

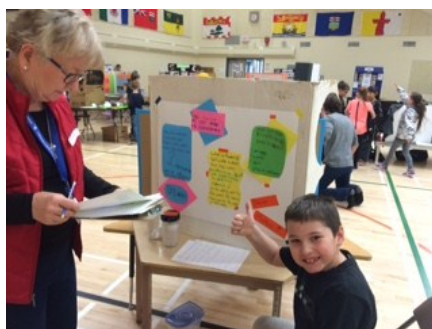


# Tales & Tidbits

Ross Ford Elementary School

## Science and Education Fair

We had a very successful Science and Education Fair on February 9th with nearly 100 participants sharing their knowledge, collections, and experimental findings!



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## Dates to Remember:

### Thursday, March 2:

11:00 - Grade 3 Dress Rehearsal  
7:00 - Grade 3 Concert

### Monday, March 6:

Grade 4's celebrate First Nations Day

### Monday, March 13:

9:00 - Begin booking Parent/Teacher Interviews

### Friday, March 17:

Green & Gold Dress Up Day  
9:30 - Choir performs at Kiwanis Festival (Bus leaves school @ 8:55)

### Monday, March 20 :

Report Cards Go Home

### Tuesday, March 21:

5:00-8:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

### Wednesday, March 22:

4:00-6:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

### Tuesday, March 27:

8:45 - Kindness Assembly

### Wednesday, March 29:

8:45 - PAC Meeting



### No School Days:

- Thursday, March 9
- Friday, March 10
- Friday, March 24

### Looking Ahead:

Good Friday - April 14  
Spring Break - April 17 -21

# Superintendent's Message

## Assessment results show upward momentum in student success A Message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we measure student success in a number of ways, well beyond the important assessments that test scores provide. We look at whether our students are reading at grade level, if they feel safe at school, and if they feel equipped to continue striving toward their goals after graduation. Our most recent Accountability Pillar results from

Alberta Education show a steady upward trend in many of these areas, and reflect the priorities in schools across our division where our staff focus their efforts on creating success for every student.

We are proud of our continued excellence in safe and caring measures, because we know that ensuring a safe and caring culture is the foundation for all other success. We also know that strong literacy skills are key to all

learning, and Chinook's Edge is focused on literacy as a clear priority which is embedded in all subjects across all grades. We have created strategies to continue enhancing student achievement in academic excellence, career connections and social emotional learning outcomes, so that our students are prepared to continue achieving success throughout their lives.



**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent

## Around the School

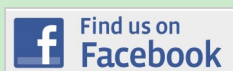
### Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report cards go home Monday, March 20 and Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. Begin calling on Monday, March 13 (after 9:00 a.m.) to book your appointment.

### FAQs

Our website and Facebook page are great resources for any questions parents have about the goings-on at our school.

Check out [www.rossford.ca](http://www.rossford.ca), or find us on Facebook by searching @rossfordschool. Let's stay connected!



### Medications at school



If your child requires medication to be administered during school hours, a form will need to be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian at the office. Medications can be kept in the office for safe-keeping.



## Kindergarten Registrations

Please remember that registrations for the 2017-2018 school year are ongoing. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2017, we would appreciate your early registration in order for us to plan our classroom allocations.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

# 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 27th 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.

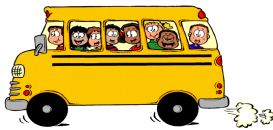
Show concern for others.

Think of others' needs.

Do things that make others happy.

# Around the School

## 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.

## School Fees

Fee statement reminders were sent home last month. Thank you to families who have brought their school fees up to date. As of February 28th, 72% of our fees have been paid, 95% of which were paid online!

Please see the link on our website or go to [www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/) to pay your fees online.

If arrangements need to be made or assistance is required, please contact Mr. Runnett.



## Dress for the weather

Please help your child be prepared for our ever-changing Alberta weather by making sure they have appropriate clothing for outdoor recess. An extra pair of mittens and socks would be most welcome on many days!



# Principal's Message

A quick walk through the building these days will remind you that teachers are getting ready for writing report cards. Now, please, we assess student work and performance all the time - sometimes while students are working on something we will decide to shorten the work, enhance the challenge of the work, etc... We will use those day-to-




day assessments to make decisions about what we are going to teach the students tomorrow.

But what you see these days is the teachers are checking and double checking student performance. Teachers are assessing what and where students should be for their grade level at this time of the year. Those comparisons are based on experience,

curriculum documents and a great deal of collaborative work between the teachers at that grade level.

All of this work is being done now to make sure the data we give parents on the report card is both accurate and timely.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Runnett". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Grade 4 Classes celebrate First Nations Day Day 1			School Planning Day No Student Attendance	No Student Attendance	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	9:00 - Begin Booking Parent/Teacher Interviews Day 4			Fun Lunch - Chicken-Bacon Ranch Wrap Day 2	Green & Gold Dress Up Day Choir to attend Olds Kiwanis Festival Day 3	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Report Cards Go Home  Day 4	5-8:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews Day 5	4-6:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews Day 1	Fun Lunch - DQ Burger Day 2	No Student Attendance	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	8:45 - Kindness Assembly		8:45am - PAC Meeting 8:00 pm - April Fun Lunch Order deadline	Fun Lunch - Hot Dog Day 1	Day 2	

Don't Forget!  
Chocolate and White Milk are sold every day at the student concession.

