



April 2023

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

Very shortly, we will be starting to make decisions for next year and we rely on the information that we gather through this [Chinook's Edge Parent Survey](#). We are particularly interested in the question that deals with your ability to have input into decisions surrounding your child's education. This question is on the provincial Accountability Pillar that Grade 7 parents receive every February but no one (including us) seems to know exactly what that is asking! We have included it in our survey because we hope to learn more information from your written comments. We are very eager to find ways to help parents be more involved!

Our school, along with many others, is taking a hard look at attendance data. [Research](#) shows that *students who miss even a few days each month are at far greater risk of academic failure and dropping out* than students who attend regularly. The **best prediction** of passing classes and getting high grades in high school comes from a combination of just **two indicators—grades and attendance**. Students who are chronically absent (more than 10% absent), often have difficulty with academic content, struggle to maintain positive relationships with peers or adults in the school and have higher rates of disengagement and school failure over time than students with regular attendance. Many situations can cause a student to be absent from school but just missing a couple of days a month can add up in a hurry! We are happy to work with you to help your student maintain regular attendance. Please contact your child's teacher or myself at 335-8700.

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*"Promise me, you will always
see the good in every child"*

Mrs. Linda Pothier



SCHOOL NEWS



Annual Re Enrollment and Consents for 2023 - 2024

In Mid August Chinook's Edge will be sending home your Annual Demographic Update which will be called "Annual Re Enrollment and Consents" for the 2023-2024 year. The form will need to be completed and submitted prior to the start of the school year.

The form will ensure your registration and certain consents for the upcoming school year. **We have combined forms together into one to make the start of the school year a little easier for you.**

The form contains a Walking field trip, Technology, Media and FOIP consents that has to be completed every year before your child can participate in these activities.

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We are wanting parents and guardians to ensure that they can sign into their PowerSchool parent portal account before the end of the year. If you are having troubles with your username or password, please contact Mrs. Mackie (403) 335-8700 before the end of May to get help. This is for all Kindergarten to grade 12 students.

Live Different Presentation

LiveDifferent was established as a Canadian charity in 2000, and began to operate internationally in 2005. From the very beginning, we have been passionate about making a difference in people's lives through our youth empowerment presentations, our humanitarian build programs, and our leadership development opportunities. Since the beginning, we've had the opportunity to speak to over 1.6 million students, to build over 500 homes/schools/etc, and to mentor more than 4,500 students/interns/volunteers. We've grown over the years, but one thing will never change: our commitment to inspire those around us with value, purpose, and responsibility. Our students will be seeing their presentation on Monday, April 24th about "Empathy & Altruism".



Presentation - Friday, April 28th 1:30pm - 2:15pm

The Earth Rangers School Assembly is an inspiring, interactive presentation featuring live animals, games and trivia, captivating video content, and two enthusiastic educators who not only teach kids about the environmental issues our planet is facing, but empower them to take action. The assembly is reinvented every year so it is always fresh, with the most up-to-date science and real-life work conservationists are doing in the field.

What are Parent Advisory Council Meetings?

"PAC" meets the last Tuesday of every month at 12:00pm in the Conference Room with Mrs. Massel and Mrs. Miller. If your child attends Westglen, please join us on Tuesday, April 25th!

The purpose of PAC is to:

- encourage parent involvement in the school,
- support programs that are enhanced by parent participation,
- increase communication between parents, community and school staff,
- promote co-operation between the home and school in providing support for the education of our children.

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



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Five Westglen students successfully participated in this year's Mountainview Science and Technology Fair held in Olds on March 4th.

Congratulations to Parker Hiebert and Tommy Blech for winning Silver, Hayleigh and Kyla Kellough for also winning Silver and Wylie Wirch for winning the Special Award for Agriculture for Grades 5 & 6.

Parker, Tommy, Hayleigh and Kyla have qualified to go to the Central Alberta Science Fair in Red Deer on April 1st. Way to go, Wildcats!



A big thank you to St. Anthony's Catholic Women's League for their generous donation to our Breakfast Program. And thank you for our community's contribution to Toonies for Tummies at Buy Low Foods for a \$450 gift card we can use to feed our Wildcats!

