



Tales & Tidbits

Ross Ford Elementary School

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Cow-A-Bunga's New Look!

Mark your calendars...

Thursday, June 2, 2016

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We have been fundraising for several years to add accessible playground equipment to our facility. We now have enough money and have applied to get the matching grant to purchase and build the new playground.

Note: This may take some time so, in the meantime, we are going to purchase a piece of the equipment and begin construction. We will be looking for vol-

unteers to help with the installation.

In light of this, Ross Ford Elementary School will still be hosting its annual Cow-A-Bunga family dance and BBQ but with some changes this year. We will NOT be fundraising at this time. We know there are many fundraisers going on and, due to the economic times, we have decided to just have the dance and BBQ as a community social evening

without the raffles and donations.

We will still need parent volunteers to help sell tickets, cook and serve food and help with clean-up. Watch for more details coming home in May.

Please **mark this date** and bring your family and friends for a burger, hotdog and dancing.

Yee Ha!



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Dates to Remember



Monday, May 9:

8:45 - Fairness Assembly

Wednesday, May 11:

8:45 - PAC Meeting

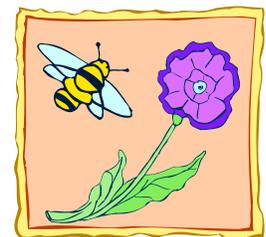
Looking Ahead:

Thursday, June 2 -

COW-A-BUNGA

"No School" Days:

- ◆ Friday, May 6
- ◆ Friday, May 20
- ◆ Monday, May 23



Superintendent's Message

Ensuring the highest levels of safety

Everyone in Chinook's Edge works extremely hard to maintain the high standards of safety that has allowed our division to achieve COR (Certificate of Recognition) status for the last four years. Chinook's Edge is one of a small handful of school divisions which has achieved COR status in Alberta, and we are recognized as a provincial leader in ensuring high expectations for safety in all of our schools and departments.



This diligent attention to safety is practiced in every classroom, at every building and on every school ground in our division. Our staff members maintain a strictly itemized safety protocol, and each step plays an important part of this overall priority in Chinook's Edge. We are pursuing optimum safety because we care about the people in our facilities – our students, staff, parents, volunteers and guests – and this priority ensures everyone

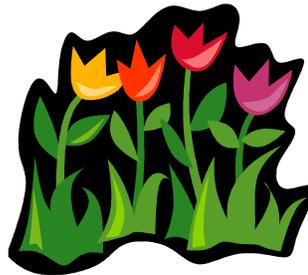
continues to thrive in our safe and caring schools.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



Around the School

Alien Inline



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Custom School Supplies

Ross Ford Elementary School Parent Council is excited to offer the opportunity to pre-purchase school supplies for the 2016-2017 school year.

You will be able to order your child's supplies online. Just go to www.CustomSchoolSupplies.ca, click on "order now" and put in the school code "DIDSBURY2016". Your school supplies will be deliv-

ered directly to the school, packaged and ready for your child when they arrive on the first day.

Please remember, **this is a voluntary program** but one that we are sure will be of value to you as it provides quality supplies specified by Ross Ford teachers and saves the trip to the store. It will also be one less thing to worry about over the summer and one less expense in

September.

The deadline to complete your order online without a late penalty fee is **Friday, May 27, 2016**.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-441-4125 or email:

office@customschoolsupplies.ca





Around the School

On May 9 we will be having our monthly assembly and the focus will be on FAIRNESS.

In our buddy time, during the month of May, we will be introducing and reviewing what FAIRNESS means with stories and quotes.

- ◆ Fairness means doing what is right to make sure others are not treated badly.
- ◆ Sometimes Fairness means equal, but Fairness does not always mean the same thing.



MORAL INTELLIGENCE BUILDER

Signs of a Strong Sense of Fairness to Share with Kids

There are many ways people display fairness, and the more aware that kids are of what those actions look and sound like, the more likely they are to incorporate those behaviors into their daily lives. Here are a few examples of fairness to discuss and role-play with your child:

<i>What Fair People Say</i>	<i>What Fair People Do</i>
"I chose the game, so you go first."	Stick up for others who are treated unfairly.
"Let's decide on the rules and shake on them."	Play by the rules and don't change them midstream.
"I want to hear both sides of the story first."	Keep an open mind and listen to all sides before judging.
"Let's find a way to make things fair."	Compromise so that everyone gets her fair share.
"Let's take turns: you go first."	Take turns and share.
"That's not fair. You're not treating him right."	Act fairly at all times, even when unsupervised by adults.
"That belongs to my brother, so we can't use it."	



Principal's Message

As we turn the corner after spring break and start to finalize our plans until the end of the year, it is a great time to highlight for you just how much safety plays into absolutely every decision we make here at the school.

Safety is the first lens we hold up to any decision we make - safety for students, adults and staff. For example, with our upcoming field trips, teachers will work ex-

ceptionally hard to make sure the activities our students will be doing on those days will be safe, educationally tied to work they have done in their classrooms and fun - in that order!

Please don't get me wrong, we just don't do that at this time of the year - it happens each and every day. With anywhere from 20 or more students in classes, all of our teachers and educational as-

sistants are making sure our students go home at the end of the day safe and sound. If the learning environment is safe, we also know the students will be able to accomplish more and learn more.

It may sound cliché, but it really is our number one job.