



Tales and Tidbits

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Ross Ford Elementary School

Around the School

Grade 4 First Nation's Day

On February 24, our Grade 4 students participated in a First Nations Day. The students enjoyed activities including: drumming, listening to legends, beading, Seven Grandfather's Teaching and making a stick game and bannock. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, March 2:
7:00 - PAC Meeting

Thursday, March 10:
11:00 - Grade 3 Dress Rehearsal
7:00 - Grade 3 Concert

Monday, March 14:
9:00 - Begin booking Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, March 15:
8:45 - Kindness Assembly

Monday, March 21:
Report Cards Go Home

Tuesday, March 22:
5:00-8:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, March 23:
4:00-6:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday, March 24:
9:30 - Choir to Kiwanis Festival

No School Days:

- Friday, March 11
- Friday, March 25
- Monday, March 28

Looking Ahead:
Spring Break - April 18 to April 22, 2016 inclusive





Board Chair Message

Assessing our impact on student success

Greetings from the Chinook's Edge Board of Education! This month's newsletter theme of 'Assessment' provides the perfect opportunity for our Board to share our pride for the great accomplishments of our students.

We measure student success in a number of ways in Chinook's Edge. This includes test scores, of course, but it also includes information about whether our students are reading at grade level, if they feel safe at school, and if they feel ready to continue striving toward their goals af-

ter graduation. From the increasing number of students attaining acceptable standards on Provincial Achievement Tests to the rising number who achieve Excellence on Diploma Exams, Chinook's Edge is seeing a notable upward momentum and is above provincial average in many measures. Our three-year high school completion rates remain well above provincial average at 81 percent, and there is significant improvement in the number of our graduates who transition to post-secondary learning.

Our Accountability Pillar Report from Alberta Education reflects the efforts and priori-

ties across our entire division, and the Board is equally proud of the continued measure of excellence throughout all safe and caring measures on the Report. We truly believe that relationships matter across all levels in Chinook's Edge. We know that the strength in these relationships leads to success for every student – and for everyone who works alongside them each day in our school communities.

Colleen Butler, Chair
Chinook's Edge Board of
Education



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Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report cards go home Monday, March 21 and Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. Begin calling on Monday, March 14 (after 9:00 a.m.) to book your appointment.



Kindergarten Registrations

Please remember that registrations for the 2016-2017 school year are ongoing. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2016, we would appreciate your early registration in order for us to plan our classroom allocations. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Where Students Come First!

Ross Ford Website

We endeavor to keep our website current and up-to-date so please check it frequently for answers to those questions you might have regarding dates, times, events etc. that are taking place here at the school.

www.rossford.ca





Around the School

Kindness

Our Kindness definition:

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others.

At our Assembly on March 15 we will introduce Kindness with songs. Also, during buddy time in March, we will be introducing and reviewing signs of kindness.

Signs of Kindness:

What kind people say

Are you alright?

Let's clean our room.

May I help you?

Want to join our game?

You go first.

What kind people do

Stick up for others.

Offer to help clean the room.

Show concern for others.

Think of others' needs.

Do things that make others happy.



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Rural Busing

Students who are looking to ride on a school bus other than their own need to have a note from their parents that would be given to the bus driver. The bus drivers need to have something written that gives them authority to allow the student on the bus. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Science Fair

Three of our students have been chosen to display their projects at the Mountain View Science and Technology Fair being held in Olds on Saturday, February 27.

Good luck to: David F. and Dane N. (Do electronics interfere with your brain?) and Layla J. (Natures' filter).



Important Dates!

March 22 and 23:

Usborne Books

Plan on some extra time during Parent/Teacher Interviews to browse the selection of books on display.

Thursday, June 2:

Cowabunga

Please mark this important fundraising date on your calendar!

Principal's Message

As classrooms move from February into March, the school tends to get a little busier - especially as we get closer to the day report cards go home. Now I can assure you, your child's classroom teacher knows your child as a learner very well and makes plans daily to meet their needs.

That said, the day-to-day work we normally do shifts a little as

we will take the time to do a double check. These checks make sure, at this moment in time, we know exactly how your child is doing compared to the Alberta curriculum. As well, our teachers work exceptionally hard to ensure that your child's indicator (M, MS, E, or Ed) in one classroom would be the same in any of the other grade's classrooms.

We are very careful about our assessments, whether they are for day-to-day work or for these double checks at this time of the year. When you see the report cards later this month, you can be confident in the hard and careful work done by your child and their teacher to get it there.

