

WESTGLEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER
2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. We hope that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families over the summer.

We would like to welcome some new faces to our staff! Mrs. Chelsea (Overwater) Wilson has returned to her alma mater to teach the 5A class. Mrs. Kerrie Howery is our new Family School Wellness worker and Mrs. Monica Gibson is taking over the YES program. Another former student, Mr. Connor Friesen, has joined our custodial team.

Westglen is a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our beautiful school and have high expectations for each and every student. Our students are kind, compassionate, and eager to learn. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe.

Partnering with families is crucial to promote a healthy transition to school both socially and emotionally. We recognize that students may be feeling anxious with the start of a new school year and we will continue to place a strong emphasis on social emotional learning while focusing on building classroom community.

Please follow us on Facebook as we post pictures of daily life at Westglen. As always, your first point of contact should be your child's teacher but I look forward to visiting with as many of you as possible throughout the year.

Carolyn Massel
Principal

Mission

Westglen School will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.



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

**Please visit our website
for up-to-date
calendars, staff
directories and school
information.**

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26TH ANNUAL WESTGLEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Wednesday, September 27th 3:30 pm

Where: Didsbury Golf Course

Cost: \$20 for student - \$20 for adults with a membership - \$40 for adults without a membership

What's Included: Food, nine holes of golf, and prizes

How to Register: On [Student QuickPay](#)

CHROMEBOOKS FOR RENT

Westglen School now has student chromebooks to rent for the school year. They are set up to work on our school networks, but will also allow students to access their school work from anywhere there is an Internet connection. The cost to rent a Chromebook for the school year is \$50 non-refundable. Please complete the [Rental Agreement Form](#) and send it to the office with payment. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

BAND NOTES

Grade 5 Parents

A "Band Parent Information Guide" was sent home last week. Please check this guide for all information and important dates.

Instrument Rentals

St. John's Music will be at Westglen for instrument rentals on Thursday, September 21st at 5:30 pm. A credit card or cheque will be needed to complete the paperwork before your student will receive their instrument.

SNACK SHACK HELPERS...

Westglen's Snack Shack is going to reopen as soon as we can!! If you are a parent/guardian of a Wildcat and would like to volunteer, please email westglen@cesd73.ca. We are looking for adults who can help the Grade 8 students run the store from 11:45am - 12:15pm. Please specify what days you are free to commit and ideally, we would like to be open every day, but will assess this once we know how many helpers we will have!

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your student 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 and it's helpful if we have a picture of your student with the form. If your child requires medication while at school, please complete a [Medication Administration Form](#) and provide office staff with the medication and instructions.

ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

Please remember to call the school at 403-335-8700 or email westglen@cesd73.ca if your student is going to be absent or late. You can call anytime and leave a message. Late students must check in at the office and take their late slip to class.

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

YEARBOOK

If you would like to purchase a yearbook from last year (22-23), we still have a few left. Go to [Student Quickpay](#) or send \$22 with your student to the office.

Yearbooks for this school year (23-24) will be for sale in January.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Mrs. Guenther will be starting Cross Country Running on Tuesday, September 12th. This is available to all students who are interested. Practices will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:20 - 4:00pm.

Students will need proper running shoes, water bottles and be prepared for all weather conditions.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones are to be turned off and locked in student lockers while at school because we want to avoid unnecessary distractions. If you need to reach your child during the day, please call the office to have a message relayed. Students not following the rules will be directed to leave their phones at the office for the day. A repeat offense will result in a parent being asked to come pick the phone up from the office.



WILDCAT GYM STRIP

Wildcat gym shirts are available at the office for \$25. Students are required to have a change of appropriate clothing for gym class.



STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

Please help us to ensure student, staff and visitor safety by following the green loop on [the map](#) for proper traffic flow.

Terry Fox Run



All three Didsbury Schools will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, September 19th at 2:00pm.

VOLLEYBALL FOR GR 7 & 8'S



Grade 7/8 volleyball is starting! There will be trials for Grade 7 & 8 Boys on Monday, September 11th and Wednesday the 13th, Grade 7 & 8 Girls will be on Tuesday, September 12th and Thursday the 14th. Please watch the [calendar](#) for updates.



SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are all on [Student Quickpay](#) and we also have a new Debit/Credit machine at the school for payments. Please ensure prompt payment of fees or call the office if you have any questions or issues.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	DAY 1 5 First Day Back to School	DAY 2 6	DAY 3 7 School Photos	DAY 4 8	9
10	DAY 5 11 Gr 7 & 8 Boys Vball 3:10-4:30pm	DAY 1 12 Gr 7 & 8 Girls Vball 3:10-4:30pm	DAY 2 13 Gr 7 & 8 Boys Vball 3:10-4:30pm	DAY 3 14 Gr 7 & 8 Girls Vball 3:10-4:30pm	DAY 4 15	16
		Gr 5 – 8 Cross Country Running 3:10 – 4:00pm				
17	DAY 5 18	DAY 1 19 Terry Fox Run 2:00pm	DAY 2 20	DAY 3 21 St. John's Music Instrument Rental 5:30pm	22	23
					No School for Students	
24	DAY 4 25	DAY 5 26	DAY 1 27 Golf Tournament 3:15 – 5:30	DAY 2 28	DAY 3 29	30

Please watch for up-to-date information on our calendar at westglen.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