

Tales and Tidbits

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Early Dismissal

On the last day of school, Tuesday, June 28, the buses will be leaving at 12:00 p.m. In-town students need to be picked up at that time.

Cow-A-Bunga

Thursday, June 2, 2016

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A final reminder that Ross Ford Elementary School will be hosting its annual family dance and BBQ albeit with some changes. We are hosting this social evening to celebrate the wonderful community we live in.

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

Cost: \$5/family, \$2/person

Hamburgers - \$3.50

Hot Dogs - \$1.50

Milk - \$1.00

Water - \$1.00

Please remember that students must be accompanied by an adult!

Class Lists

We will not be putting up class lists on the last day of school again this 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 and be aware of this change from former years.

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.

Kindergarten Registrations

Is your child, or anyone you know, going to be 5 years old by the end of December, 2016? We would be delighted to accept their registration for the 2016-2017 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

Thursday, June 2:

8:45 - Cow-A-Bunga Assembly

6-8:00 - Cow-A-Bunga

Wednesday, June 8:

Grade 1 Field Trip

Grade 2.1 & 2.4 Field Trip

Thursday, June 9:

Grade 2Com Field Trip

Friday, June 10:

Last Day Pre-K

0.2 & 0.4 Field Trip

Wednesday, June 15:

Grade 0.1 & 0.3 Field Trip

Thursday, June 16:

5:00 - Grade 5 Westglen Orientation

Friday, June 17:

Grade 3 Field Trip

Tuesday, June 21:

Last Day 0.3

Grade 4 Field Trip

Wednesday, June 22:

Last Day 0.1

Last Day 0.2

Thursday, June 23:

p.m. - Gr. 1/2 Sports Day

Friday, June 24:

Last Day 0.4

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

Monday, June 27:

8:45 - Grade 4 Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, June 28:

Last Day of School

9:30 - Nickel Arcade

11:30 - Year-end Assembly

12:00 - Early Dismissal

"No School" Days:

- ◆ Friday, June 3
- ◆ Wednesday, June 29
- ◆ Thursday, June 30

Looking Ahead:

September 1 - First Day of School

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Superintendent's Message



Reflecting on a great year in Chinook's Edge

With the end of this school year on the horizon, we can look back with pride on a great year of growth and accomplishment! The work underway in schools across our division is creating positive momentum for our students.



Students across all grades have studied and honed their skills, and we are pleased that our high school completion rates continue to be well above provincial average. We have also seen a significant impact in the number of graduates who are transitioning to post-secondary learning, and with this strong foundation they are in a greater position to continue achieving throughout their lives. Most significant to every

one involved is the continued excellence across all safe and caring measures in Chinook's Edge, which we strongly believe is the foundation for all other successes in our division. We are working to ensure all of our students have opportunities for success, from the moment they enter kindergarten to the time they graduate from high school.

Thank you to our students, teachers and staff for your hard work and dedication this year, and to parents and community partners who are engaged leaders alongside us. I am proud to be part of a team that works so diligently to make a difference in the lives of the students we serve.

Thank you for challenging, encouraging and believing in each of them, 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 Thursday, June 16, at 5:00 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 Monday, June 27 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 Tuesday, June 28, 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 28, the last day of school. The school will provide 1 free hotdog per student. There will be no milk available and students need to provide their own beverages. Additional hotdogs will have already been purchased through the Fun Lunch program.

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.

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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to grow."**

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Library News

The last day for book exchanges will be Monday, June 13. All students need to return their library books by Friday, June 17. 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 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 24. 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

As we get ready to put away May's calendar and start planning June's activities, I cannot help but wonder if you are wondering what I am - where did the year go so quickly?

I'm confident it happens like this when the students and staff are work-

ing so hard towards their learning goals and successfully getting through the curriculum. We have seen students work very hard to improve their reading and our reading scores are reflecting this attention.

We have also had castles, self-propelled cars,

heroes, clay projects, and quests through Mission Impossible and many, many other learnings this year. I want to take this opportunity to thank parents, students, teachers and staff for their support and encouragement over the year - for students here

at Ross Ford "To belong, to learn, to grow."