

Poplar Ridge Elementary School



November 1, 2021 Newsletter



Principal's Message

Parent Teacher Interviews & First Term Report Cards

Parent Teachers Interviews were a huge success! Thank you to everyone who met with our teachers to celebrate your child's success and plan for future goals.

Reports cards will go home on December 1 for Kindergarten to grade 4. The grade 5 and 6 CESD Middle School Report Card is electronic. We sent home an information letter via School Messenger last week to grade 5 and 6 parents about how to access your child's gradebook and the electronic report card. If you have any questions after reading the info sheet and viewing the "how to video" please contact us. Your child will also be able to help you!



Dates to Remember – Mark your Calendar

School Picture Retakes—Nov 4
Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly—Nov 10
Fall Break (no School) - Nov 11 to 14
Virtual Book Fair—Nov 15 to 28
Kindergarten Friday—Nov 19
Collab Day (No school) - Nov 26
Virtual PTA Meeting—Nov 30 @ 7:00 pm
Report Cards go home—Dec 1
No School— Dec 10
Christmas Break—Dec 20 to Jan 2



Bus Absence Protocol & Behaviour Reminders and Change of Plans Reminder

First, we welcome Don to our team as the new driver for PR-3! We said goodbye and thank you to Doug at the end of October. This is just a reminder about a few important procedures that parents must follow if your child rides a bus.

Bus Protocol for Absent Riders: If your child is going to be absent from riding for a day, a morning or afternoon or for longer, please ensure that you:

1. Contact your bus driver asap so that they know and can adjust their route accordingly.
2. Write a note in your child's agenda so that the teacher knows.
3. Call Ms. Salomons so she can let bus supervisors know.
4. If your child walks home from school and also rides the bus, you still must follow the above protocols. Students should not be making these decisions without the bus driver and school knowing prior.

Bus Behaviour: Being a bus driver is like driving a classroom on wheels. They have a huge responsibility to keep your child safe by being able to focus on the road while managing student behaviour. When their attention is turned to poor behaviour - yelling, talking loudly, moving around while the bus is in transit, throwing things, bothering other riders - their ability to focus on the road is compromised. This creates a safety challenge for the driver.



The rules for riding the bus are very simple:

- Wear your mask
- Sit in your assigned seat
- Stay seated facing forward, talk quietly and leave other students alone.
- Follow the bus drivers instructions/directions

If your child breaks the rules on the bus, the driver will give them a warning. The second warning will come with a call home, notifying the school administration and perhaps a seat change. The third warning will result in a written Conduct Report to parents, the school administration and the transportation department. This will result in a meeting with the principal/vice principal, the parents, the student and driver. The child may be suspended from riding the bus for a period of time, a permanent seat change may happen or both.

Change of Plans for Pick Up: If you need to change plans for pick up at the end of the day, please ensure you put a note in their agenda. If it is a last minute change, please let Ms. Salomons know at the office and she will let the teacher and supervisors know.

Thank you for going over these rules and expectations with your child and for attending to the absent rider and pick up protocol.

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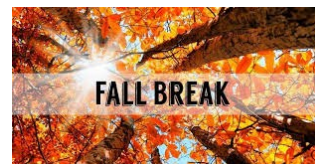
Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly - Wednesday, November 10

As a school, we will be participating in a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday November 10 at 9:45 am, which is being planned and facilitated by Mrs. Sargent's grade 6 class. As per AHS guidelines, we cannot invite parents to attend. We will do our best to get pictures on our website. I am so very proud of our grade 6 students for leading this important day for our school.

CESD Fall Break - November 11- 14

It's hard to believe that it is November already, never mind our Fall break! Just a reminder that there is no school from November 11-14. On behalf of the staff and Darren, I wish you all a restful and safe little holiday. Enjoy your time together and see you back in the saddle on November 15th!

Carolynne Muncer



Picture retakes Nov 4

Did you know that all special days, days off, PTA meetings, kinder Fridays are posted on our online calendar??

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Once again we will have a box from The Red Deer Christmas Bureau collecting donations by the office until mid December. Thanks for supporting this community program.



Our Virtual Book Fair is coming! Save the date! November 15 to 28

Virtual Book Fairs



Healthy Hunger

Tuesday & Thursday Hot Lunch
Order Online

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