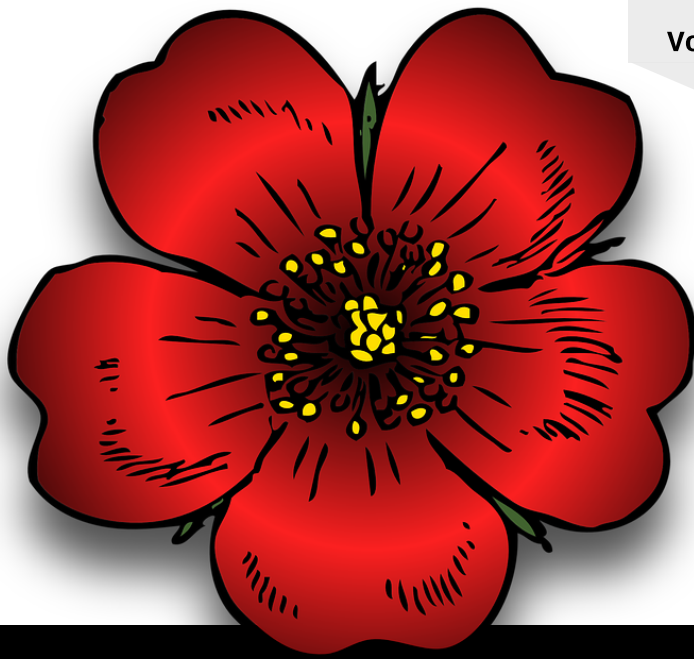


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# Tales & TIDBITS

ROSS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## GRADE 1 FIRE TRUCK VISIT



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Thursday, November 18th:

Free Prairie Whistle Lunch (K1 - 17th)

### Friday, November 19th:

Jersey Day

### November 22 to December 5:

Virtual Book Fair

### Monday, November 22:

Report Cards Go Home

### Tuesday, November 23:

3:30-6:30 - Virtual P/T Interviews

### Wednesday, November 24:

3:30-5:30 - Virtual P/T Interviews

### "No School" Days:

-Thursday, November 11

-Remembrance Day

-Friday, November 12

-Friday, November 26

### Kindergarten Fridays:

November 5 - K2 (T/Th)

November 19 - K1 (M/W)

### Looking Ahead:

-Friday, December 10

- No School

-December 20-December 31

-Christmas Break

# Superintendent's Message



**Working together to ensure our students achieve**  
A Message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we are deeply committed to ensuring that all of our students achieve success. We are very much aware of the disruptions your child may have faced over portions of the past three school years. As a result, we need to focus on the social emotional well-being for students and staff now more than ever. In light of this, we currently have hundreds of Educational Assistants, Teachers, Administrators and a variety of other staff receiving additional training and support through what we are calling our SEW (Social Emotional Well-being)

Certification Series. We are also working on a SEW curriculum for our high school students.

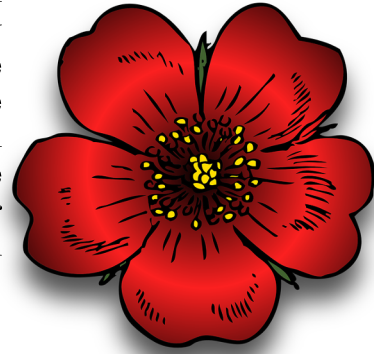
In addition to these SEW efforts, our staff are working very hard to assess any learning gaps and to provide appropriate support for students as we move forward. Our staff are continuing to provide high quality learning environments to ensure that your child is successful in their learning. Our staff are also making great progress with processes like our Collaborative Response Model, where teams of staff come together to share their best thinking so they can help any student who might be struggling academically or

in a social emotional area.

We are all working hard for our students so that we can face our new reality of a quickly changing world with the strength and hope that is needed for the future.

In closing, please join me in congratulating our newly elected and reconfirmed Board of Trustees. I truly believe they have become trustees because they share a deep passion to help and support your children. I have provided you with their latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

**Kurt Sacher,**  
Superintendent of Schools

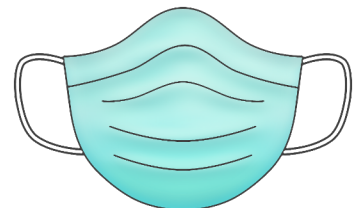


## Remembrance Day

This year we will be recognizing Remembrance Day with a video presentation that is being put together by our grade 4 classes with the help of Mrs. Wilks. Each classroom will present the video during class time on November 10th. With restrictions still in place for assemblies and gatherings we believe we have found a solution that still allows us to recognize this very important day.

## Reminder for Grade 4:

As per Alberta Health Covid 19 Protocols, all students Grade 4 and up must wear a mask in school. We appreciate families who are providing masks for their students as we seem to be going through an increasingly large amount of disposable masks on a daily basis. There also seems to be a lot of these masks being left outside in the school yard. Let's also remind our kids that disposable masks need to be properly disposed of. Thank you!



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## A Message from our Principal



For the past 20 months, I don't need to tell you, we have been shifting, pivoting, and flexing - all to make sure your child continues to achieve. Along the way, we have been assessing, double checking and encouraging next steps with your child's learning - sometimes here at school and sometimes using Google Classroom.

