portal and click on SchoolEngage in the left side bar at the bottom. Instructions on how to complete the forms were emailed earlier this month. Please call the office if you need any help.

As per requirement from Alberta Education, all schools are asked to have Parents/Guardians verify their child(rens) record information every year.

These verification forms are used at the school level to:

1. Provide information to you for CRA (Canada Revenue Agency), should you ever have to provide school information for an audit.
2. Provide Alberta Education an audit on Students enrollment.
3. Provide updated emergency, medical information and phone numbers for the school.

This form is your responsibility to submit every year and/or as changes occur in relation to your child. If you need help getting into the Parent Portal, or need your password reset, please call the office.

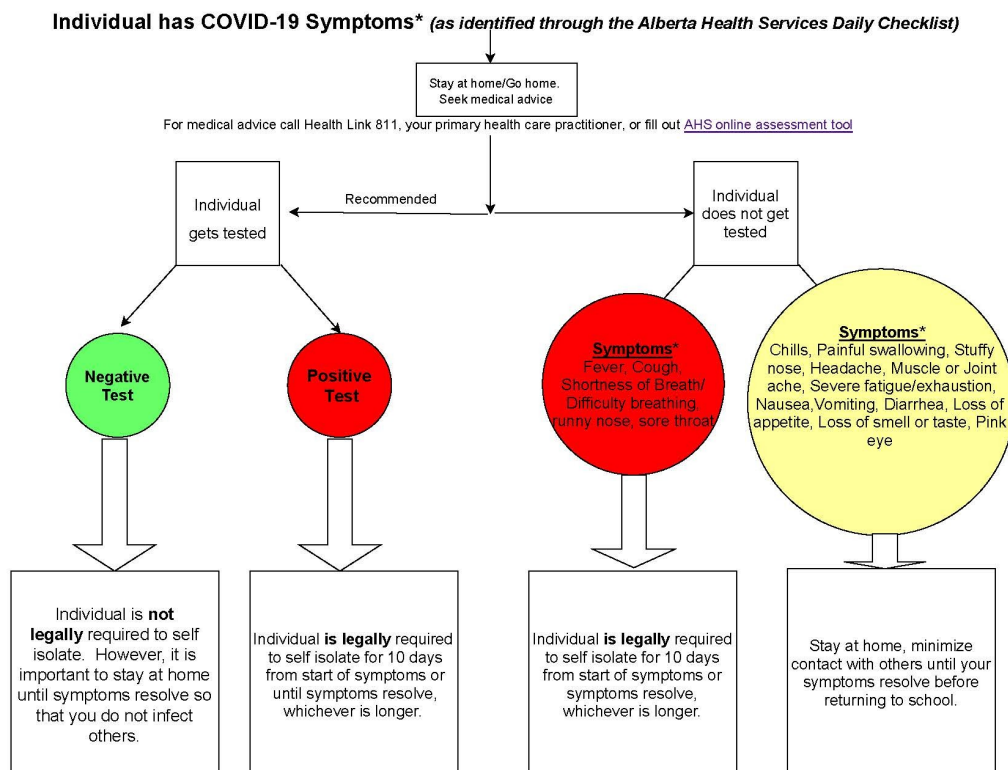
Thank you

**80% of our students' 2020-21 Annual Demographic Updates have been completed! Do you still need to do yours?**

**Does someone in your family need a symptomatic COVID-19 test, but travel to Red Deer or Airdrie is an issue?**

**We were advised that there is an option on either the online assessment or by calling 811 to mention that travel is an issue. Arrangements will be made with either Public Health or Home Care to come to your home to take the swab.**

### Responding to COVID-19 Symptoms



\*Note: If these are symptoms of a pre-existing condition and a person has tested negative to COVID-19, then these rules do not need to be applied.

# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 (Day 1)	2 (Day 2) Terry Fox Run and Hat Day	3
4	5 (Day 3) School Picture Retakes	6 (Day 4) Turkey Trot 	7 (Day 5)	8 (Day 1) Pre-orders due online for Subway Day Oct. 15	9 Collaborative Day - no student attendance	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day - no school	13 (Day 2)	14 (Day 3)	15 (Day 4) Subway Day (pre-orders due Oct. 8)	16 (Day 5)	17
18	19 (Day 1)	20 (Day 2)	21 (Day 3)	22 (Day 4)	23 Collaborative Day - no student attendance	24
25	26 (Day 5)	27 (Day 1)	28 (Day 2)	29 (Day 3)	30 (Day 4)	31





## A Back to School message from the School Immunization Program

Welcome back to a brand new school year, we hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We are pleased to continue to provide immunization services to your school community as long as COVID-19 response measures allow.

When schools closed in March 2020, our school-based immunization program was unable to continue as school immunization teams were redeployed to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Due to this suspension in service, you will notice some changes to our program this year as we attempt to “catch-up”:

1. Students in grade 6 in the 2019-2020 school year (now in grade 7) who did not complete their Hepatitis B (HBV) and/or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and/or any outstanding routine vaccine series will be immunized within the school setting. We will only immunize those students with a signed consent form from the previous school year(s).
2. Students in other grades where an immunization consent form was signed in the previous school year(s) will be immunized in the school setting in order to complete any outstanding immunization series.

