

Around the School



Ross Ford Elementary School

Tales & Tidbits

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Fun Lunch Program

Parent Advisory Council is excited to bring our school a scheduled FUN lunch every Thursday. Previously, hot dogs were sold every Thursday and they will still be offered every other Thursday with different meals being offered the other two weeks. We have learned from the past that different lunch options are exciting for students, staff and parents!

- ◇ Hot dog tickets **will not be sold** any more! Use your existing hot dog tickets as payment for the hot dog days, until they are used up, by attaching them to the order form.
- ◇ Milk will continue to be

sold as it is now for days other than the Fun Lunch Thursdays. Note: As the price for milk has not changed in several years, we are raising it to \$1.00 These tickets can be attached to the form as payment for milk, as well.

- ◇ If your child pays for a meal but misses school the day it is served, their lunch will be saved in the school fridge for up to 2 days.
- ◇ Please complete the form accurately each month. Also, please include exact change or a cheque (per student) for the exact amount. **Remember,**

each meal is optional and there is no obligation to participate.

Volunteers Needed

Parent/family volunteers would be appreciated to help facilitate these lunches. The PAC can always use help to collect the orders, verify and distribute the lunches to classrooms and assemble some meals. Please contact tammybe-dard@xplornet.com if you can help in any way.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience with our new initiative.

- Your PAC Fun Lunch Team



Around the School

Thursday, November 5:

9:30 - Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday, November 16:

9:00 - Begin booking Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday, November 20:

Photo Retakes (a.m. only)



Monday, November 23:

- Begin bringing White Elephant items
- Report Cards Go Home

Tuesday, November 24:

8:45 - *Self-Control* Assembly

Wednesday, November 25:

8:45 - PAC meeting
5-8:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday, November 26:

4-6:00 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

"No School Days":

- Friday, November 6
- Monday, November 9
- Tuesday, November 10
- Wednesday, November 11
- Friday, November 27

Looking Ahead:

Friday, December 4:

White Elephant Sale



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Superintendent's Message

Achieving success in

Chinook's Edge

We are very purposeful and relentless when it comes to ensuring student success, and our division's achievements reflect the hard work and clear priorities of our entire team. Our staff are collaborating in a variety of ways to enhance the experience of every student in each of our classrooms, and the results from the most recent Accountability Pillar results show several positive upward trends.

Chinook's Edge continues to be proud of our excellent high school completion rates which, at 81 percent, are well above provincial average. We are putting a great deal of work into supporting aca-

ademic success and are pleased with the strong results reflected in our Accountability Pillar Report. We have seen an increase in the number of students achieving Excellence in Diploma Exams, and are above provincial average on the acceptable standard on Provincial Achievement Test results. Our priority is to ensure interventions, structures and processes are in place to support each and every student along their learning path. This is resulting in a high level of satisfaction for school improvement and the quality of education. As always, we are thrilled by the high results we continually receive for the safe and caring culture in our schools, because we strongly believe this is the foundation for all other

successes in our division.

We are discussing the Accountability Pillar results with our staff, analyzing the data and working together to focus on key goals for continued improvement. Chinook's Edge is a division of hard-working students, skilled staff, devoted parents and supportive communities. Together, we are a force in support of our mission to help our students achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

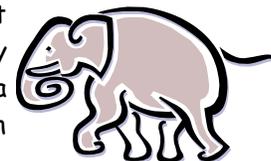
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Superintendent of Schools



White Elephant Sale

On December 4, Ross Ford Elementary School will once again have its White Elephant Sale. This is an important fund-raiser for the Christmas Helpers Program. All money raised from the sale is donated to help children and their families in Didsbury have a nicer Christmas. We will need a great number of parent volunteers to help out with sorting and marking. More information will come home mid-November. Watch for it!



Around the School

Remembrance Day Assembly

Join us on Thursday, November 5 at 9:30 for our Remembrance Day Assembly. Veterans from our community will be joining us.

Everyone is welcome!



