

Horizon School

SEPTEMBER 2019

Principal Pen

It has been wonderful getting to know all the students at Horizon over the past month. There are so many smiles and celebrations throughout each day. I feel very honored to have the privilege to be part of the Horizon family.

Speaking of families, I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with most, but not all of you. If you happen to be at the school, and we haven't met yet, please do stop by the office and say hello.

Our Horizon Parent Council and Fundraising Society met for the first meeting of the year. We took some very important time to acknowledge and celebrate the extensive contributions of Frank Grills, who, sadly passed away this September. The current Fundraising Society has a plan about how to continue much of the work that Frank was passionate about. I know that making a day time meeting isn't feasible for everyone, but I'd like to encourage you to keep an eye out for future events. If you or someone in your family or your friends are able to volunteer some of your time, it makes such a huge difference in the level of programming and resources we are able to provide to our students here at Horizon.

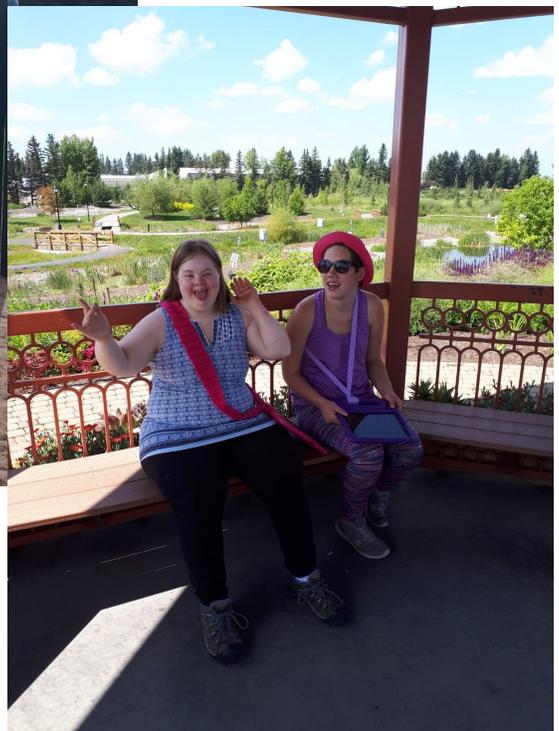
Happy sweater weather to everyone!





Horizon students have been taking advantage of the later summer weather to enjoy some outdoor activities before the snow flies.

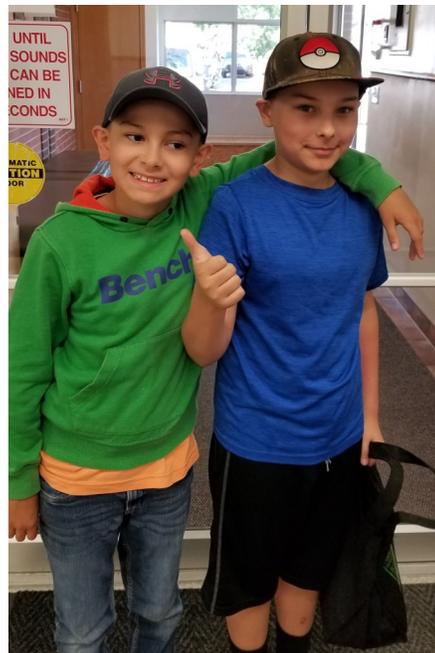






Students are hard at work with life skills and work experience.









Horizon School STEP Class submitted this art work on display at Chinook's Edge Division Office.

About these projects...

After hearing the story about Orange Shirt Day, and finding out what Phyllis Webstad went through, our STEP class at Horizon School made an art project that we related to the Zones of regulation (knowing there would have been lots of days at residential school when she would have been in the blue zone or in the red zone)

We looked at examples of Indigenous Art and symbols from their culture. Then drew a picture that was sectioned off into the days of the month, and colored it in every day using the colors from the Zones (like a feelings journal). It helped us to look back and see how many days we had struggles, and to remember how children struggled in residential schools.





Horizon students have been fortunate to enjoy a field trip to Red Lodge Park and rekindle their friendships together.







