

# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡

November 2022

See 'What's on the Horizon' by visiting our blog: [www.horizonschool.ca](http://www.horizonschool.ca)

## CELEBRATIONS & FUN TIMES

Read to the end to see all the fun we've had:

- Making dream catchers
- Playing new games in Phys Ed
- Welcoming the Fire Department for a visit
- Beating our teachers in a soccer game
- Recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Exploring the new light table
- Cheering on our neighbours at Olds Elementary during their Fun Run
- Sharing our Professional Learning goals on Teacher Collaborative Day
- Delivering newspapers

## Winter Weather Reminder

Please ensure that students come to school prepared to engage and participate in outdoor activities. Our in town and cross school activities often involved walking, and we want to ensure their comfort during these times.

## Student Absences

When your child is going to be away from school, please contact the school office (403-556-6310). Please also call their bus driver in the morning so they can adjust their routes if necessary.

Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6th  
Daylight Savings ends

Nov 9th 10:30am  
Remembrance Day

Nov 10th & 11th  
Fall Break (no school)

Nov 25th  
Teacher Collaborative Day  
(no school for students)

**Parent Council:** It has proven difficult for our families to free up and commit time to coming for monthly parent council meetings. This year we're trying something new! Melissa and Coralie will reach out to families directly to gather feedback and input on topics related to our school. As always, if you have anything on your mind to share, you can call us any time.

**Next Meeting for Parent Society:** 9:30 Thursday, December 8th, 2022. Location: Horizon School



Horizon School  
5501-53 Street  
Olds, AB  
403-556-6310  
[horizonschool.ca](http://horizonschool.ca)

# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Attend today,  
Achieve tomorrow



Regular school attendance is **critical** for student success. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and school.

We share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child.

If your child's attendance is becoming a concern, please contact your child's teacher. They are your partner in helping your child succeed in school!

### TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Prioritize school!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance.
- Have regular evening and homework routines.
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind.
- Try to make appointments during non-school hours when possible.
- Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about attendance.

Let's hear it for ....Michael Miller!



In case you missed it, it snowed on November 2nd. A lot. Our custodial staff did their best to keep up, and when Michael saw staff shovelling away to keep our walkways clear, he didn't hesitate to offer his help.

Thank you, Michael!

## Achieving our goals together -

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In our three-year [Education Plan](#), we have set specific targets and detailed strategies around our divisional goals to ensure each student in Chinook's Edge achieves success. Our Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections goals are impacting students at every grade level, and our division's achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team.

Staff in all schools, across all grades, help students achieve success by setting the bar high and then supporting students as they strive to reach it. We have a strong focus on sharing best practices around teacher strategies to bring the very best learning experiences to the students we serve. That is the focus and benefit of our five Professional Learning Days in Chinook's Edge (more on this below).

Staff in our schools are making genuine gestures to invite parents back to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend their assemblies, or take part in Parent Teacher Interviews. At the division level, the Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are grateful for the feedback we are receiving through our Parents Matter Committee and Parent Council meetings.

We work hard to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for our students, families and staff, because we believe that strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities. Most importantly, it is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve, which will set them up for a lifetime of success.

To read the latest version of the Board eNews, please [click here](#).

### Professional Learning Days



What are staff doing during the division's five non-instructional days for students?

"[Professional Learning Days](#) provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom and ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life. The most valuable resource we have is each other," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. [Read more here](#).

### Inclement Weather



The safety of students, staff and parents is our highest priority, which is why Chinook's Edge developed an Inclement Weather procedure.

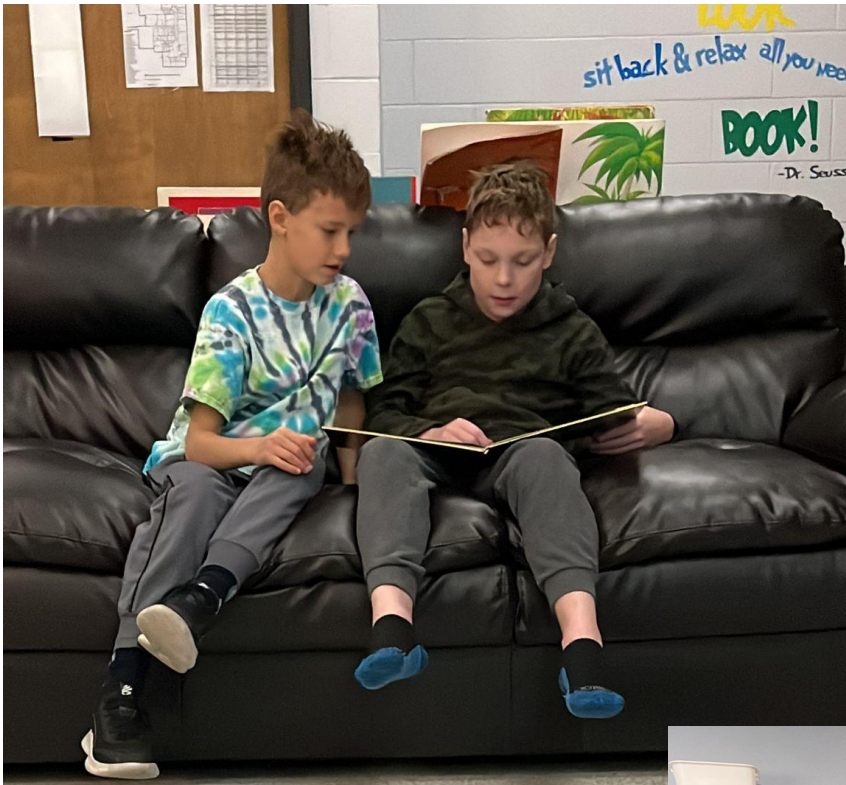
This link to our [Inclement Weather website](#) outlines specific responses if weather causes a change to our regular daily processes. This means school buses may not run or school closures may be in effect for a single school, a community of schools or the entire school division if weather necessitates an Inclement Weather day.

**Be safe, Be aware, Be ready to learn!** Be familiar with this important information. Thank you.

# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡



# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡



# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡



# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡



# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡

