Horizon School

CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

As we ease into the holiday season, I would like to thank you for everything that you do as parents and caregivers. We know that it takes a lot of time, energy and organization to get kids to school everyday with everything that they need, and we also know it's not always an easy job. We appreciate you!

Parent Council & Parent Society

Our dedicated Parent Society has been busily preparing for the casino that will run in Red Deer on January 3rd & 4th. This will be a significant fundraising event that our Parent Society is hosting. The fundraising also allows Horizon to be able to continue to provide several additional opportunities for our students (e.g. swimming, music therapy, and field trips). In many schools, parents are asked to pay fees for activities like field trips and swimming, but due to the hard work of our Parent Society, these are all completely supported. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible!

Donations

Horizon School would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the following individuals and groups who have made donations to support our school so far this year.

Cremona and District Community Chest

Carstairs and District Community Chest

Knox United Thrift Store, Didsbury AB

Mountain View Order of the Eastern Star 1

Dardenelles Chapter IODE (in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Jeges)

Mr. Rod Strong

Renovations: Over the winter break, CESD maintenance staff will be working as quickly as they can to make some needed updates to our building. Please cross your fingers for a project timeline that doesn't run into any major setbacks!

Volunteers: The students at Horizon have been enjoying the time that the Olds Grizzly's have spent volunteering in our building. They have thoroughly enjoyed playing floor hockey and decorating ginger bread-just a couple of activities that they have participated in during their visits. Thank you Grizzly's

When we return back after the break, we will be starting a whole new year (and decade!).

I wish you all a wonderful break filled with the things that fill your heart.

With gratitude,

Melissa McEwen Principal, Horizon School



It's a frame of mind"

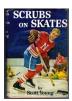




Happy Birthday Surprise

A visit to the Grizzly locker room, complete with some gifts from the team!

Happy Birthday Link!































Many hands make light work! STEP class chipped in on a snowy

December afternoon to help clear a path to the buses.

Great job!



















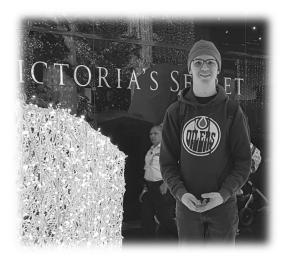






Students enjoyed a field trip to Cross Iron Mills earlier this month to shop for their friends and family. These funds are earned by students during the year by delivering newspapers and recycling.





































Children's Rehabilitation Services and Access to Communication & Technology (ACT) Service Centre is excited to introduce a new email series:

This monthly email series will provide support to the family of AAC users in our zone. Each email will provide some information and outline a strategy to practice with your child.

If you are interested in receiving this information, please email Danni.Lethbridge@ahs.ca to subscribe.

ACT ON AAC



Compassionate and innovative global citizens

A Message from the Superintendent

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather together, but something extra special takes place throughout our division during the holiday season. We are seeing our students and staff answering the call to be good global citizens in many ways. They are investing their time and resources to help stock the shelves of their local food bank, performing carols at seniors' homes and collecting mittens to distribute.

Whether it's through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact an entire community, our students are modeling what great citizenship truly means. They are coming at us with shovels to take care of their neighbours' sidewalks, with shoeboxes to fill for those less fortunate, and with baked cookies to share at their holiday concerts. We applaud our students and staff for their many gestures of kindness, and we thank everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

Kurt Sacher Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2020 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2020. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

Moving forward with Budget 2019:

In Chinook's Edge we are grateful for the \$130 million budget that was allocated to us this school year. Unfortunately, we are still left with a shortfall, but through careful reflection and planning we are confident moving ahead. Please read more in the December issue of <u>Trustees at work for students</u>.

