

# Poplar Ridge Elementary School



## June 21, 2021 Newsletter



### Principal's Message

#### Staffing Announcements

We have had yet another very busy spring, with changes to our staff and planning for next year. As you know, Mr. Pickering is joining our team as the new Vice Principal starting in August. We are also saying so long to Mrs. Hunt-Voice and Mrs. Chu, who have had their requests for a leave of absence approved for the upcoming school year. Although we will miss them and all that they contribute to our team, we wish them well. As result of Mrs. Chu's leave, I am excited to announce that Mrs. Erin Haspect will be filling her role in grade 5. Mrs. Haspect has been a valued member of our school for years as a substitute teacher and is very happy to join our team. On the third page of this newsletter, you can see staffing assignments and class configurations for the 2021/2022 school year.

#### Dates to Remember – Mark your Calendar

Final 2020/2021 newsletter—Jun 21  
Last Day of School: noon dismissal—Jun 29  
First Day of School 2021/2022—Sept 1

#### Grade 5 & 6 Report Cards

If you want a printed report card as a keepsake for your child, you will need to print them off prior to July 15 through your parent portal account. After that date, they will be unavailable. If you've forgotten how to login to your account, you will need to contact the office prior to the end of the school year.



#### Farewell to our Grade Six Students

As our year draws to a close, so does our time with our grade six students. I am so very proud of this group of young women and men. They have faced two years of incredible adversity with courage and a growth mindset. They have found ways to be leaders in our school while AHS guidelines have restricted their opportunities. They have demonstrated perseverance and resilience while pivoting from online to in person learning. Most importantly, they have chosen to find happiness and joy in an uncertain world. They have much to be proud of and to look forward to. I wish them all the best in their future and remind them that they have left an indelible mark on our school and in our hearts!

GRADE 6

#### Thank you

It has been another year packed with challenges and uncertainties for our school community. Although we have had to shift learning platforms on a dime a number of times, change the way we work and learn, and become accustomed to many new "health and safety normals" this year, we have all done so with great resilience and success. I want to thank all of our families, our staff and especially our students for your patience, flexibility, teamwork and sense of humor as we have navigated this crazy year.



I hope you all take the summer to rest, recoup, regroup and have fun! You all deserve it.

See you on September 1!

Carolynne Muncer



## Welcome to our Team



Hello everyone! My name is Erin Haspect and I am thrilled to be joining the Poplar Ridge team this fall. I will be joining the grade 5 teaching team and I look forward to meeting and connecting with all of you. I have been teaching for quite a few years now and doing a lot of subbing mostly through Chinook's Edge School Division. Many of you have probably seen me at Poplar Ridge here, there and everywhere over the years! I can't wait to start the new year off in grade 5 and help our students grow and thrive throughout the year.

# Thank You and Goodbye.....

Dear Poplar Ridge,

The countdown to summer is on! I want to say thank you to the Poplar Ridge School Community for welcoming and supporting me over the last three years as the grade 1 and grade 1/2 teacher. After 22 years of teaching, I am excited to be taking a leave to spend some time at home with my family. I am so thankful for the relationships I have built with my colleagues and my students and their families while I was here. I am leaving with countless memories and new friendships that I will always cherish.

Have a wonderful summer and stay healthy everyone!

Love,  
Mrs. Hunt-Voice



I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude to all of the students I have taught over the 10+ years I have been at Poplar Ridge School. It has been my absolute pleasure to be a part of such an amazing school staff too. Poplar Ridge has such a kind, caring atmosphere with a beautiful community of parents. I will miss each and every one of you. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your children's lives. I will take with me so many memories and stories that I have accumulated over these years of teaching here. I am not sure where the path will take me next, but I am excited to continue my journey, taking all of the valuable lessons I have learned with me.



Thank you and have a wonderful summer.

Mrs Chu

## Poplar Ridge School Grade 6 2020/2021



We say goodbye to the following families with their youngest child moving to grade 7. Thanks to those that volunteered in the school over the years and best wishes in the future.

The Fahrenschoon Family  
The Giesbrecht Family  
The Ingenhaag Family  
The McMurray Family

The Nice Family  
The Ohanjanians Family  
The Potorti Family  
The Potter Family





# 2021/2022 School Year

## Class Configuration and Staffing

As a staff, we have spent a great deal of time working on the configuration of our classes for next year, using the staffing allotment provided by our division. Our staffing allotment is based on next year's enrolment number. Below is our configuration for the upcoming school year.

