



Tales and Tidbits

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Open House

Thursday, April 28

4:30-5:30 p.m.

This will be an informational event to help us determine our kindergarten enrolment numbers, allow you to indicate program preferences—full day or half day, tour the school, and receive a special “Welcome to Kindergarten” package. **Please try and register your child before this time!**

This schedule of activities is for **you and your kindergarten child only** and will replace our previous information evening and Fall home visits. New registrants please bring your child’s birth certificate. Thank you.



Fun Lunch Orders

Many thanks need to go out to the tremendous volunteers who sort the lunch orders, count the money, organize the menus, and make sure the food gets to the students accurately and on time. There have been many successes!

That said, one challenge we are continuing to run into is the question of what to do with late orders. Honestly, we'd all like to help and we hate saying "no" to a child or family. Unfortunately, because of the number of other things and people involved in this process now, **late fun lunch orders will no longer be accepted after the printed deadline.** We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes and we appreciate your cooperation - thank you.



Cow-A-Bunga

Mark your calendars...

Thursday, June 2

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Ross Ford Elementary School will be hosting its annual Cow-A-Bunga family dance and silent auction. This event is a fundraiser to help build a wheelchair accessible playground structure.

We are looking for individuals or businesses to contribute items for the raffles and silent auction, as well as sponsors to help with contributions of food and beverages. Also, there are many jobs that parents do to make this a successful evening. If you can help please contact the school at 335-3234.



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Mr. Brent Runnett

Vice-Principal:

Mrs. Tabitha Everett-Powell

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 6:

8:45 - PAC Meeting

Thursday, April 7:

8:45 - Tolerance

Assembly

Thursday, April 14:

11:00 - Grade 4 Dress

Rehearsal

7:00 - Grade 4 Concert

Monday, April 25:

In-line skating

Wednesday, April 27:

In-line skating

Thursday, April 28:

4:30-5:30 - Kindergarten
Open House

Friday, April 29:

In-line skating



“No School” Days:

- Friday, April 8
- Monday, April 18 to Friday, April 22



Superintendent's Message

Aspiring Leaders program will ensure quality learning for students into the future

Chinook's Edge was very proud to receive honourable mention from the Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence, for our Aspiring Leaders program. This unique initiative, being led by Chinook's Edge, is designed to increase instructional leadership skills in schools and to support teachers who are interested in becoming a school-based administrator. It has created a new level of collaboration and commitment in Central Alberta, as more school divisions become in-

involved. By sharing resources, each of these school divisions are developing the skills and aptitude of a number of professionals to ensure there will be a large number of people ready to lead schools when the current teams of administrators begin moving into retirement in the coming years.

We are doing our best to provide authentic learning for our divisions' leaders. Nothing is more important for our students and staff than ensuring there are strong, skilled leaders guiding the quality learning environments in our schools and classrooms – now and into the future. We

are pleased to honour our staff by providing this unique, high-level professional development opportunity, which has quickly increased the skill level in our division and enhanced student achievement in the process. It is providing an impressive portfolio of professionals, who are ready to step into leading roles and continue providing the quality learning our students and families have come to expect of us in Chinook's Edge!

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of
Schools
Colleen Butler
Board Chair



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Around the School

Reminder

If your contact information changes please take a moment and notify the office with new phone numbers, addresses, or emergency contacts. We make every effort to contact you as quickly as possible in emergency situations and appreciate having the correct information in order to do this. Also, make sure to change this information on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Thank you for taking the time to attend to this very important item.



Tolerance

On April 7 we will introduce *TOLERANCE* at our assembly.

During buddy time we will be introducing these tolerance quotes.

Quotes:

"We believe that each and every person is important."

"We believe that all people should be treated equally."

"We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things."

Please refer to Page 4 for further information.

In-Line Skating

April 25, 27 and 29, Alien In-Line from Calgary will be here to give lessons for Grade 3 and 4 students. Each class will get 45-60 minutes of instruction. Helmets are provided but students are welcome to bring their own.

Parents are welcome to watch. Look for additional information from classroom teachers.



Around the School

2016-2017 School Year

In order for us to begin planning our next school year and make sure there are appropriate programs in place for our students, we would ask that you let us know if you are planning to move over the summer months.



Congratulations

Ross Ford Elementary School was well represented at the Mountain View Science and Technology Fair held in Olds on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The following are our winners: Silver:

Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to the Ross Ford Parent Advisory Committee for organizing and providing dinner for our teachers during Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday, March 22. It was greatly appreciated.



Layla J. "for Nature's Filter" and Bronze: Dane N. and David F. for "Do electronics interfere with your brain?" Our choirs also performed exceptionally well at the Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival on March 24. They received First Class Honors, an award for best Classroom Music, and were invited to perform at the Grand Concert and Awards evening on March 29. Well done students!

Spring Clothing

With Spring officially here and warmer weather (hopefully) upon us we ask that you make sure your students are dressed appropriately. Boots, coats and an extra pair of pants would be appreciated by the classroom teachers.



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Principal's Message

Community is very important to us here at Ross Ford Elementary and, because of that, we also believe we need to grow leaders at every opportunity.

On a daily basis our teachers look for ways to build the leadership skills of our students. We have line leaders, jobs/roles within classrooms, special events and just those individual moments where we recognize a student for doing a job to make the school a better place.

But aside from that, we also have larger leadership roles, like our grade four leadership students and our bottle recyclers. As well, we gain from a school where we have active teacher leaders. All of our teachers have leadership roles in one capacity or another: science fair leader, technology leaders, Division professional development leaders, ATA convention leadership, curriculum outcome leaders, choir/drummers club leader-

ship, assembly and special event leadership, grade team leaders and so on.

Within our Ross Ford community, we also benefit from the leadership of our parents, especially with events like our White Elephant Sale, PAC, and lately with our fun lunches.

We truly enjoy a wonderful school, here at Ross Ford, because of the leadership skills of so many. Thank you so much!

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Around the School

Signs of Tolerance

What Tolerant People Say

Stop It! That was a mean thing to say

I'm not joining your group because you've left some people out!

Everyone can play on our team, it doesn't matter how good you are.

Don't laugh at them because they wear different clothes.

Everyone is equal it doesn't matter what their skin color is.

Would you like to play with us? We'll push your wheelchair for you.

What Tolerant People Do

Stands up for victim of verbal abuse.

Consoles someone who is left out

Never lets anyone be left out.

Doesn't laugh at someone else's expense. Race, religion, culture, size, gender, disability.

Sees people as individuals, not part of a race.

Treat others equally no matter what their physical challenge.