

Horizon School

CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION #73

DECEMBER 2020

Principal Pen

And just like that it's Christmas break!

I would like to start off by thanking all of our families for supporting us as we worked to maintain the safest school environment possible. Your understanding, patience and support in following all of the AHS guidelines have been an integral part of our return to classroom learning this year.

As we look to the new year, we are prepared for a week of returning to online learning after the winter break. You should have received some communication from your child's teacher outlining what 'online learning' will look like for them from January 4-8. If you have not, please contact them directly. While each of our programs looks slightly different, they all involve a morning and afternoon 'whole class' time as well as individually scheduled times for Google Meets with support staff or their teacher throughout the day. Attendance will be taken for Google meets, so if your child will be away please communicate with their teacher.

Our staff have been working very hard to prepare everything that your child will need to resume learning that week. Unlike in the spring, we've had lots of time to learn and be prepared to move online, and we're so excited to take online programming to the next level (though we'll be extremely happy if it's short and sweet as planned)! From our Horizon family to yours we wish you a restful, joyful and safe break.

Melissa McEwen

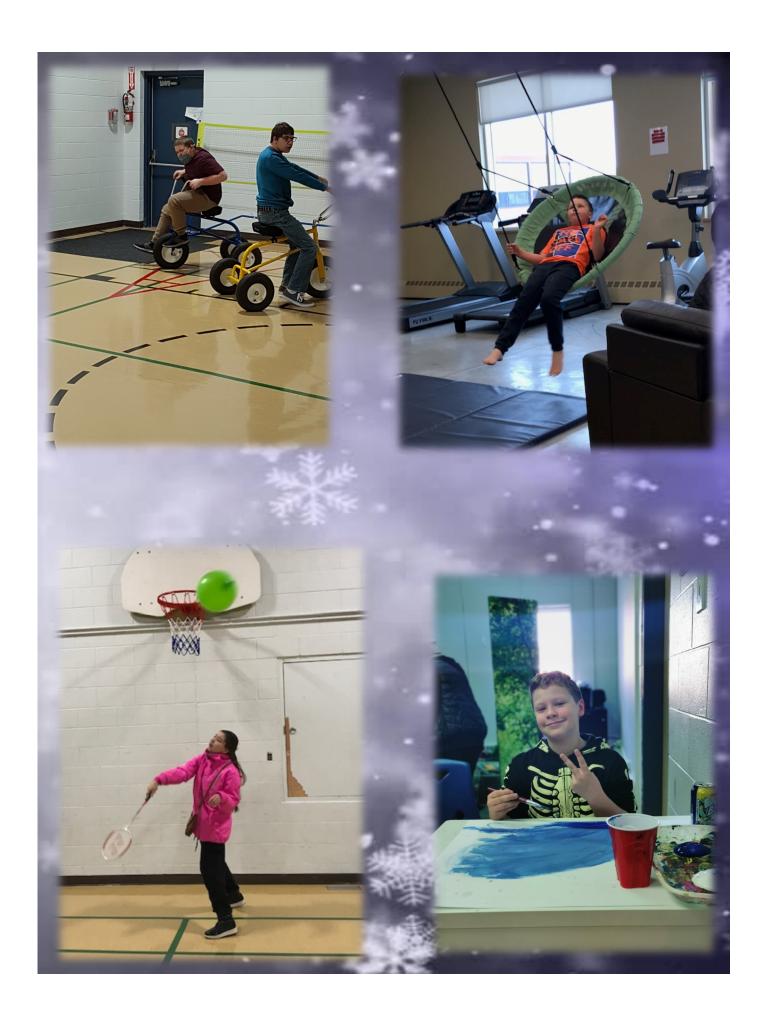
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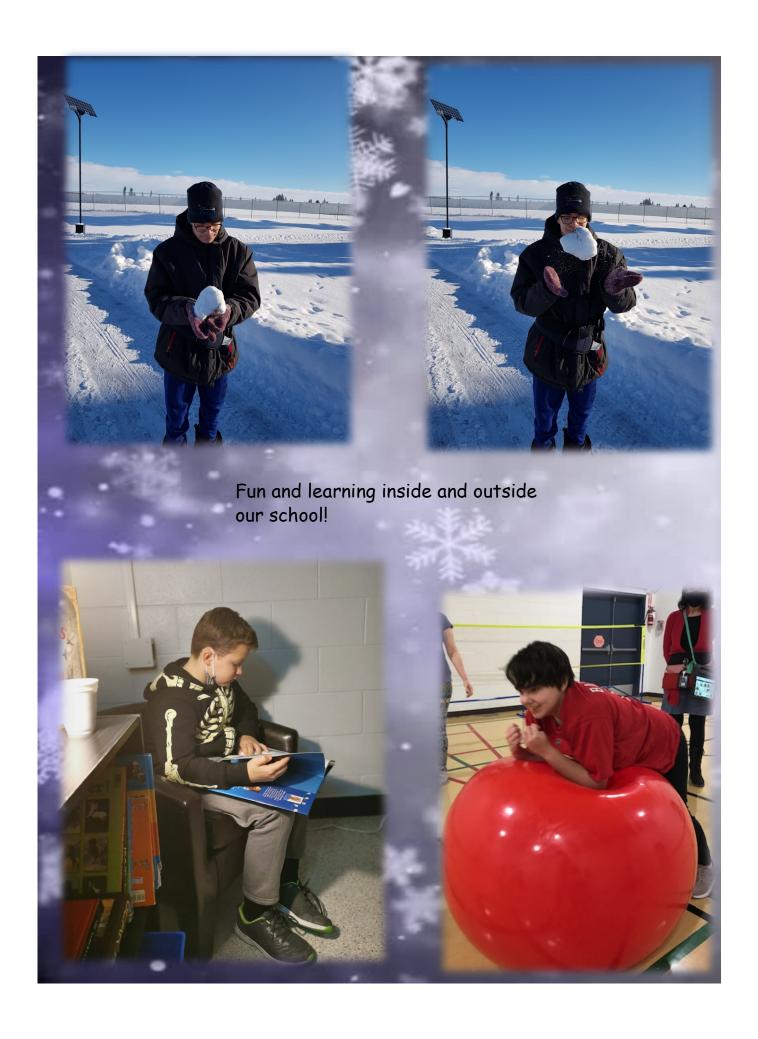
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Horizon students and staff are keeping the Christmas spirit alive and well by posting their thoughts of gratitude and happy thoughts for Christmas this year!

