



February 2022

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

Am I the only one who feels like I have accomplished something just by getting to the end of January?! The year 2022 has certainly "come in like a lion" and has (again) brought a myriad of new challenges. We have been faced with absenteeism this month on a scale that we have never experienced before. On one day, we hit an absenteeism rate of 30%! Keeping classrooms open is our highest priority so we would like to extend our thanks to all of you for adhering to the Covid Checklist when determining if your child should be at school. We are fortunate to have Google Classroom so that your child can stay on top of assignments. With the large numbers of missing students, this has proven to be a very valuable resource in keeping our kids as caught up as possible considering the circumstances.

Students will be involved in assemblies on February 17th that deal with authenticity (grades 5 and 6) and resiliency (grades 7 and 8). This is a highly engaging presentation that features carefully crafted peer-to-peer discussions to create meaningful connections for youth that inspire action. You can check out the trailer for this program [here](#). I would like to thank the Parent Council for their support because this has been a very well-received program in the past.

Our next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be on February 15th at 12:15 - 12:45. You can join the meeting using this [Google Meet Link](#). We try to keep the meetings as brief as possible because many people are attending them during their lunch hour. If you have an item that you would like to have on the agenda, please email me at cmassel@cesd73.ca.

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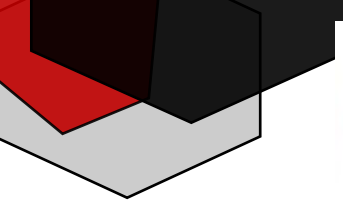
*"Promise me, you will always
see the good in every child"*
Mrs. Linda Pothier

No School Days:

**Collaborative Day
February 11th**

**Winter Break
February 21st - 25th**





SHARING OUR VALUES EACH DAY

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In Chinook's Edge we are proud of our mission and vision statements, which continue to guide our every effort. This year more than ever, teachers and school staff have relied upon these words that guide our relationships, inform our work together, and impact the potential of each student. We all place a high value on relationships in Chinook's Edge and, although we have been challenged to maintain our usual high level of connectedness, we see many examples of our strength as a connected team of staff, students and families.

With respect to parents, we are proud of a number of ways we are connecting in a meaningful way:

- Despite restrictions in our buildings, many of our schools are seeing strong participation in virtual School Council meetings.
- Schools are also reporting a positive response to the new Parent Teacher Interview module provided through our new websites.
- Grade 5-12 students and parents are accessing PowerSchool to see continual updates of student progress.
- Our bus families are using a new app that allows our Transportation Team to communicate in real time each day – which is particularly vital during a cold season where every minute counts if you are waiting outside on a rural road.
- Collaborating with our Parents Matter Committee continues to provide a meaningful exchange of ideas.

Being connected to our parents and to one another is key to our success in many ways. It has never been more important for us to remain understanding of each other, as we continue reaching towards the aspirations contained within our mission and vision statements so that all students can achieve success.

We would love to hear your thoughts through this month's [parent survey](#) – what word or phrase describes what you value most about your child's school?

Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools

MRS. IS SKI TRIP



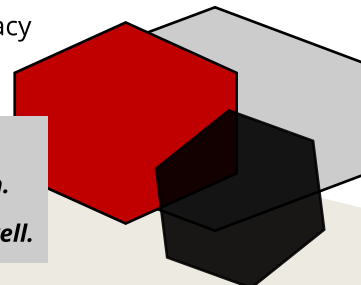
The 13th Annual Mrs. Sharon Israelson Ski Trip has been planned for March 18, 2022 at Nakiska. An email will be sent to parents on February 10th with information on how to sign up and pay online. **Space is limited to the first 98 students with the fee paid and Nakiska requires any person over the age of 12 to provide proof of vaccination.**

As some of you will remember, Mrs. Israelson was a long time teacher and guest teacher at Westglen and, simply put -- a wonderful lady and educator. Mrs. Israelson loved to organize different off-campus trips for the students as she felt that the experiences these trips could provide were an important contribution to a child's education.

It was Mrs. Israelson's wish to provide the students of Westglen with a generous donation which will cover bussing costs for us. Thanks to her husband, Ernie, and family for helping her legacy continue at Westglen School.



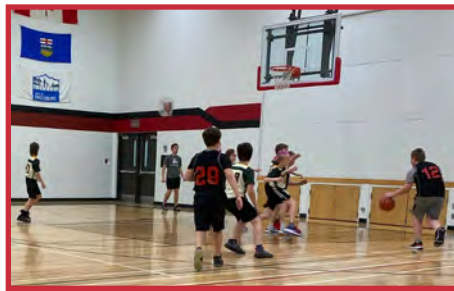
Your Trustee, Gord Kerr, is always available and happy to hear from you. Visit the Board section of our division website at www.cesd73.ca for his contact information. Superintendent, Kurt Sacher, can be contacted directly from the Board section as well.



SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS WILDCATS!

Congratulations to our Wildcat basketball teams for their recent wins! A fun time was had by all.



FEBRUARY MEAL DEAL

Prairie Whistle Food Co is serving up Cheese Tortellini Pasta with homemade tomato sauce and parmesan cheese on **Thursday, February 10th** for lunch!!! Order forms are on Student Quickpay and **orders will be due by Thursday, February 3rd at noon**. If we have to cancel last minute, orders will be saved for a future date.



THANK YOU!

Town of Didsbury

We received a donation from the Town of Didsbury on behalf of Vicki Godsall and a donation from a dear friend who wished to commemorate the late Lydia Derksen, who used to volunteer at our school. These thoughtful gifts will go to Helping Hands and our Breakfast Program.

Snack Shack Helpers

The Snack Shack is open at lunch on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to our Grade 8's who help out!

FUN IN FOODS

Yum. Yum. Yum.
Good job students!

"Live Different" Online Presentation

Thursday, February 17th

"Authenticity & Resiliency"

<https://livedifferent.com>



February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	31 School Org Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	1 (Day 4)	2 (Day 5)	3 (Day 1) PWFC Orders Due @ Noon	4 (Day 2)	5
6	7 (Day 3)	8 (Day 4)	9 (Day 5)	10 (Day 1) Prairie Whistle Pasta Lunch Ski Trip Order Forms Online	11 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Collab Day)	12
13	14 (Day 2) <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 (Day 3)	16 (Day 4)	17 (Day 5) "Live Different" Presentation for Students: <i>Authenticity & Resiliency</i>	18 (Day 1)	19
20	21 <i>Family Day</i>	22	23	24 Teacher's Convention	25 Teacher's Convention	26
Winter Break, February 21 - 25. No school for students						
27	28 (Day 2)					
PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!						



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/Casual

Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds



WILDCAT SNACK SHACK



PRICE LIST

SNACK & LUNCH ITEMS

Turkey or Ham Snack Kits	\$3.50
Tuna Snacks	\$3.00
Cracker Barrel Snacks	\$2.50
Beef Jerky	\$2.50
Pepperoni Sticks	\$1.50
SmartFood Popcorn ...	\$1.50
SunChips	\$1.50
Veggie Stix/Chips	\$1.25
Ranch Veggie Stix.....	\$1.25

COOKIES & TREATS

Nutella Snacks	\$1.50
Trail Mix	\$1.00
(contains peanuts, M&M's, raisins, almonds, cashews)	
MadeGood Oatmeal Bites	\$1.00
Sesame Snaps.....	\$0.75
Dad's Chocolate Chip Cookies.....	\$0.50
Heart Choc-Chip Cookies.....	\$0.50
Famous Amos Cookies.....	\$0.50

DRINKS

Protein Drinks (chocolate/strawberry)	\$3.00
Vitamin Water (orange, berry, lemon)	\$2.50
Iced Tea	\$1.25
Juice (orange, apple)	\$1.25

ICE CREAM GOODIES

Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich	\$1.00
Chocolate Sundae Cup	\$1.00
Fudgsicle	\$0.50

The Chargers are moving to Carstairs!

We're very excited to make Carstairs Memorial
Arena our home field for the 2022 season!

Try it night March 7/14 from 6-8
@ Didsbury Zion Church



Early bird registration starts
Feb 15- March 18



DIDSBURY ESSENTIALS FOR OUR COMMUNITY - phone # 403-586-5836

We are a non profit society established in 2014 to serve people in need. 100% of all donations are used to directly benefit people in Didsbury. Each week we hand out groceries, vouchers, milk and egg vouchers, and gas cards. We prepare hot meals and even set up a mini grocery store for folks to pick up items they will use. On average we serve between 70-80 meals every Thursday.

Essentials For Our Community also delivers hot meals and food items for families and individuals who are unable to come to our location on Thursday evenings.

These meals are served to individuals, adults, families, teenagers, and children. They are for people who are struggling and need some extra help. Our weekly meals cost between \$350-\$400 and we have 10-15 volunteers per week. 100% of all the money raised goes to the program - we are all volunteers - no one is paid!

Tuesday's is coffee time from 9am-11am at the Train Station where people can talk to Sheree the program coordinator and get individual support, gift cards, or just extra help specific for them!