

Ross Ford Elementary School Tales and Tidbits

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Thank You



"Working Together To Do Our Best"

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. \$1300.00 was donated to the 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!

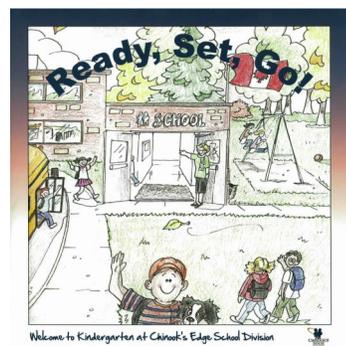


Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge schools will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. Children must be five years old by December 31, 2016, to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2016.

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.



Dates to Remember

Principal:

Mr. Brent Runnett

Vice-Principal:

Mrs. Tabitha Everett-Powell

Ross Ford Elementary School

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Ph: 335-3234 Fax: 335-4930

Monday, January 4:

First Day of School

Wednesday, January 13:

8:45 - Parent Advisory

Committee Meeting

Remember: White and chocolate milk are sold everyday.



No School Days:

Friday, January 1

Friday, January 29



Superintendent's Message

Supporting health and wellness priorities in Chinook's Edge

The new year provides a perfect opportunity to re-energize the many efforts being made in our school division to support the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We know that ensuring a healthy physical and social environment in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, and people in our schools work hard every day to help each of our students reach their full potential.

Wellness is a balanced state of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being, and students, staff and parents throughout Chinook's Edge are working together to encourage growth in each of these areas. Last year, we created our new 'Welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive schools' administrative procedure, to foster the sense of belonging and well-being we want for all members of our school community. This year, our Board is delving into that procedure further to establish clear protocols

specific to supporting all sexual and gender minority staff, students, and their families in the division. This procedure is expected to be finalized early in the new year, to ensure we provide thorough and effective support for LGBTQ students and staff in Chinook's Edge.

I thank everyone whose efforts are supporting these priorities, and I wish all of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

Around the School

Science Fair

Our annual Science Fair will be held on February 4, 2016. You may want to take advantage of the extra time during holidays to get started on these projects. Watch classroom home books for information regarding registration forms. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to be a judge on the morning of the Fair.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to those students and parents who supported our annual book fair. We achieved total sales of \$2849.90 which means \$541.48 was made available to purchase books for our library.

Thank you again for your support.



The Staff and Students of Ross Ford Elementary School wish everyone a safe, healthy and rewarding New Year.

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.

Phone: 335-3234

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



Lates

We are concerned about an increased number of students arriving late to school. The first bell rings at 8:30 a.m. We know students miss important routines and information when they arrive late.

Please work with your child, early in their school career, to develop the habit of arriving on time. This attention now only becomes more important as your child gets older.



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.



Principal's Message

With the Kindergarten and Grade One concerts just wrapping up, it seems the Season is officially upon us. It seems like it has come rather quickly.

As you might imagine, the students as a whole are vibrating 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 **h e a l t h** . We look forward to seeing everyone back on January 4th!



J. Runnett