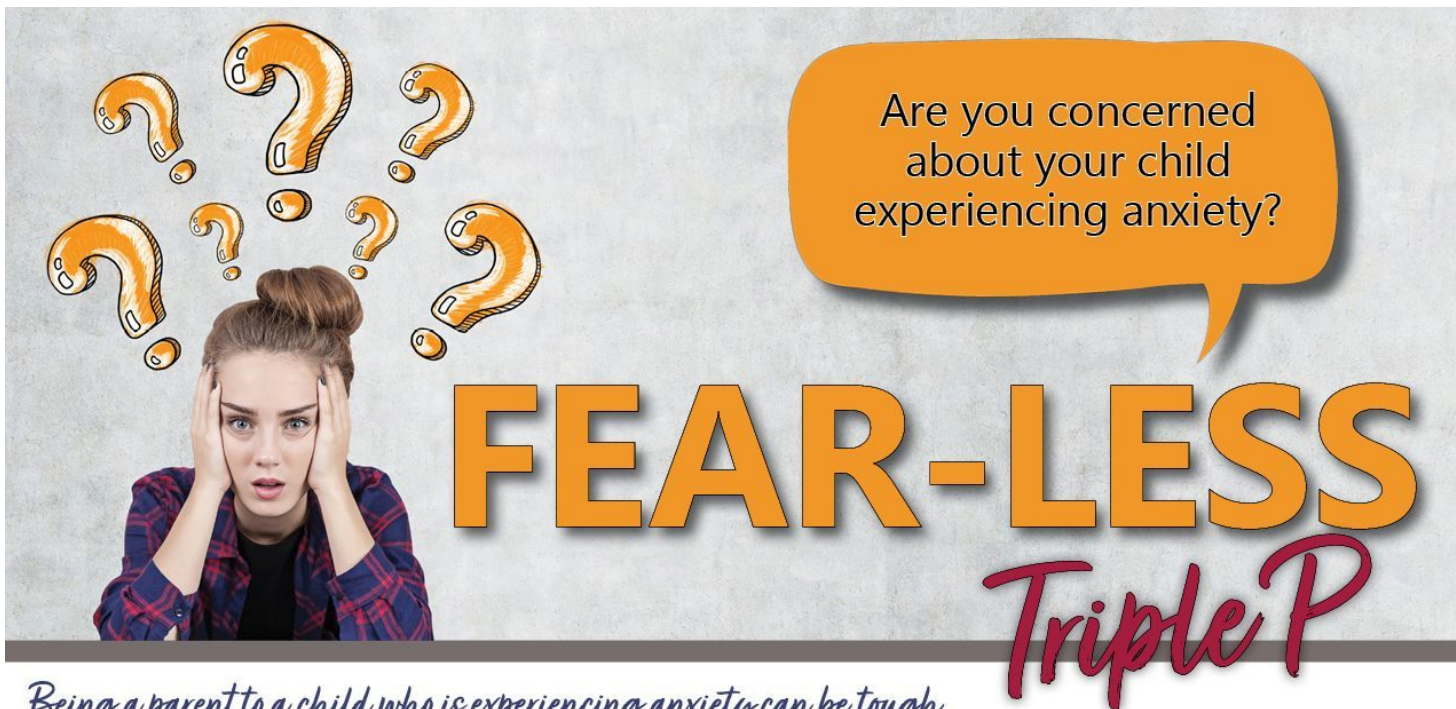
**If you do not wish your child to complete their immunization series or your child was immunized privately within the past 6 months, please contact your school's designated Community Health Centre.**

More information will be available in the coming weeks regarding school-based immunizations for our target grade 6 and 9 students. Public Health is developing strategies to address access to immunization for those students enrolled in alternative learning environments this school year.

Visit [www.immunizealberta.ca](http://www.immunizealberta.ca) for more information about which vaccines are offered to students in Alberta.

During times of pandemic, such as COVID-19, we are reminded of how important it is to utilize the immunizations that protect us against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and pertussis that are still present globally and locally.

We look forward to working with our school communities again to help keep students healthy.



*Being a parent to a child who is experiencing anxiety can be tough.*

It can affect day to day functioning and family, school and social life. This session will support you in helping your children learn to manage anxiety. You will be introduced to great information about anxiety and provided with positive parenting strategies that support development and behaviour of your children and their anxieties.

### TOPICS COVERED:

- How does anxiety work?
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for all their children.
- Becoming effective emotion coaches for our children.
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking.
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively.
- Using constructive coping and problem solving.



These sessions are for parents and caregivers of children ages 6-14. Registration is required.

#### IN PERSON SESSION:

Wednesday, October 14, 2020  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Didsbury Neighborhood Place

#### ONLINE SESSION (ZOOM)

Thursday, October 22, 2020  
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
In the comfort of your home!

A Zoom Meetings link will be sent to you via email.

Watch for more Fear-Less Programs  
including individual family supports and sessions!

### REGISTRATION:

Visit [www.mfvnr.ca](http://www.mfvnr.ca) to register ONLINE,  
call 1877-761-0033  
or email [info@mvfrn.ca](mailto:info@mvfrn.ca)