Later in November, we will be sending home your child's report card,

communicating where your child is currently at (in comparison to their graded curriculum) and talking about our plan for your child's next steps with their learning. I very much encourage you to continue to pay attention to that report card, meet with your child's teacher during interview times and help us continue to move your child's learning forward.

In spite of a world of distractions, our teachers

have worked so hard to make sure students are learning the important "big rock" items of their curriculum.

In comparison to any other time in our work with children, I am as confident as ever that your child's teacher knows what your child is learning and what we plan on doing next will be the right thing for them.

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### School Fee Invoices

School Fee Invoices were emailed out in October. Payment is due by November 30, 2020. Please contact the school office at 335-3234 if you have any questions or to make payment arrangements if necessary.

Parents are encouraged to pay student fees online. The link to online payments can now be found under Student Fees and Forms in PowerSchool.

### Inclement Weather

It's getting to be the time of year when the temperatures are dropping and the weather might get tricky. We need to remind families about inclement weather days. Please become familiar with our Inclement Weather procedures on our web page.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be virtual again this year. We will be providing you with a link and instructions to sign up for a Google Meet or phone conference on either November 23rd or November 24th.
















We look forward to meeting with you!

### Reminder to Parents:

As we have students in the building with anaphylactic nut and peanut allergies, we ask parents for their cooperation and request you do not send products or foods that may contain nuts or peanuts in your child's lunch or snacks. The risk to our students is critical and, therefore, we ask for all students to observe this precaution.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>1</div> <div>Free Lunch forms go home</div> <div>Day 4</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Day 5</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Day 1</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Day 2</div> 	<div>5</div> <div>K2 T/Th</div> <div>Free Lunch forms due</div> <div>Day 3</div>	<div>6</div> 
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<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Begin Booking Parent/Teacher Interviews</div> <div>Day 2</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Day 3</div>	<div>17</div> <div>K1 Free Prairie Whistle Lunch</div> <div>Day 4</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Free Prairie Whistle Lunch</div> <div>Day 5</div>	<div>19</div>  <div>K1 M/W</div> <div>Jersey Day</div> <div>Day 1</div>	<div>20</div>
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Scholastic Book Fairs - Virtual Book Fair  
November 22 to December 3

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# Inclement Weather Day

Key priorities when winter weather hits Chinook's Edge



## Be Safe - see more details [at this link](#)

- No matter the season, be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and don't let them walk if the weather is not safe.
- Watch [this video](#) for pointers on dressing children safely before they head outdoors!
- Don't drive and/or don't let your children drive if the roads are not safe.
- Be familiar with the Chinook's Edge Inclement Weather approach to safety and know what the terms **Yellow Day** and **Red Day** mean:
  - **Yellow** - Buses are not running in part or all of the division, but schools are open and learning is moving forward.
  - **Red** - Red Days are rare, but Red Days mean schools are closed in part or all of the division.

## Be Aware of how Inclement Weather Days will affect your family

- Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) makes a final decision before 6:00 a.m. on the Inclement Weather Day (decisions may be made the evening prior in rare, extreme weather cases). This notification will be sent through School Messenger to parents whose families will be impacted (ie. the Inclement Weather situation may only involve one community).
- An Inclement Weather admin procedure guides these decisions, particularly as it pertains to the prime morning time between 7-9 a.m. (when students and staff are driving or walking) It can be read [at this link](#)
- Notification will be posted immediately through the Bus Status App to any affected bus routes, and the Transportation Department will communicate directly with bus drivers and any impacted bus families regarding bus routes.
- Notification is emailed to all staff and is posted to the division website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Area media outlets are notified.

## Be ready to learn

- Although it will look different at elementary schools than it does at high schools, learning will continue during Inclement Weather Days:
  - Yellow Days - Students who aren't able to attend class will access Google Classroom for information to help them learn what is covered in class. Students will have opportunities to catch up when they return to school.
    - Attendance - It is important that parents of rural bus students notify the school if their child will be absent. Some parents may choose to drive their child when their bus isn't running, while some will choose to keep their child at home. Schools cannot make assumptions when safety is at stake.
    - All other students with safe transportation are expected to attend.
  - Red Days - When schools are closed, students will access their learning through Google Classroom:
    - Day 1 teachers will communicate the day's learning plan with students, respecting the fact that many families may not be able to provide necessary technology or support for their children.
    - Day 2 and all subsequent Red Days will involve instruction delivered via Google Meet and/or Google Classroom.

Visit our [Inclement Weather website](#) for details and updates



***Ross Ford will be holding another Scholastic Virtual Book Fair this year!  
The fair will open November 22 and run through till midnight on December 3rd.***

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163062>

Before the Fair begins, you can visit the link to:

**SAVE** it to your browser  
**WATCH** videos of popular new titles  
**PREVIEW** our Featured Books

**PLEASE NOTE:** Scholastic will NOT be shipping purchases directly to customers this year.  
Instead all purchases will be shipped to the school.

An order number will be required for pick up by either the student or parent. This order number can be found in the Confirmation Email received after placing your order.