



March 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

Spring is (almost) here! With the loosening up of provincial regulations, we are excited to be returning to some of our favourite activities, like the **Mrs. Is Winter Activity Day** on March 18th. On that day, some of our students will be going to Nakiska for a day of downhill skiing or snowboarding. Here at Westglen, students will have the opportunity to sign up for skating, swimming, badminton, shop, baking, art or crafts. Once again, we are very grateful to the Israelson family for their donation to cover the cost of busing to Nakiska so that the trip remains very affordable for our students. What a great way to celebrate the end of winter!

Mr. Sacher has invited parents to share a brief story about how a teacher has made a difference for your child and for many of you that grew up in Didsbury, Mrs. Is was probably one of those people. As a beginning teacher, I was in awe of this tiny little woman who was always making sure that Westglen students were being provided with the opportunity to do "extras" like trips to Calgary to the wave pool and roller skating. Her passion for teaching was inspirational for all of us who were lucky enough to work with or learn from her. It is very fitting that her legacy lives on at our school in such an energetic, fun-filled celebration of being active and trying new things!

I would like to thank Mr. Whitehead for his dedication to the staff and students at our school for the last six years. He has established himself as an instructional leader, a caring teacher and a good friend to all of us. We are also quite happy that he intends to volunteer here as a basketball coach next year! Ecole Deer Meadow School is very fortunate to have him taking over the principalship. It has been my great pleasure to work with Mr. Whitehead here at Westglen and he will be missed by all of us.



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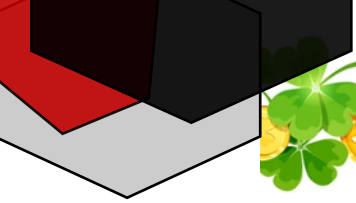
Vice Principal:
Allan Whitehead

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

No School Days:

**Non Instructional Day
March 4**

**Collaborative Day
March 25**



SUPPORTING STUDENTS TOWARDS SUCCESS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This month's newsletter theme of 'Assessment' provides a perfect opportunity to share our pride in the accomplishments and resilience of our students and staff.

Chinook's Edge takes great pride in telling the story of our student success, even at this time when the pandemic has disrupted traditional assessment measures. This year we have been focused on determining what each of our students need from us to be successful in the next steps of their learning journey. Our teachers and school staff are working tirelessly to address the impact of three consecutive years of learning disruptions. We are funneling our energy to ensure students have reached the essential outcomes and achieved the skills that are critical for their success at the next course level. Our teachers are experts in identifying, intervening and providing the supports a student may need.

The signs of success this year are not necessarily coming from test results and provincial assessments. They are seen in the caring relationships we have maintained with students, in the determination we share to respond to student needs, and in the fact that we have kept kids in school for the majority of the pandemic. We will get back to traditional measures of student success, with the strength of our caring culture and quality learning in Chinook's Edge, and we will get there quickly.

For now, parents of Grades 5-12 students can see their child's progress 24/7 through the PowerSchool app and all parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teacher to fully understand how they are doing.

As we work together toward student success and achievement, we would love to hear from you! In this month's [parent survey](#), we invite you to share a brief story about how a teacher, administrator or other school staff made a difference for your child.

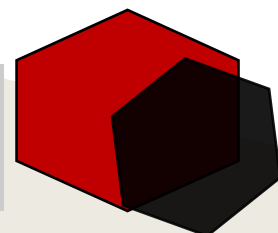
Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools

KINDNESS MATTERS



Emma from the "YES" team works with a group called "Kindness Matters"

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



WESTGLEN ATHLETES!



Westglen students participate in road hockey to celebrate Olympic Hockey!



Westglen Grade 7 Girls Team B Basketball League Champions!

WESTGLEN BADMINTON

Badminton season has arrived? Students in grades 5-8 will be playing badminton in PE class for the month of March. The school has badminton racquets for students to use but students can bring their own if they have one.



