



September 2021

Westglen School

PAWPRINTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Our staff are excited to welcome your children back to school. They have been hard at work preparing and are looking forward to a great school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our newest Wildcats, the Grade Five students, as well as those students and their families who are new to Didsbury.

I wish to express my thanks to our teachers for the time that was spent in professional development activities and classroom preparation in order to provide our students with a great start to the school year. With enormous professional pride, our office staff works diligently to have everything running smoothly, our EAs are hard at work and our custodians have the school shining.

We are very pleased to welcome some new staff members. Mrs. Lawna Mackie is our new Administration Assistant in the office and it is her friendly voice that you will often be speaking with on the phone. Mrs. Rahn (you may know her as Miss Smith) is our 8C Homeroom teacher, Mrs. Pedersen has taken over 7C for the year while Mrs. Roy is home with her new little girl and Miss Kaitlyn Lummerding will be teaching Band until Mrs. Biggin returns. We are also wishing Mrs. Shields all of the best in her new role at Olds College.

As always, we remain partners in ensuring success for your child. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher while an issue is still minor and can be more easily dealt with. We look forward to meeting and reconnecting with each of you throughout the year.



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

**School Picture
Day is
September
23rd
SAY CHEESE!**

BELIEVING IN EVERY STUDENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very excited to welcome our students and staff back to school!

Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning, so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Holly Bilton, Chair

For Trustee updates and to read the latest **Board eNews**, please visit [our website](http://www.cesd73.ca).

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to call the school if your child is going to be absent or late. You can call anytime and leave a message. This saves a lot of time and phone calls in the office every morning! You can also email westglen@cesd73.ca and your child's teacher. Late students must check in at the office for a late slip.

CHROMEBOOKS FOR RENT

Westglen School now has student chromebooks available to rent for the school year. This is an easy and supported option if you are needing a chromebook for your child to use at school and at home. Our chromebooks are set up to work on our school networks, but will also allow students to access school work from anywhere there is an internet connection. The cost to rent a chromebook for the school year is \$50 and it is non-refundable. Please print out and complete the chromebook rental agreement that is attached to this newsletter and send it in to the office to start the rental process. The \$50 fee will be added to your school fees and can be paid online or in person at the school office. Please contact the school office if you have any questions and see the Chromebook Rental Agreement for terms.

Chinook's Edge Trustees:

Joe-Anne Knispel-Matejka (Ward 1 – Sylvan Lake)

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Our Trustee, Gord Kerr, is always available and happy to hear from you. Visit www.cesd73.ca to connect with him.

BAND NOTES

Grade 5 & 6 Parents

A "Band Parent Information Guide" will be sent home this week with all grade 5 & 6 band students. Please check this guide for all information and important dates.

Instrument Rental

St. John's Music will be offering instrument rentals, all forms need to be completed ASAP and instruments will be delivered to the school on Friday, September 24th.

ALL BAND STUDENTS MUST HAVE INSTRUMENTS BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH!

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child has a serious, life threatening medical condition please request a Medical Alert Form from the office and return it promptly. These need to be updated yearly so our information is current. Please include a recent photo of your child as well. If your child requires medication while at school, please complete a Medication Administration form and provide offices staff with the medication and instructions.



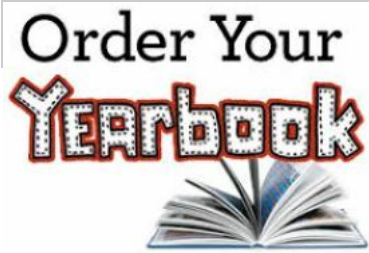
Mission:

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 collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

YEARBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2020-2021



If you would like to purchase a yearbook for the 2020-2021 School Year, please purchase through Student Quickpay or send \$20 with your student to Ms. Bedard in the office. Yearbooks should arrive the middle of September.

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Please help us to ensure student, staff and visitor safety by sticking to the green loop in the map for student drop-off and pick-up. Please see map.



CROSS COUNTRY

Mrs. Guenther will be meeting with students who are interested in joining our cross country running team. This is open to all grade levels, starting Tuesday, September 7th. Practices are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:20 to 4:00 pm. Students will need proper running shoes and to be dressed appropriately for weather conditions.



TERRY FOX RUN

All three Didsbury schools will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, September 29th. Route and donation information have not been determined, but will be shared soon.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones are to be turned off and kept in student lockers while at school because we want to avoid unnecessary distractions. If you need to reach your child during the day, please call the office to have a message relayed. Students not following this rule will be directed to leave their phones at the office for the day. A repeat offense will result in a parent being asked to come retrieve the phone from the office.

VOLLEYBALL

Grade 7/8 volleyball is starting right away! There will be practices for the grade 7/8 boys on Tuesday, September 7th from 3:15 to 4:45 pm and Wednesday, September 8th for the grade 7/8 girls.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are on Student Quickpay. The Facility Fee - Town is for use of the pool, skating rink and curling rink during the school year. If you are new to Quickpay, please call the office for more information.

