

# Poplar Ridge Elementary School



## September 10, 2021 Newsletter



### Principal's Message

We have had an excellent start to our year! Students have all settled back into the routine of learning and are enjoying the relaxation of masking and cohorting guidelines in school. All students are still required to wear masks on busses and all parents and visitors are still required to make appointments to come into the school and must wear a mask upon entry. As per AHS guidelines, we ask that you keep your child home if they are sick. We are still required to send students home who have Covid symptoms. This keeps all students and staff safe. Thank you for your continued support of all Covid protocols and procedures, particularly with drop off and pick up.

### Dates to Remember – Mark your Calendar

Gaga Ball Grand Opening—Sept 16 2:00 pm  
PTA Meeting —Sept 16 3:30pm  
Camp Evergreen (Gr 5 & 6) - Sept 17  
Terry Fox Run—Sept 21  
School Photos—Sept 23  
No School (Teacher PD Day)—Sept 24  
Orange Shirt Day—Sept 29  
No School (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation) - Sept 30  
Kindergarten Friday—Oct 1  
No School—Oct 8  
No School (Thanksgiving)—Oct 11  
No School - Oct 22

### **Field Trips**

At this time, we are permitted to take students on field trips! As per AHS guidelines, all students, staff and volunteers must wear masks while riding the bus. The first field trip out of the gate at PRS is our Grade 5 and 6 trip to Camp Evergreen on Friday September 17. A huge thank you to our School Council who have fully funded this trip for our students. This is just one of many ways you and our School Council support and provide learning opportunities for our students. We are so lucky and very grateful for all of your support!

### **Youth Empowerment & Support Program (YES)**

Like all other schools in CESD, our school will be offering wellness programming to all students through the YES Program. Supporting our school is Success Coach Lindsay Stanton. Below is her message to families. We will begin programming with our grade 1-3 students this term.

*Hello Poplar Ridge! I'm Miss Lindsay with the YES (Youth Empowerment & Support) Program. I am happy to have the opportunity to join the school this year! I will be starting universal programs, September 15th with grades 1-3. The programs will be My Dragon and Me for grade 1, Super Friends for grade 2, and Kids Have Stress Too for grade 3.*

The YES Program involves reading books, watching videos, fun activities, and discussion all in the classroom! We will talk about important topics such as how to learn from mistakes, show compassion towards ourselves and others, and how to identify stress and manage it in a healthy way.

Promoting positive mental health is my passion, and I'm glad to have the opportunity to share that in this community! I look forward to meeting everyone on Wednesday!

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**We'd like to welcome 16 new families to Poplar Ridge School.**

### Scientists in Schools- partnering with Vesta Energy

We have been very fortunate to have great community partners supporting our students at Poplar Ridge. This year, Vesta Energy is partnering with the Scientists in Schools organization to provide hands-on science lessons twice this year for every class in our school! Scientists will provide workshops for each grade using the Alberta curriculum and all the material they need to participate! This is such an amazing opportunity for our students to learn about science from those who work in the field. Teachers are booking their first workshop for November. We are grateful to Vesta Energy for reaching out to support our students and teachers with meaningful hands-on science learning!

As always, as a staff, we are prepared to respond to an ever changing landscape but are so excited to move through the year with a more normal new normal!! If you have any questions please give us a call

Carolynne Muncer

# PICTURE DAY!!

Poplar Ridge Elementary School

**Thursday, September 23**

All students are photographed against Green screen.

## IT'S ALL ONLINE NOW!

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### A Message from the Board of Trustees

After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very excited to welcome our students and staff back to school!

Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning, so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Holly Bilton, Chair**

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Please join us for the grand opening of our  
new gaga ball pits, basketball court and disc golf nets

**September 16 from 2:00 to 2:30 pm**



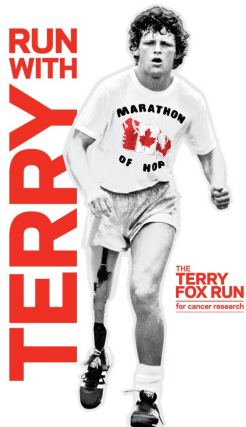
This is a great opportunity to thank Red Deer County and the  
Poplar Ridge PTA for their generous support



Tuesday & Thursday Hot Lunch  
More information will be coming soon!  
Watch your inbox



Thursday  
Sept 23



## Terry Fox Run - Tuesday September 21/21

This year we will organize our Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, September 21st in accordance with AHS guidelines. Students will be running together as a school outside. We will be having two assemblies in the gym to teach about Terry's legacy and how we support the Terry Fox Foundation by running in his memory and donating money to support cancer research. Unfortunately, parents and family cannot join us this year, but we appreciate your support of a Loonie or Toonie donation toward this worthy cause. We also hope you and your children can get out and run or walk together as a family at a local event.

### National Day of Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - Wednesday September 29/21

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Event held in Williams Lake in the spring of 2013. It grew out of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad's account of losing the shiny new orange shirt her granny gave her on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to teach about the legacy of residential schools and anti-racism education in all Canadian schools. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and community agencies to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come because 'every child matters'. Too add to the importance of reconciliation, September is now recognized as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. As we learn together about this day, we invite all students to join our staff in wearing an orange shirt on September 29. In CESD, there is no school on September 30 to honor the work of reconciliation.



EVERY CHILD MATTERS

ORANGE SHIRT DAY  
Wednesday, Sept 29th

### School Fees 2021/2022

#### Agenda - \$6.00

Agendas are used to communicate home and school happenings. They are a great communication tool for students to organize their daily, weekly, and monthly activities at school.



#### Kanga Pouch - \$10.50 (Optional)

Kanga Pouches are made out of a heavy duty material and are able to hold and protect library books, home reading books, agendas, and other important communication from the classroom teacher.



These items are payable online. [Click here to pay.](#) If you had purchased milk for the Spring 2020 term, you will have a credit on your account and payment will already be complete. If you are new to our school, you will need to set up your child's account. You can find their Alberta Student Number (ASN) in your [parent portal account](#) or you can contact the office and Miss Salomons will give it to you.

# DON'T FORGET

## Annual School Enrollment Updates

We still have a few parents with outstanding Demographic forms. These forms are very important to make sure all emergency contacts are correct, any pre-existing health concerns are documented and that we have your correct contact information. Please have them filled out prior to Sept 13 as Miss Salomons will start making phone calls for any outstanding forms after that.



## Call Safe:

If your child is going to be away or is sick, please call the school at 403-343-8821 to let us know. In addition, if your child will be late, please call the school office. If we do not hear from you, you will receive a call from the school to ensure your child is safe.

## Contact Hours

Chinook's Edge School Division has a policy called **Weekdays 'til 6**. This approach involves non-emergency emails and texts be sent after 6:00 am and prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, to honor the personal time of families and staff. This approach to wellness is making a difference and we thank you for your support.



## Poplar Ridge School is nut aware!

We have students in our school with severe allergies to **ALL NUTS** and **NUT PRODUCTS**. Please avoid sending all products for snacks and lunches. Thanks!

## NOTES

A great communication tool for our parents is your child's agenda. If you know that your child is being picked up and not riding the bus, writing it in the agenda. The safety of everyone is our priority and the school needs to be aware of such changes. If this is a last minute change, feel free to email or call

Miss Salomons and she will let your child and their teacher know.

One thing we do ask is that you also communicate with your bus driver. If your child isn't going to be on for either the morning or afternoon, please let them know. In some circumstances, not having a child on the bus can change pick up times drastically. Thanks