Terry Fox Donations

Thank you to those who donated to our annual Terry Fox campaign. This year, students, staff and community members collected \$365.00 to contribute to this very worthy cause.

Well done!



Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to Olds Walmart for their very generous donation of school supplies. It felt like Christmas here at Ross Ford!



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School Fee Invoices

School Fee Invoices were sent home September 17. Payment is due, or arrangements made, by November 30, 2015. Please contact the school office at 335-3234 if you did not receive your invoice or to make payment arrangements. Please refer to the notices that have already been sent home for information and instruction regarding online payments.



After Picture Day Information

- Your completed order must be returned to the school by the **"IMPORTANT ORDER DUE DATE"** stamped in red on the order portion of the form.
- Mail late orders directly to Lifetouch Canada Inc. or call to place the order by phone
- If you require a retake, check the box on the order form, sign it and have your child **return it to the photographer on retake day**, November 20.
- Inquiries are to be directed to 1-866-457-8212.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews happen the last week of November. Beginning November 16th, **call the school** (after 9:00 a.m.) to arrange your 15-minute meeting on either November 25th or November 26th. Teachers will be in their rooms and a bell will ring every 15 minutes to signal the exchange between interviews. Please be on time and ready at your child's classroom to avoid missing your interview. We look forward to meeting with you.



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Lost and Found

We accumulate a lot of clothing every year! Writing your child's name, or even initials, on clothing is very helpful! Also, please remember we share a playground with Westglen School so any items left outside may end



up in their building.

Ross Ford has bins at the Kindergarten doors and adjacent to the office. Please check them the next time you are in the building.



Demographic Update Forms

If you have not already done so, please return these forms as soon as possible. Thank you to those who were so prompt in getting them in. We must have correct information in order to contact you should the need arise.

Principal's Message

November, as report cards will be sent home later this month, is a natural time for us to reflect on student achievement. But, you need to know, this is not the only time of the year our teachers are working hard to keep a handle on your child's growth.

At the beginning of the school year, our teachers communicate closely with last year's teacher to know their students on the way into the classroom. They will spend time and work hard to as-

sess your child in a number of ways in order to plan effectively before this report card period. Within these next few weeks, they will again double check to see how that instruction and learning have been going.

As well, grade team teachers have been working together to make sure, regardless of whose classroom your child is in, a mark on the report card will be consistent between the classrooms.

And finally, the teachers will be letting you know on the report card the natural "next steps" for your child's learning. In this example, achievement is not just a moment in time - it really is very fluid throughout the term and the school year.



Self-Control

During buddy time in November we will be introducing some self-control quotes. At our self-control assembly on November 24, we will review what we have been learning.

Quotes:

"I am responsible and accountable for my behaviour."

"I have the responsibility to act in an appropriate manner at school."

"I have choices in how I choose to behave."

"I can stay calm and control my anger."

"I can apologize for an inappropriate behaviour."

"Anger is just one letter short of danger."

One strategy we talk about at school for staying calm is: $1 + 3 + 10 = \text{calm}$

1. Tell yourself: "Be calm!"
3. Slowly take 3 deep breaths.
10. Count slowly to 10.

I can act responsibly by staying calm.



MORAL INTELLIGENCE BUILDER
Signs of Strong Self-Control to Share with Kids

There are many ways people display self-control, 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 self-control to discuss and role-play with your child:

<i>What People with Self-Control Say</i>	<i>What People with Self-Control Do</i>
"I need to calm down. I feel angry."	Take three deep breaths when they feel stressed.
"I'll save my money instead of buying that toy."	Wait patiently in line without pushing or cutting.
"I'll raise my hand before talking."	Say no to urges that they know are bad choices.
"I understand the rule, so I won't break it."	Don't lose control when angry or upset.
"The cake looks so good, but it's almost dinner."	Behave well even when no one is watching.
"I'd really like to go with you, but I have to study."	Start working without procrastinating.
"I have to do my homework, so I'll watch TV later."	Plan what they will do and follow through.