As always, teachers have put a great deal of thought into where students are placed, balancing needs, personalities and peer friendships. They also do a fantastic job of transitioning students who need extra consideration to the next teacher. As such, we do not take requests for class placement. As enrolments change over the summer, there is a possibility that our current configurations could change in the fall.

Principal / Learner Support / PE / Alternative Learning—Ms. Carolynne Muncer

Vice Principal / Grade 5—Mr. Darren Pickering

Administration Support – Miss Michelle Salomons

Kindergarten / Learner Support / Alternative Learning – Mrs. Alissa Lidgren

Grade 1 & 2 / Music —Mrs. Jennifer Warder

Grade 2 – Ms. Karlan Galenza

Grade 3 – Mrs. Shari Klumpenhower

Grade 4 – Miss Janine Reed

Grade 5 – Mr. Darren Pickering & Mrs. Erin Haspect

Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricki-Ann Sargent

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Debbie Czainski, Ms. Kristie Duarto,

Mrs. Elorah Radford, Mrs. Darlene Wells, Mrs. Karen Unterschultz

Family School Wellness—Mrs. Melissa Frank-Douglas

Librarian – Ms. Adele Ethier

Custodian – Ms. Carolyn Andrews

TEACHERS  
encourage,  
minds to Think  
hands to Create  
& Hearts  
to love



## 2021/2022 School Supply Lists

Paper copies have been sent home with the last year's final report .

Lists are also be posted on the website by grade.

**Deadline to order online is Aug 1/21**

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to [www.write-on.ca](http://www.write-on.ca)
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Poplar Ridge Elementary School
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- They accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.



Welcome to  
**Kindergarten!**

2021/2022 Kindergarten information  
has been posted to our website.



# Chinook's Edge School Division No 73

## 2021-2022 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar - Poplar Ridge School

| AUGUST 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 8           | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15          | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22          | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29          | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

Aug 27 Focused PD Day  
 Aug 30/31 School Organizational Days

| FEBRUARY 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27            | 28 |    |    |    |    |    |

Feb 4 Kindergarten Friday  
 Feb 11 Collaborative Day - No School  
 Feb 21 Family Day  
 Feb 21-25 Winter Break - No School  
 Feb 24-25 Teachers' Convention

| SEPTEMBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 5              | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12             | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19             | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26             | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

Sept 1 First Day of School (Grades 1 to 6)  
 Sept 2 Staggered Entry for Kindergarten  
 Sept 6 Labour Day - No School  
 Sept 7 First Full Day of Kindergarten  
 Sept 24 Focused PD Day - No School

| MARCH 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 6          | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13         | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20         | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27         | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

Mar 4 Non Instructional Day - No School  
 Mar 11 Kindergarten Friday  
 Mar 25 Non Instructional Day - No School

| OCTOBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 3            | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10           | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17           | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24           | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31           |    |    |    |    |    |    |

Oct 1 Kindergarten Friday  
 Oct 8 Non Instructional Day - No School  
 Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day  
 Oct 22 Collaborative Day - No School

| APRIL 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 10         | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17         | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24         | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Apr 1 Kindergarten Friday  
 Apr 15 Good Friday  
 Apr 18 Easter Monday  
 Apr 18-22 Spring Break - No School

| NOVEMBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28            | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

Nov 11 Remembrance Day - No School  
 Nov 11-12 Fall Break - No School  
 Nov 19 Kindergarten Friday  
 Nov 26 Collaborative Day - No School

| MAY 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 8        | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15       | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22       | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29       | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

May 6 Collaborative - No School  
 May 13 Kindergarten Friday  
 May 20 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day) No School  
 May 23 Victoria Day  
 May 27 Kindergarten Friday

| DECEMBER 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 12            | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19            | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26            | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

Dec 10 Non Instructional - No School  
 Dec 17 Kindergarten Friday  
 Dec 20-31 Christmas Break

| JUNE 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 5         | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12        | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19        | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26        | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

Jun 3 Non Instructional Day - No School  
 Jun 24 Kindergarten Friday  
 Jun 28 Students Last Day  
 Jun 29 School Organizational Day

| JANUARY 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 9            | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16           | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23           | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30           | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

Jan 3 Students Return  
 Jan 14 Collaborative Day - No School  
 Jan 21 Kindergarten Friday  
 Jan 31 School Organizational Day - No School

| LEGEND |  |
|--------|--|
|        | School Planning Day  |
|        | Focused P.D. Day   |
|        | Holiday  |
|        | Non-Instructional Day  |
|        | Kindergarten Friday  |
|        | Significant Start and End Dates  |
|        | Breaks   |
|        | Collaborative Days - No school for students. One Focused PD Day will be designated as the TPGP |

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