

Horizon School

CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

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Hello to all our friends and families!

Let's start with the obvious: we are all missing seeing your beautiful smiles every day. However, over the past few weeks, and with your help, we've all done a lot of learning and moved forward with figuring out how we can stay connected with students and support them during this time. It feels great to 'see' and 'hear' you on line!

I would like to encourage all of our families to feel comfortable to let us know how we can best support you. Our teams are working creatively to keep programming running as best they can under these circumstances, and they do so with a recognition that your lives are greatly impacted by what has been added to your plates. If the demands of your individual situations make it difficult to do what we are asking, please feel assured that we want to know. We want to support you—not make things more difficult, and we are committed to finding what works for everyone.

As you will have read in Kurt Sacher's email yesterday, Spring Break for all Chinook's Edge schools begins tomorrow (April 10th). Due to our Year Round calendar, Horizon's break will extend an additional week until Sunday, April 26th.

There is still a great deal of uncertainty around what the future holds with regard to 'getting back to normal'. We're longing for that time, but most importantly, wishing you all health and wellness.

Melissa McEwen





A big hello from Principal
Miss Melissa!



Hoping everyone is staying safe and
looking forward to a better time in the
not too distant future



Wishing I could see your friendly
faces. I miss hearing your crazy
weekend stories over making break-
fast..I'm missing it all, hoping this
will soon be over. Stay positive and
be grateful for at least one thing
each day! - Miss Michelle H.



I miss you so very much!
Miss Lexie



Hello from Miss Debbie



Hello from Miss Shauna!





Love you guys!
Miss Michelle C



Hello from Mr. Vince!



Hello from Vice Principal Miss Sharon!



Hello from Miss Margo!



Hi everyone, I hope you are all safe and healthy. Make sure to still have lots of fun and get outside. Ms. Christina



Hello from Miss Connie and Indy!

Happy Birthday to:

Riley, Scott, Aurora, Quissianna, Bryce H, Chloe, Desaray, Ethan and William!





What's this going on?
 Horizon staff formed a
 birthday convoy to wish
 Ethan Sharpe a Happy
 16th Birthday! Horns
 were blasting and staff
 were waving..we woke up
 the neighbors! They
 waved too!

Dear Parents,

Below you will find some resources that might be of value to you and your family members.

Be well !

The Mountainview Emergency Shelter Society has Outreach Services available to all families in need. You may contact them at 403-586-4765 or please visit their website at:

mountainviewemergencysHELTER.ca

Parent Resources:

[Child Mind Institute](#) offers resources for supporting families during the COVID-19 crisis.

[Anxiety Canada](#) has resources for parents and kids.

[Autism Canada](#) has published several resources for parents to use during this time.

[Autism Speaks Canada](#) has compiled an extensive list of information and resources!

WHO Infographic – [Helping children cope with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak](#)

Psychology Today – Article: [How to talk to Kids and Teens about the Coronavirus](#)

Seattle Children’s Hospital Research Foundation – [Helping Children and Teens Cope with Anxiety About COVID-19](#)

CDC – [Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019: Messages for parents, school staff, and others working with children](#)

Student Resources:

[Click here](#) to view a great video that explains COVID by children's author Julia Cook.

‘Brains On’ (A Podcast for kids) – [Understanding Coronavirus and how germs spread](#)

MPR News – [Comic about Coronavirus for Kids](#) – based on an NPR interview

[Coronavirus Social Story](#) by KeshetChicago

In memory of Roarke Shukster a graduate of Horizon School just a few years ago. Roarke brought light and happiness to all of us at Horizon School. She will be missed and remembered with joy!





Strong leadership in a time of upheaval

A Message from the Superintendent

Our current situation has made it abundantly clear that the leaders we have in our Chinook's Edge schools are unparalleled in their compassion, skill and devotion to students. Our school and division leaders have guided teachers and staff to an entirely online learning platform in a matter of days. This means our goal, that learning continues to move forward for all students, can be met.

We are so proud of our teachers and support staff who are committed to making this work. Our teachers are aware of which outcomes are reasonable and essential – in other words, which strand of learning is the most essential to set our students up for success as they proceed into next year.

This time of social distancing can be trying for all of us, but for our very young students in Pre-Kindergarten and our students with complex needs, it may also be confusing. Thanks to the compassion and skill of one of our staff, we are able to share a [pictogram](#) that helps explain COVID-19 in its simplest terms. This resource accompanies information that has been developed for children and teens, and we will continue to provide information on our division's [COVID-19 webpage](#) as we move forward.

I would personally like to thank our parents and our school staff as we work together towards a common goal of student success.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools

Trustees at work for students

As a Board of Trustees, we wanted to share how incredibly amazed we are with the way our learning staff have moved so quickly to ensure they are ready to meet the changing needs of students. Please read more in the [April Board eNews](#).

