

# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡

December 2022

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## CELEBRATIONS & FUN TIMES

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

- Being teacher for a day and doing Ms. Melissa's job for a bit
- Helping the adults to *finally* understand math
- Honouring Canada's war heroes on Remembrance Day
- Welcoming our Ecole Olds Elementary School Buddies for some PE games
- Using our light table for math
- Swimming at Olds Aquatic Center
- Participating in Music with Ms. Kate
- Getting used to putting on and taking off all our winter gear!

## It's all about the REGULATION

In CESD, Collaborative Days (known by many students as 'Fridays Off') are times when our staff engage in continuous professional learning designed to help us best meet the needs of our students. One of the areas of focus that we are spending our time on at Horizon is building our skill set around helping students to be 'ready to learn'. For some, this means empowering students to self-regulate and get prepared themselves to tackle the day. For others, this means adults guiding regulation or 'co-regulating' by making observations and offering the tools and using the strategies we know work best for each student that are a part of their KITE plan. You can see a couple of the tools we use on the next page.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 2nd - Swimming  
Dec 9th - No School  
Dec 16th - Swimming  
Dec 22nd - Holiday Meal  
Dec 23rd - Mentor Movie  
with Olds Elementary  
buddies



## Parent Council and Parent Society

Horizon School would like to extend our most sincere thanks to our Parent Society for supporting swimming for all of our students. If you are looking for a low time commitment way to volunteer for the school, we'd love to have you join our next meeting!

**Next Meeting: Dec 16th 9:15am**



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Let's hear it for .... Liam Cramp!



We had a Yellow Day, on newspaper delivery day. This left a lot of papers to be delivered by the few students who were able to make it to school when busses weren't running.

Liam stepped up and helped carry the load. To make sure his feet stayed warm and cozy, Ms. Melissa lent him her boots.

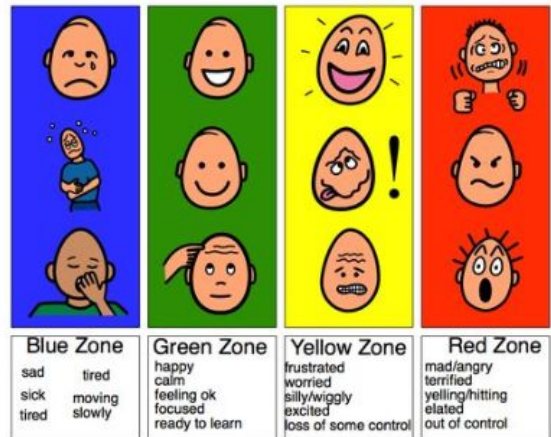
Thank you, Liam, for filling the gap. Your classmates and the residents of Olds are grateful.



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Some of the regulation tools we use...

## The Zones of Regulation



Students use visuals to identify which 'zone' they are in and use corresponding strategies to move into the 'green zone'

Everyone has different needs for regulation. We work to help everyone understand and use the physical spaces in our building that will give them what they need.

Quiet Spaces	Spaces for movement	Alone Spaces	Spaces to have a snack	Talking Spaces
Sensory Room Feelings Room Library Breakout Room 	Outside walk Gym Swing Playground Hallway 	Feelings Room Junior Room Breakout Room 	Classroom Breakfast Program Breakout Room	Classroom Gym Playground Hallway 

## Student Self-Checks

- Did I eat breakfast?
- Do I want to go to Breakfast Program?
- Did I take my med?
- Do I need to go for a walk?
- Do I need to go the the gym?

Sometimes students prefer if we *aren't* constantly asking them a ton of questions, but they can easily do a little checklist that might help them see what's stopping them from getting started with their day.

## Modeling what great citizenship truly means

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather, and this fall there has been a renewed sense of gratitude for our time together in school each day. We know the holiday season ignites an even greater sense of compassion and goodwill in our schools, as students and staff answer the call to be good global citizens. They are sharing our caring culture by ensuring the shelves are well stocked at area Food Banks, filling hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, performing seasonal concerts at seniors' homes, and gathering warm mittens for those less fortunate.

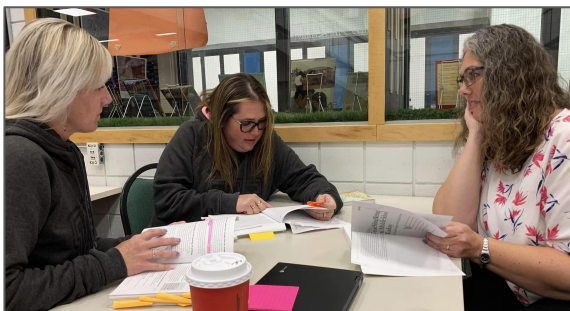
Our students model what great citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. At a time when lessons in the importance of being a good neighbour, a helpful friend and a respectful citizen are needed, we applaud our students and staff for the plentiful examples of their kindness.

Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

### Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2023 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. **Online registration will begin on January 9, 2023.** Please visit our website for [Kindergarten information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming!

### Professional Learning Day November 25



These teachers and staff at Westglen School, as in schools throughout Chinook's Edge, have been engaged in high leverage strategies to support student progress during the division's Professional Learning Days.

Focussed efforts on Professional Learning Days have improved student achievement results, and support for those having difficulty, so that high school graduation is a reality for everyone! Read more [at this link](#).

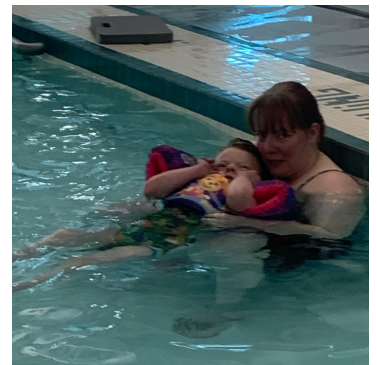
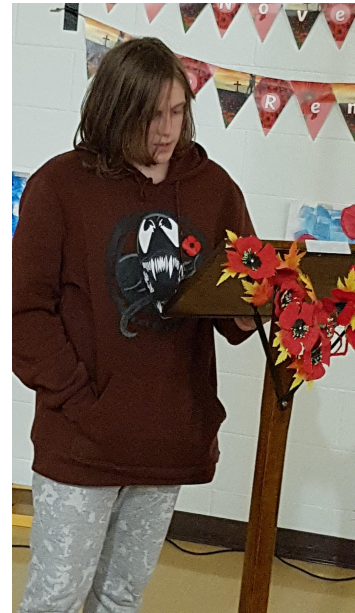
### Responding to the rise of respiratory viruses



The chief medical officer of health, Dr. Mark Joffe, has issued a statement about the increase of respiratory viruses in Alberta. As always, Chinook's Edge takes its lead in these matters from the officials at Alberta Health Services, and share their priority to keep our school communities safe. The government's full statement can be read [at this link](#).

We appreciate your attention to the preventative measures Dr. Joffe outlines. Our efforts together make a huge impact in our safe and caring schools!

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