Skiing Fun at the 2023 Mrs. Is Ski Trip



April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<div>PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!</div>					1
2	3 DAY 5	4 DAY 1	5 DAY 2	6 DAY 3 SUBWAY Lunch Orders Due at Noon	7 GOOD FRIDAY	8
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<div>   <div>Spring Break - April 7-21</div> </div>						
16	17 DAY 4	18 DAY 5	19 DAY 1	20 DAY 2 SUBWAY eat fresh.	21 DAY 3	22
23	24 DAY 4 LIVE DIFFERENT PRESENTATION	25 DAY 5 Parent Advisory Council 12:00 pm -1:00 pm	26 DAY 1 Badminton Divisionals 	27 DAY 2	28 DAY 3  Earth Rangers Presentation 1:30pm - 2:15pm	29
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Dual credit is a powerful program for students

- A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Did you know... ***A student who enrolls in a dual credit course is almost 100% guaranteed to graduate?***

As Chinook's Edge looked back over the last decade of students who participated in dual credit opportunities, our records show that almost all of these students graduated. We knew dual credit was going well, but when we discovered this data we were thrilled!

What is dual credit?

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in a course through a post-secondary institution and receive credit for that course "dually": at the post secondary level and at high school. Dual Credit programming provides career pathway experiences as students explore various career learning through these courses. We offer:

- Various skilled trades experiences with early introduction to trades courses
- Pre-employment Certification in Welding and Heavy Equipment Technician
- Student career training in the area of animal sciences with the offering of the Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate
- Dual credit single course experiences: exploration of careers in business, sports management, animal sciences, horticulture, health care, hospitality, and agriculture technology

The goal of dual credit is to provide students with skills and experience necessary to transition successfully to post-secondary learning for their career of choice learning. We want students to leave high school engaging in the career pathway that they are passionate about. About 490 Chinook's Edge students enrolled in dual credit this year.



Veterinary Tech - dual credit students

Why does dual credit have an impact on graduation? There are two main reasons this program is having such a positive impact:

1. We have found that students who participate in dual credit **gain motivation**. They might hear, for instance, from a post-secondary instructor that a certain mark or a specific course is needed to progress in a career. Students are telling us this direct connection to careers makes their schooling more purposeful to them. As well, students find that their overall high school achievement increases as they better understand how important the skills of math, science and communication are for them in their future career.
2. **Direct support from a caring adult**. The structure of the dual credit program means a staff member will directly support individual students through advising and coaching to ensure the experience is successful. The influence of these staff members in a 'shepherding' type of role contributes significantly to student success.

In Chinook's Edge "Career Connections" is one of our three major priorities. Dual credit is just one high leverage strategy to help students transition into future careers. Please connect with your school for more information.

To read the latest version of the Board e-News, please [click here](#).

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

PLEASE NOTE THE AREA IN RED SPECIFYING NO ENTRY.

**STUDENT
DROP OFF &
PICK UP
AREA**



NO ENTRY





Didsbury Jr. Golf

Are you interested in a fun summer program for your kids?
Didsbury Golf Club is offering discounted Junior Memberships for
the 2023 golf season for only \$70!

Juniors must be between age 6 & 17.

Your Junior Golf Membership will include the following:

*Optional 7 group golf lessons running every Thursday morning in July and August starting July 6 through to August 17th.

*A junior windup on August 24th including a fun morning of golf, lunch & prizes.

*Use of our junior clubs & pull carts for no charge

*Freedom to golf every Thursday morning with only other junior golfers on the course.

*Ability to golf at the Didsbury golf club as a member for the full 2023 season

If this interests you, then come up to the pro shop at the
Didsbury Golf Club to get registered for a fun, golf filled summer.

*Thanks to **GTA** (Gil's Truck & Auto Repair) for sponsoring the
summer lessons with proceeds from their annual GTA Golf Tournament

For more info call: DGC 403-335-3635 www.didsburygolf.ca



SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP!



Join Emma & Jesse (Olds College Men's
Volleyball Captain) for 2 days of sports and
games!

April 13th and 14th: 10:00-2:00

Here at Westglen!

Grades 5-8



Grab a form from Emma to sign up or have
a parent email elefebvre@cesd73.ca



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



Hike for Hospice

Proudly supported by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association



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support a great
cause!**

Please contact the office
@ **403-586-9992** or go
to the Society website @
www.olds hospice.com
to register or for more
information

- **SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023**
- **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (OLDS) DIDSBURY MEMORIAL PARK**
- **REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:30AM**
- **PRE-REGISTRATION**
- **RAIN OR SHINE**
- **\$20 TO REGISTER IN PERSON**



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