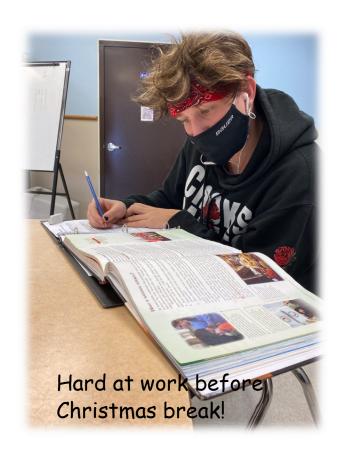




Creative addition Miss Sampson! Love the mustache!



Miss Melissa brought a virtual special guest to Horizon this week, his name is Tiny (a not so tiny baby)





Miss Coralie is all decked out for the Ugly Sweater day at school!



Courageous and compassionate global citizens

A Message from the Superintendent

The global situation is certainly providing a new definition of what good citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. A high measure of good citizenship is certainly occurring across our school division. Our schools are filled with students and staff who are continuing to learn together, to take care of one another and to look beyond our current challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our people in Chinook's Edge are feeling stretched, but they remain determined to continue providing what our students require from us. An example of this was displayed on a bulletin board in one of our elementary schools, where students completed the phrase, 'Children should feel ____ at school.' They said loved, excited, happy, safe, smart, proud, believed in. Thank you to everyone in our school communities who provide all of this, and more, to students each day, particularly at this time in our world.

From the entire Board of Trustees and the Central Office team, we wish everyone a safe and restful holiday season.

Kurt Sacher Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2021 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2021. 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.

