

Tales and Tidbits

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Early Dismissal

On the last day of school, Friday, June 26, the busses will be leaving at 1:00 p.m. In-town students need to be picked up at that time.

Cow-A-Bunga

Friday, June 5, 2015

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

A final reminder that Ross Ford Elementary School will be hosting its annual family dance and silent auction. This event is a fundraiser to help build a wheelchair accessible playground structure that all children can enjoy. Please remember that students **must** be accompanied by an adult!

The evening will include a BBQ (serving hamburgers, hotdogs, and cold drinks) raffles, silent auction, and dancing all evening!

Cost: \$5/family, \$2/person
 Hamburgers - \$3.50
 Hot Dogs - \$1.50
 Milk - \$.75
 Water - \$1.00

Class Lists

It has been our practice to put up class lists on the last day of the school year. We have learned we should not do this as we cannot stop people from copying the lists or photographing them. Because the FOIP Act (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) directs our behaviour with this, we want parents to know we will not be putting lists up this year. To make sure students have some idea about September and to ease the transition, we will take some time on the last day for the students to move to see their new classrooms and meet their new teacher for the fall.

Kindergarten Registrations

Is your child, or anyone you know, going to be 5 years old by the end of December, 2015? We would be delighted to accept their registration for the 2015-2016 school year. The end of this school year is quickly approaching and we are preparing our class lists for next year.

Please come in and register your child as soon as possible so we can finalize our plans for the coming year.

Thank you.



Dates to Remember

Friday, June 5:

8:45 - Cow-A-Bunga Assembly
 6-8:30 - Cow-A-Bunga

Wednesday, June 10:

Grade 2.1/2.4 Field Trip

Thursday, June 11:

Grade 1 Field Trip
 Grade 2Com Field Trip

Monday, June 15:

7:00 - Grade 5 Westglen Orientation

Tuesday, June 16:

Grade 4 Field Trip

Wednesday, June 17:

Grade 3-3/4 Field Trip
 Last Day 0.2

Thursday, June 18:

p.m. - Gr. 3/4 Sports Day

Friday, June 19:

Last Day 0.3

p.m. - Grade 1/2 Sports Day

Monday, June 22:

Last Day 0.1

Tuesday, June 23:

Last Day 0.4

Thursday, June 25:

8:45 - Grade 4 Pancake Breakfast



Friday, June 26:

Last Day of School

9:30 - Nickel Arcade

12:30 - Year-end

Assembly

1:00 - Early Dismissal

"No School" Days:

- ◆ Monday, June 29
- ◆ Tuesday, June 30

Looking Ahead:

August 31 -
 First Day of School

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Superintendent's Message



Reflections on a year of meaningful learning

With the end of this school year approaching, we can look back with pride on a highly successful year of learning and growing in Chinook's Edge!

Thank you to our students, our teachers, and our entire Chinook's Edge staff for your hard work throughout the year. Our students have earned praise and appreciation from many groups for their efforts, as they take leading roles in artistic, academic, athletic, humanitarian and environmental projects. We continue to see positive improvements on both locally-administered and provincially-administered assessments of student learning. We are particularly proud that, for the second year in a row, we



are seeing 81 percent of our students completing high school – which remains substantially higher than the provincial average of 75-77 percent. From the moment they enter Kindergarten to the time they graduate from high school, Chinook's Edge students are surrounded by people who care about them and about their success. From this strong foundation, they are in a greater position to continue achieving throughout their lives.

Along with our trustees, parents, families and community partners, we have shared an outstanding year together. Thank you for challenging, encouraging and believing in each of our students, and in one another. Enjoy your summer!

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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Around the School

Westglen School Grade 5 Orientation

On Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m., there will be an orientation meeting in the Westglen Gymnasium. All interested Grade 4 parents and students are invited to attend. The evening will include an introduction of teachers, a brief overview of Grade 5 and a tour of the school.

"We look forward to seeing you there!"



Grade 4 Pancake Breakfast

On Thursday, June 25 our Grade 4 students will be going to Westglen School, **after morning attendance**, for a free pancake breakfast. This will be another opportunity for the Grade 4 students to tour Westglen and meet the staff.

Parents are welcome to join the students for breakfast.



Nut and Peanut Aware School

We are noticing an increasing number of students bringing nut products in their snacks and lunches. We have students in the building with anaphylactic nut and peanut allergies, and we ask for your cooperation and request you do not send products or foods that even **may contain** nuts or peanuts.

Thank you.



Around the School

Nickel Arcade

This event will take place on Friday, June 26, outside (weather permitting) around 9:30 a.m. Booths, manned by Grade 4 students, will offer such activities as sporting skills, competitions, guessing games etc. A small fee is charged at each booth, so we ask that students bring a small quantity of change with them (mainly nickels - no more than \$5.)

Money raised is used to pay for treats which the students receive.

Barbecue

Ross Ford will be having a barbecue for all students and staff on June 26, the last day of school. The school will provide 1 free hotdog per student. There will be no milk available. If additional hotdogs are desired, tickets may be used. Tickets can be pre-purchased at the office for \$1.50/ticket, or they may use tickets they already have. **The tickets for this barbecue must be handed in to their homeroom teacher by Thursday, June 18.** There will be

no hot dog day on Thursday, June 25.

Students who do not wish to have a hot dog will need to bring their own lunch as usual. DO NOT send cash for the hot dog BBQ. Only tickets will be accepted on this day.

Due to the large quantity of food ordered for our final day, the barbecue is for students and staff only.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 335-3234.



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Library News

The last day for book exchanges will be Friday, June 12. All students need to return their library books by Friday, June 19. Any lost or unreturned books will be invoiced.

Thank you.



Lost and Found

Thanks to Mrs. Hostetler, our lost and found items are frequently organized and items are on display in the open area. However, there are still items in the boxes. Please check for your child's missing clothing items by Friday, June 19. Any

un-claimed items will be taken to the Thrift Store.

Note:

You may also wish to check Westglen's Lost and Found as items left on the playground may have been taken there.



Principal's Message

I often find myself telling others that I work with extraordinary people and, as I reflect back on this school year, I cannot help but think of that again. We know challenges are going to happen over the course of the school year. Road blocks are going to show up, sometimes in spite of good planning

and good intentions. I wish everyone could see what I get to see go on in the whole school, and how hard the community here works each day to get better and have success.

So, as we continue to work towards the end of June, please expect we

are going to have some fun on sports days, fields trips and with other activities. We are also going to continue to work and try to grow right up until the last school day. It seems a little early to say, “thank you” to everyone – parents, students and staff – for the

work you have put into another good year at Ross Ford, but I think it is important for everyone to know we are all extraordinary people for the good work done here together every day.

Around the School



Getting Ready for Cow-A-Bunga!

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Jump Rope for Heart

Ross Ford Elementary School participated in the Heart and Stroke Foundation Jump Rope for Heart on Thursday, April 30.

Through the generosity of our school and community we raised a record amount of \$16,537.40. We beat our goal by \$1500.00.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

The student prizes will be here in 2-3 weeks.



Locked Doors

This is just a further reminder to the letter that was sent home on Tuesday, May 26, that our doors will be locked at 8:30 a.m. Should you or your student encounter a locked door, please proceed to the main entrance and enter the building there.



Thank You!

New xylophone comes to visit Ross Ford from Didsbury High School. Thanks to Mr. Wassmer and the Didsbury High School music students for the donation of this chromatic percussion instrument! This is a wonderful example of Didsbury schools working together for better education!!