Grade 7 & 8 Badminton Teams will be starting up March 2nd. Students can come try it out the first day and decide if it is something they want to play. If students decide to play on a team they will need their own racquet.

Grade 7 try-it - Wednesday, March 2nd from 3:10 - 5:00

Grade 8 try-it - Thursday, March 3rd from 3:10 - 5:00

Grade 7 practice will continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:10 - 5:00

Grade 8 practice will continue to be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10 - 5:00

TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

The PowerSchool Parent Portal will be closed from March 18th until March 31st to allow for report card preparations. When the Parent Portal opens up again on 31st at noon, you will find a tab on the left side menu for viewing and printing the report card (we will no longer be sending home a paper copy).

Now is a good time to make sure you have access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any questions, need a hand logging in, or a password reset, please contact Mrs. Mackie at the Westglen office.

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

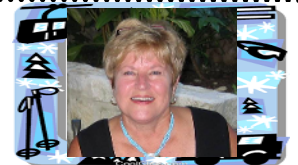
Our school is hosting another Scholastic Book Fair, which will run during pre-booked library times from March 29th - April 1st.

All purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Young at 403-335- 8700. Happy reading!

MRS. IS SKI TRIP UPDATE

Once again, our ski trip filled up fast! If you have registered your student and need to make changes or if you would like to add your student to our waitlist, please contact Ms. Bedard (tbedard@cesd73.ca).



For those registered, please have your Wildcat at the school by 6:30am on Friday, March 18th with proper attire for ski conditions, snacks/lunch, water and \$ if they want to purchase anything at the hill. Please arrange to pickup when buses return at 5:4pm. Thank you again to Mr Ernie Israelson for helping us with the buses!





DAIRY QUEEN LUNCH MARCH 24TH



For Thursday, March 24th lunch, we are offering DAIRY QUEEN! We have options for kid size or full size meals of chicken fingers, cheeseburgers or hamburgers. Lunches are individually packaged and delivered to each classroom.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 (Day 3)	2 (Day 4)	3 (Day 5)	4 Non Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL	5
6	7 (Day 1)	8 (Day 2)	9 (Day 3)	10 (Day 4)	11 (Day 5)	12
13	14 (Day 1)	15 (Day 2) Ski Trip Reg. is closed.	16 (Day 3)	17 (Day 4) DQ Orders are due WEAR GREEN 	18 (Day 5) Mrs. Is Ski Trip/Winter Activity Day 	19
20	21 (Day 1)	22 (Day 2)	23 (Day 3)	24 (Day 4) DQ LUNCH 	25 Collaborative day/Non Instructional Day NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 (Day 5)	29 (Day 1)	30 (Day 2)	31 (Day 3) Report Cards available in PowerSchool		
						
<div>PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!</div>						

Didsbury Figure Skating Club Presents

Aladdin



Saturday March 19, 2022 @ 2 pm
Didsbury Memorial Complex

Admission By Donation

you're invited

Essentials for our Community would like to invite you to:



A Night of Fashionable Comedy

What: Elegant Supper, Hilarious,
Comedian, Amazing Fashion Show, Raffle
and Connection night

When: April 1, 2022 Starting at 5pm

Where: Didsbury Multi Purpose Room

Cost: \$30/ticket or \$50/Couple

Purchase/Contact: (403) 586-5836

Featuring Nicole Pelletier



LACROSSE TRY IT NIGHT

March 7 and 14 from 6-8

Didsbury Zion Chruch

**Bring gloves, helmet, runners and
energy!**

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!



Didsbury Aqua Jets Summer Swim Club

Registration Starts March 16!!

Come Out and Join us this Summer!

Junior Club

May- August Practice Times:

Monday and Wednesday 5:00pm-6:30pm

Senior Club

May & June Practice Times:

Monday/Wednesday 5:30pm- 7:00pm

Tuesday/Thursday: 5:00-6:30pm

July & August Practice Times:

Monday-Thursday 5:00pm- 6:30pm

Contact

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<https://didsburyaquajets.wixsite.com/aquajets>

