



September 2022

Westglen School

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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.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Williams back to Westglen School. Over the past several years she has been a valued guest teacher in our school so we are very happy to have her in the building now, teaching our Grade 6/7 class. We are also looking forward to working with Mrs. Swalm as she changes her role from an EA at Didsbury High to working as an EA in our school. 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.

At Westglen School, all of our decisions are made on the basis of what is best for our students. We strive to ensure that our students are safe, respected and happy members of our school community. When our students feel a positive connection to their school, they are ready to learn and achieve to the best of their ability. Our parent community is an integral part of the success of our students and school. We encourage parents to participate in the daily learning activities of your child by talking to him or her about their learning and by using the agenda to communicate with the teacher(s). There are also many other opportunities for parents to connect with the school by being members of the PAC, by attending games and concerts, parent/teacher/student conferences and assemblies. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 27 at 12pm in the school office Conference Room.

Carolyn Massel
Principal



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

Mrs. Linda Pothier

School Picture
Day is
September 22nd



BELIEVING IN EVERY STUDENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Students, staff and families across Chinook's Edge are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us, and I extend a warm welcome on behalf our Board of Education and Central Office Leadership Team.

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our schools share a focus on key [divisional goals](#): Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections. We believe this strong foundation will allow our students to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. Our schools are filled with enthusiasm as this year gets underway.

Our staff have worked hard to ensure a clear path ahead for our students, including a focused collaboration to support the new K-3 curriculum (more information below). We work to build welcoming school cultures and believe each day is filled with learning opportunities for every student in our care, which is why we are launching our [Attendance Matters](#) initiative.

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school and wish everyone a tremendous year ahead!

Kurt Sacher, Superintendent

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

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](#) (also 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.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to call the school at 403-335-8700 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.

BAND NOTES

Grade 5 Parents

A "Band Parent Information Guide" was sent home last week with all grade 5 band students and emailed to parents. Please check this guide for all information and important dates.

Instrument Rental

St. John's Music will be at the school for instrument rentals on Thursday, September 15th from 6-7pm. Doors open at 5:45. Please bring a credit card or cheque and rentals will be distributed once paperwork is completed.

ALL BAND STUDENTS MUST HAVE INSTRUMENTS BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th!

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child has a serious, life threatening medical condition please fill out a [Medical Alert Form](#) and bring it to the school office. 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.



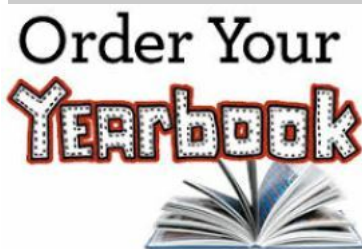
Mission:

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 2021-2022



If you would like to purchase a yearbook for the 2021-2022 School Year, please purchase through [Student Quickpay](#) or send \$20 with your student to the office. Yearbooks should arrive by 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 grade **6-8's starting Wednesday, September 7th** and **grade 5's starting Thursday, September 15th**. Practices for everyone will be 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.



WILDCAT GYM SHIRTS

Wildcat gym shirts will be available for sale through the school office for \$25. Students are required to have a change of appropriate clothing for gym.

VOLLEYBALL

Grade 7/8 volleyball is starting! There will be trials from **3:15 to 4:45 pm** for the grade 7 girls on Tuesday, September 6th, grade 8 girls on Wednesday, September 7th and grade 7/8 boys on Thursday, September 8th. Practices will be scheduled for the following week - updated once the teams are made and on our website calendar.



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. Please ensure prompt payment of fees and call the office if you have any questions or issues.

Westglen is GREEN

All newsletters and statements 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. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office to make alternate arrangements. Also, please refer to our website for common questions and [calendar of events](#).



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 2022



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 (Day 1) FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!	2 (Day 2)	3
4	5 LABOUR DAY SCHOOL IS CLOSED	6 (Day 3) Grade 7 Girls Volleyball 3:15 - 4:45	7 (Day 4) Grade 8 Girls Volleyball 3:15 - 4:45 Grade 6-8 X-Country Running 3:15-4:00	8 (Day 5) Grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball 3:15 - 4:45	9 (Day 1)	10
11	12 (Day 2) Grade 6-8 X-Country Running 3:15-4:00	13 (Day 3) Grade 6-8 X-Country Running 3:15-4:00	14 (Day 4) Grade 6-8 X-Country Running 3:15-4:00	15 (Day 5) Grade 6-8 X-Country Running 3:15-4:00 St. John's Band Instrument Rental 6-7pm	16 (Day 1)	17
Please watch for Volleyball schedule & all updates on our website calendar!						
18	19 (Day 2)	20 (Day 3)	21 (Day 4)	22 (Day 5) SCHOOL PHOTOS  Terry Fox Run 2pm	23 PD DAY No School For Students	24
	← Grade 5-8 X-Country Running 3:15-4:00			→		
25	26 (Day 1) ALL band students must have instruments at school	27 (Day 2) Parent Advisory Council meeting 12-12:45 in Conference Rm	28 (Day 3)	29 (Day 4) 	30 No School 	
	← Grade 5-8 X-Country Running 3:15-4:00			→		