Did you know that 80% of what kids learn in the classroom is learned visually? Good vision is essential to every child's development. The Eye Wearhouse in Olds want to make sure that every child in our community and surrounding area have the visual tools necessary to succeed in the classroom which is why we are proud to announce our **"K to 8, Seeing Great Initiative."**

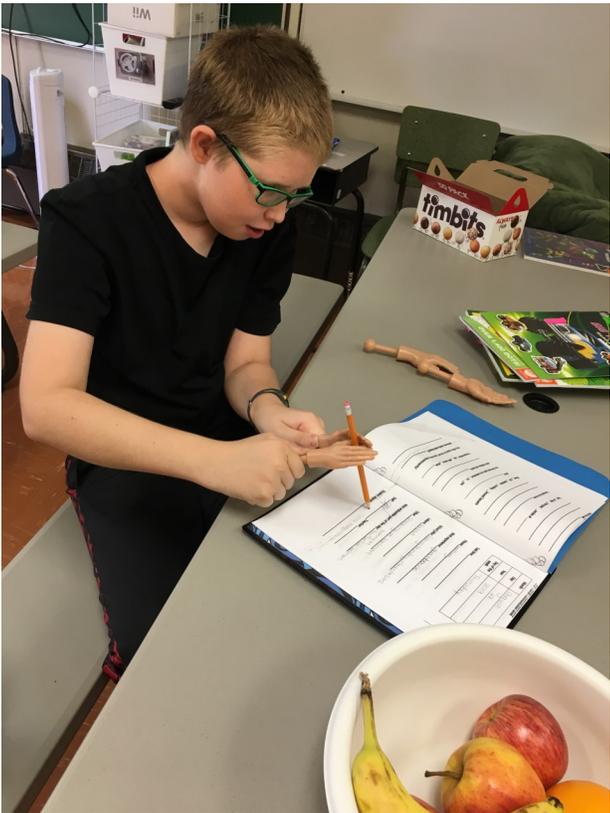
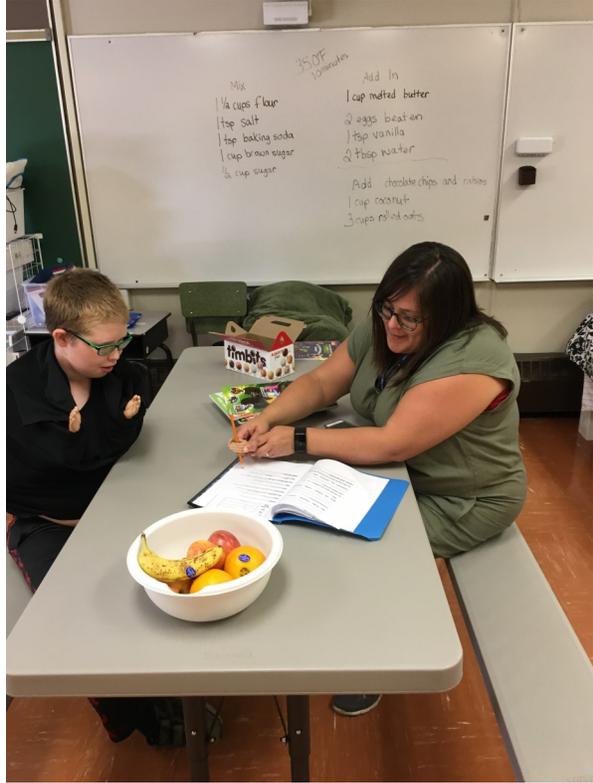
So what is this initiative all about?

From August 1st to September 30th we will be providing **one FREE pair of eyeglasses** for any child from Kindergarten to Grade 8! No hidden costs, no requirements.

We will have hundreds of frames to choose from, there will be no limit on prescriptions available, all stock lenses will come with anti-glare and anti-scratch coating, and custom lenses will come with an anti-scratch coating.

Children's eye exams are covered once per year by Alberta Health Care, so bring in your child prescription and our amazing team of Opticians will help your child reach their full potential in the classroom this year!

If you have any questions regarding our "K to 8, Seeing Great Initiative" please feel free to get in touch with us at any time.



Challenging, encouraging and believing in every student

A Message from the Board of Education

As a new year of teaching and learning gets underway, we want to extend a warm welcome to our Chinook's Edge families. Our Board of Education and Central Office Leadership Team are ready to share another amazing school year with our students, staff and families in Chinook's Edge. We know that our teachers and staff, across the grades and in every school, are intentional about providing quality learning environments for each one of our students. Through well-established processes and innovative strategies, it is clear that everyone in Chinook's Edge is working together toward student wellness and success!

Our schools share a focus on four key divisional goals: Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career Connections, and Social Emotional Well-being. We believe this foundation will allow our students to continue to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of our entire Board and Central Office team, we wish everyone a fantastic year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

As an aside, we are asking parents to join our staff in continuing to support our **Weekdays 'til 6** wellness initiative. This approach involves non-emergency emails and texts be sent prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, to honor the personal time of families and staff. This approach to wellness is making a difference and we thank you for your support.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

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Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Vision:

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.