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.

MEET OUR STAFF



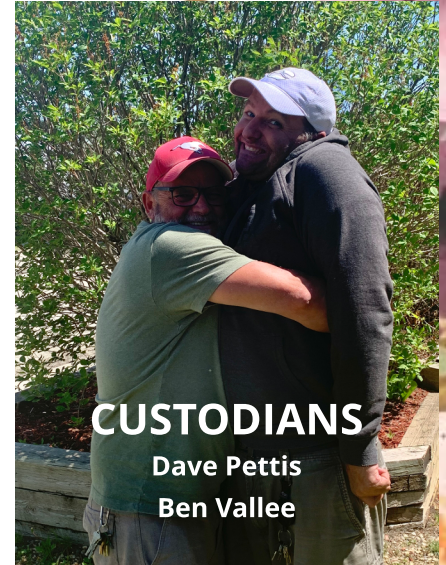
ADMIN

Vice-Principal - Allan Whitehead
Principal - Carolyn Massel



OFFICE

Lawna Mackie
Tammy Bedard



CUSTODIANS

Dave Pettis
Ben Vallee



GRADE 5 TEAM

Amanda Bohnet - 5C
Kari Brown - 5A
Elizabeth Wiens - 5B



GRADE 6 TEAM

Vicki Burkett - 6C
Alia Fazakas - 6B
Kylie Miller - 6A



SUPPORT STAFF

Back L-R: EA Dee Van Besouw, EA Melody Knutson, EA Patty Creighton, Family Wellness - Kim Ker
Front L-R: EA Rochelle Byiers, Librarian - Rhonda Young, EA Carol Guenther



GRADE 7 TEAM

Dustin Moreau - 7A
Tina Heistad - 7B
Judy Pedersen - 7C



GRADE 8 TEAM

Kim Gramlich - 8A
Lauren Rahn - 8C
Cherra-Lynne Olthof - 8B



BAND

Kaitlyn Lummerding



Chinook's Edge School Division - Chromebook Rental Agreement

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Class: _____

Students, with their parent's permission, are able to rent a Chromebook for the school year. The Chromebook may be new or used. The cost to rent a Chromebook for the year is \$50 and it is non-refundable. This will help to recover some of the cost of the extra wear and tear on the device.

Student Portion

1. I accept this machine with the intent to use it to improve my educational opportunities. I will bring it to class and use it appropriately, as required by the teacher.
2. I agree to treat the machine with respect. I will not loan, damage, or make unauthorized adjustments to the technology. I understand that this is my chromebook to use and I am responsible for the safe keeping of the machine. I will return the machine on the last day of classes, in the same condition that I received it, excepting normal wear & tear.
3. The chromebook will be transported using a bag which will keep it safe from any damage, including exposure to moisture or extreme heat, and the dropping or placing of heavy objects on top of it.
4. I will ensure that I store my laptop in my locked locker when not required for class and will have a safe storage location at home. Further, I will ensure that it is charged and ready for use during the school day.
5. I understand that the loan and use of this machine is a privilege, one that can be revoked temporarily or permanently, for violation of this agreement or violation of [CESD's Technology Responsible Use Terms and Conditions](#).

Parent Portion

1. I agree to support and facilitate my child's compliance with the Student Portion conditions listed above.
2. I understand and agree that there is an expectation of normal wear and tear on the machine and that a warranty is in place to cover repairs that are the result of a manufacturer's defect. In cases where damage is deemed to be over and above normal wear and tear or outside the scope of the warranty, I agree to be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.
3. I agree to pay for any loss or damage caused by my child directly or through their violation of the conditions listed in the Student Portion. Payment for damages may entail repair or replacement costs as determined by our Technology Department or the official repair facility of the manufacturer of the machine.
4. I understand that repair or replacement costs will be the actual costs to the school, but cost to the parent will be capped at \$300.00 per event for the school year.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Machine Type: Chromebook Number: _____

New / Used



No student drop-off or pick-up here please.

Designated student drop-off and pick-up area

**No Entry:
8:00am - 4:00pm**

September 2021



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 (Day 1) First day of School for Students and Staff!!	2 (Day 2)	3 (Day 3)	4
5	6 LABOUR DAY SCHOOL IS CLOSED	7 (Day 4) Grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball starts	8 (Day 5) Grade 7/8 Girls Volleyball starts	9 (Day 1)	10 (Day 2)	11
12	13 (Day 3)	14 (Day 4)	15 (Day 5)	16 (Day 1)	17 (Day 2)	18
19	20 (Day 3)	21 (Day 4)	22 (Day 5)	23 (Day 1) SCHOOL PHOTOS 	24 PD DAY No School For Students	25
26	27 (Day 2)	28 (Day 3)	29 (Day 4) Terry Fox Run for Didsbury Schools	30 (Day 5) 		