

# Tales & Tidbits

Ross Ford Elementary School

EDITION #5, VOLUME 1

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## Thank You

### White Elephant

A huge thank you goes out to the great number of parents and community members who donated items for our White Elephant Sale. Amazingly, every single item found a new home, raising \$1100.00 for the Didsbury Christmas Helpers Program.

Also, thank you to all the volunteers who spent hours sorting, cleaning, pricing and selling. We could not do it without you!

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*From the Staff and Students at Ross Ford!*

## Dates to Remember

### Monday, January 9:

First Day of School in 2017

### Wednesday, January 11:

Mission Impossible! begins

### Wednesday, January 11:

8:45 - Parent Advisory

Committee Meeting

### No School Days:

January 2nd–6th

- Christmas Holidays

Tuesday, January 30th

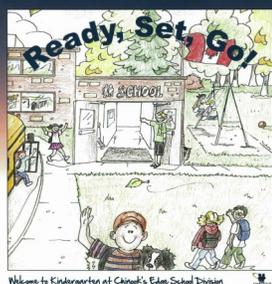
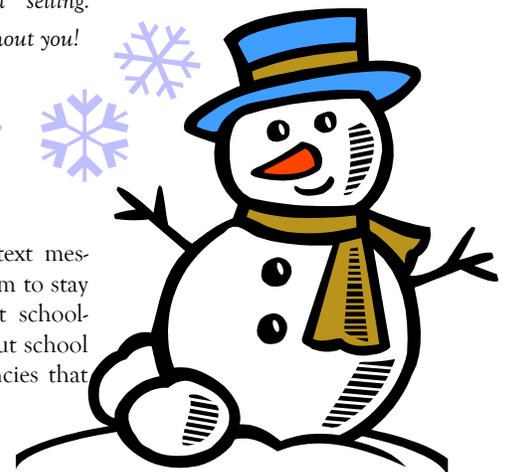
- Collaborative Day



### School Messenger:

Parents can opt-in for text messaging on our alert system to stay up-to-date on important school-related information about school events and any emergencies that might arise.

Text "Y" to 724665



## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge schools will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Children must be five years old by December 31, 2017, to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2017.

If you are interested in information on Pre-Kindergarten programming, please contact us! There are no school fees for Kindergarten students in Chinook's Edge.

# Superintendent's Message

## Supporting health and wellness priorities for students and staff

A message from the Superintendent

The new year provides a perfect opportunity to re-energize the many efforts underway in our school division to support the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We know that ensuring a healthy physical, social and emotional environment in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, which allows students to reach their potential.

Alberta Education is determined to incorporate First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) perspectives

in Alberta schools, which is a priority we share in Chinook's Edge. We are committed to honouring and celebrating Indigenous students and teachings. This enhances the cultural and academic experiences not only for our Indigenous students, but for all students who enter our facilities. Under the guidance of our FNMI Steering Committee and our Learning Services team, part of this important work may involve introducing students to the culture and practices of the local Indigenous community through such activities as a Smudging Ceremony. For information on this learning activity, please refer to the Smudging Ceremony docu-

ment under the Parent section of our website at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca).

We are grateful to everyone whose efforts are supporting our quality learning priorities for all students, and we wish each of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year.

Kurt Sacher  
Superintendent of Schools



If you have a question for Superintendent Kurt Sacher or any Chinook's Edge Trustee, please visit the 'Parents Matter Question Box' link under the 'Board' tab on our website at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca).

## New Year Reminders

### School Absences

If your student will be absent for **any reason**, please call the office to advise. It will save our office staff significant time in the morning if we do not have to call you. There is an answering machine for messages left during non-school hours. Providing us with the reason will help us to track the general health of students in our school.

Also, please sign out at the office if you pick up your child during school hours. Thank you.

### Parking

\* There is no parking or drop-off in the staff lot or bus lane.

\* You may drop off your child in the visitor parking lot (south side of the staff lot and chain link fence), the old High School parking lot, or on 23rd Street. Please remember: use the crosswalks and DO NOT park along the yellow curbs. This is a ticketable offence!

When exiting the visitor parking lot, you may only turn right onto 23rd Street between the hours of 8:25 to 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.



Beginning Wednesday, January 11th, the gym will once again be set up for Mission Impossible. This is a fun program that turns the gym into an obstacle course that the students get to participate in during their classroom's gym times. Our students look forward to this with excitement every year.

## Principal's Message

The Kindergarten concerts have wrapped up - the grade one concert will happen tonight. It seems the Holiday Season is just about officially upon us. On the one hand, it has come quickly and on the other hand, this last week as been a little long. ;)

As you might imagine, the students as a whole are vi-

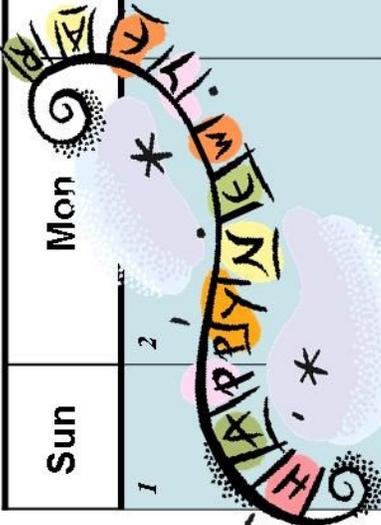
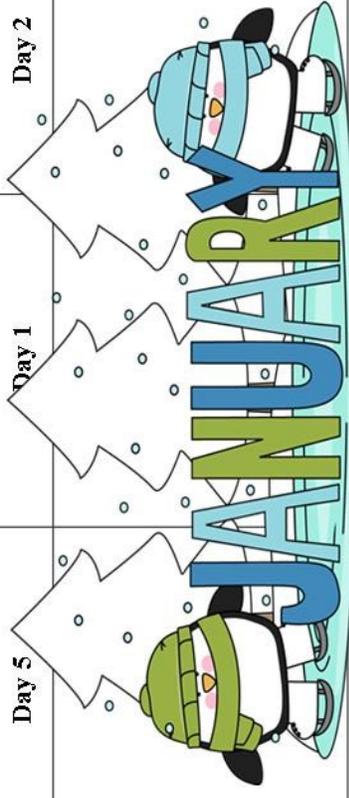
brating with excitement about the holiday. You need to know that they, and the staff, have worked very hard to this point and they deserve the break.

And so, on behalf of the staff here at Ross Ford, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family the Merriest Christmas possible and I hope the New Year brings

happiness and health.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on January 9th!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>Day 3</p> <p>Day 4</p> <p>Day 5</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>Day 2</p>						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>Day 3</p> <p>Day 4</p> <p>Day 5</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>Day 2</p>						
29	30	31				
<p>Day 3</p> <p>Collaborative Day No Student Attendance</p> <p>Day 4</p> <p>Day 5</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>Day 2</p>						

Don't Forget!  
 Chocolate and White Milk are sold every day at the  
 student concession.