



December 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

Four weeks until Christmas vacation! We know that this is an exciting (and exhausting) time for all of us. Last year we found that if we kept it low key up until the last few days before the holidays, everything seemed to go much more smoothly. There is lots of learning that needs to happen! Our Leadership Group has some fun activities organized throughout the month but we will be trying to get a lot of work done before we leave for the break. We would encourage you to attend our Band Concert on Dec. 14th - it will be our first in person Christmas Concert since 2018!

Chinook's Edge schools have moved to two **report cards** per year, coinciding with the end of first semester (Jan. 31) and the end of June. Our goal is that parents are able to access this information on an ongoing basis rather than wait for a report card. In case you need help navigating Power School, you can access this four minute [tutorial](#) that will help you find the information that you are looking for. The "speech bubble" icon is where you can read the teacher comments about specific outcomes and assignments and this would be what you would have traditionally had to wait for a report card to find out. At the end of each term, please make sure that you access the "Standard Grades Learner Attributes" section as this is where your child's teachers have collaborated to assess their work habits. The comments here are usually very strongly linked to their academic performance. The first step, if you are unsure of something, is to "dig into" each course mark by viewing each assignment and its outcomes for more information - and this is more effectively done using your computer rather than a smartphone. (Smartphones can only give you a portion of the information.) After you have done this, if there are any questions remaining, please contact your child's teacher. As always, if you are unsure of how to log into PowerSchool, please contact the office and Mrs. Mackie will walk you through the process.

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

Christmas Concert

**Christmas Band
Concert**

December 14

6:30 pm



SCHOOL NEWS

TURKEY DINNER

Our 34rd annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 21st from 11:30 until 12:45. On this day, we provide a delicious turkey dinner for all of our students and staff. No need for kids to bring a lunch! If you would like to help sponsor this meal or come help with prep or service, please let our office know. Thank you to Tina Shultz for coordinating this special meal and to the parent volunteers.

SNACK SHACK STORE HELPERS

We will be looking for new Snack Shack helpers for Mondays after the Christmas break. If you think you have time for about 30 minutes on Mondays and would like to help out please contact Mrs. Massel at cmassel@cesd73.ca

SWIMMING

All of our classes are booked for swimming at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. Please check our calendar and watch for updates from your student's teacher. Students need to be dressed weather-appropriate to walk to the pool on their scheduled days.

NEWS FROM AHS

Alberta Mental Health Education Services, Edmonton Zone, is proud to offer free addiction and mental health virtual programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth, as well as sessions for all adults.

See the [attached newsletter](#) for more information on topics, dates, times, and registration.



THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Lions Club for the generous \$500 donation got our Wildcat Athletics program!

BAND NOTES

For the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 14th, students must be in the school no later than 6:30 PM to ensure that they are set up and ready to play.



Please remember that your grade 5 band student will need nice clothes. Grade 6-8's will need all black dress clothes (including shoes).

If your child is unable to attend, please let us know well in advance so that we can arrange for someone to replace their part. It is unfair to the ensemble for members to show up last minute. We ask for your respect in regards to the performance.

BASKETBALL HAS BEGUN

Grade 7/8 basketball is ready to go! Schedules will be sent home soon, so please watch for those and they are also on our calendar at www.westglen.ca We are looking forward to a fantastic season!



BOOK FAIR

Thank you for all your Book Fair purchases! The fair was a big success and the students really enjoyed it. We sold \$1995 in books and the library was able to purchase \$615 worth of books.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 (Day 3)	2 (Day 4) Gr.8's to DHS Play "Biggity Bad & the Three Little Pigs"	3
4	5 (Day 5) FOOD DRIVE Collections. Pick up on the 8th.	6 (Day 1)	7 (Day 2) Grade 8 Bake Off - Bring baked goods to sell for the 7th & 8th. Funds are for gym supplies.	8 (Day 3) Subway Lunch 	9 Collaborative Day - no school for students	10
11	12 (Day 4)	13 (Day 5) Grade 5 Bake Off - Bring baked goods to sell for the 13th & 14th. Funds are for gym supplies.	14 (Day 1) Band Rehearsal 1:30 pm Band Concert 6:30 pm	15 (Day 2) Grade 6 Bake Off - Bring baked goods to sell for the 15th & 16th. Funds are for gym supplies.	16 (Day 3) Who Day! Dress up like a Who! 	17
18	19 (Day 4)	20 (Day 5) Grade 7 Bake Off - Bring baked goods to sell for the 20th & 21th. Funds are for gym supplies.	21 (Day 1) TURKEY DINNER 11:30 - 12:45 Gr. 5 Swimming 1:00	22 (Day 2)	23 (Day 3) Pyjama day and movie in the afternoon.	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ December 24 to January 8</p> <p>See you back at school on Monday, January 9th!</p>						