



Tales & TIDBITS

ROSS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

for the 2022-2023 School Year are now being
accepted ONLINE for students who will be
5 years old

by December 31st, 2022



Ross Ford is now accepting registrations online for the next Kindergarten year, and we look forward to welcoming Kindergarten students into our safe and caring school community. A link to registration is on our website,

www.rossford.ca. A birth certificate will be required for registration.

Call us at 403-335-3234 for more information. We look forward to welcoming your child to Ross Ford!

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Nutrition Grant

Recently, the school received a Nutrition Grant from the Province to provide extra food for all students. Classrooms have a basket of extra snacks (apple sauce, yogurt, cheese strings, goldfish, granola bars etc) in their room. If you'd prefer your child to eat only what you provide and not have extra, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 14:

Valentine's Dress up Day -
Wear red and white

Wednesday, February 16:

K1 Free Pizza Lunch

Thursday, February 17:

Free Pizza lunch

Friday, February 18:

RF's Pink Shirt Day

Kindergarten Fridays:

K1 - Friday, Feb. 4

K2 - Friday, Feb. 18

No School Days:

-Friday, February 5

·February 21-25

(Winter Break)



A Message from the Board of Education



Sharing our values each day

In Chinook's Edge we are proud of our mission and vision statements, which continue to guide our every effort. This year more than ever, teachers and school staff have relied upon these words that guide our relationships, inform our work together, and impact the potential of each student. We all place a high value on relationships in Chinook's Edge and, although we have been challenged to maintain our usual high level of connectedness, we see many examples of our strength as a connected team of staff, students and families.

With respect to parents, we are proud of a number of ways we are connecting in a meaningful way:

·Despite restrictions in our

buildings, many of our schools are seeing strong participation in virtual School Council meetings.

·Schools are also reporting a positive response to the new Parent Teacher Interview module provided through our new websites.

·Grade 5-12 students and parents are accessing PowerSchool to see continual updates of student progress.

·Our bus families are using a new app that allows our Transportation Team to communicate in real time each day – which is particularly vital during a cold season where every minute counts if you are waiting outside on a rural road.

·Collaborating with our Parents Matter Committee continues to provide a meaningful exchange

of ideas.

Being connected to our parents and to one another is key to our success in many ways. It has never been more important for us to remain understanding of each other, as we continue reaching towards the aspirations contained within our mission and vision statements so that all students can achieve success.

We would love to hear your thoughts through this month's [parent survey](#) – what word or phrase describes what you value most about your child's school?

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

For Trustee updates and to read the latest Board eNews, please [click here](#).

Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Vision:

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

Around the School

Thank you Ember Resources and FCC!

Special thanks to Ember Resources and Farm Credit Canada for their generous donations towards our Food for Kids program. We will be using a portion of these funds to buy all of the kids a pizza lunch on February 17th (February 16th for our Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten class).

Thank you!

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From the Library

In order to prevent damage and loss, we recommend that school library books be kept in a designated spot out of reach of pets and small children, and that they be placed in a plastic bag before going into backpacks. We also recommend storing liquids and food separately from books in backpacks.

VALUES

A Message from our Principal

Often, when we're trying to problem solve or plan something moving forward, the answers might not be as clear as we would like them to be. Honestly, in those moments where Division Policy or Procedures are silent, we reflect on our school motto (penned by Mrs. Everett-Powell a few years ago): **We belong. We learn. We grow.**

We have used these values to guide us with programming decisions with students, with our

hiring of staff, and with our goal of continuous learning and school improvement. First and foremost, we know everyone does better when they feel they have a place here at the school. When someone cares about them (another student, a support staff member, teacher or administrator) we know through experience that students will try harder, take risks and achieve more. We are also well aware that our primary role here is to create the conditions where students










and staff can learn. I can also assure you, we keep track of our growth - often working hard to understand when we've made gains and, if necessary, tweaking the plan to make sure we continue to make gains.

As we turn the corner into February, we know we've just finished a busy month and we also know the students have grown a great deal.



MISSION IMPOSSIBLE



Sun	 Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 	Sat
		1  Day 4	2 Free Pizza Lunch forms go home Day 5 	3 Day 1	4 K1 - M/W Day 2	5
6	7 Pizza Forms due Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 1	11 No School	12
13	14  Wear Red and White Grade 4 Fun Swims: 4.1 - 9-10am 4.2 10-11 am Day 2 	15 Grade 4 Fun Swim: 3/4 Split - 10-11am Day 3	16 K1 Free Pizza Lunch Day 4	17 Free Pizza Lunch Day 5	18 K2 - T/Th Ross Ford's PINK SHIRT DAY Day 1 	19
20	21 WINTER BREAK Family Day 	22 WINTER BREAK	23 WINTER BREAK 	24 WINTER BREAK Teacher's Convention	25 WINTER BREAK	26
27	28 Day 2	