

Poplar Ridge Elementary School



December 1, 2021 Newsletter

Principal's Message

T'is the Season to be Grateful

During these challenging times, it can be easy to forget that we have much to be grateful for. As you know, Poplar Ridge students and families are a very kind and giving group. Daily, we see how generous and thoughtful our students are with each other, us and our community. A beautiful example of this is our students' generous donations of food for the local food bank via our Kindness Challenge.

This year our Kindness Club is asking families to consider donating to our [Virtual Giving Tree](#). This provides families with an opportunity to support families in our school community and the Red Deer Christmas Bureau toy drive. Simply click on the link above, using your child's CESD log in, and click on one of the lights on the tree. This will take you to a page where you can fill in what your family will donate in that category. Simply drop off the unwrapped gift at the school or send it with your child. If technology is not your friend, simply send your donation to do the school. **Deadline for donations is Monday, Dec 13.**

As always, we are so proud of and grateful for our students' big giving hearts and our families' generosity. Thank you for your support of these important causes.

Report Cards

Just a reminder that report cards for **K-4 will be sent home with your child today December 1st. Grade 5 and 6 parents access their child's report card electronically via PowerSchool.** This link, [How to Access the PowerSchool Report Card video](#) (start video at 3 minutes and 15 seconds), will teach you how to view your child's report card. If you have any trouble, please contact our office and we will help you out. A report card is a snapshot of your child's academic progress at this time. As always, checking in with your child's teacher and viewing your child's gradebook (grade 5 and 6), is always a good way to stay connected to their learning on an ongoing basis.



Virtual Christmas Celebration

Our school will have a Virtual Christmas Celebration. Mrs. Warder, our amazing music teacher, has been preparing each class for a short performance. All performances meet AHS guidelines for safety. We will share the link with you on December 17th. Don't forget to check your email for a school message!! It will also be posted on our school website.

On behalf of the entire staff, Darren and I wish your family a happy and safe holiday filled with love, laughter and whatever fills your heart and cup. We look forward to seeing your child back at school on January 3, 2022!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Carolynne and Darren

Merry Christmas

Dates to Remember – Mark your Calendar

Report Cards go home—Dec 1
No School— Dec 10
Skiing Gr 4 to 6—Dec 15
Skiing Gr 4 to 6—Dec 17
Kindergarten Friday 0 Dec 17
Christmas Break—Dec 20 to Jan 2
First Day Back—Jan 3
Kindergarten Registration Open—Jan 2022
Skiing Gr 4 to 6—Jan 7
Skiing Gr 4 to 6—Jan 21
Swimming Gr 1 to 3—Jan 21
Swimming Gr 1 to 3—Jan 28



Grade 2/3 Christmas Kindness Challenge

The Grade 2/3s would like to pose a friendly Christmas Kindness Challenge to all classes of Poplar Ridge School. With the holiday season just around the corner, we recognize the increased need to support our local Food Banks. We would like to challenge each class to bring in as many non-perishable food items as possible to donate to this important cause. Boxes (labeled with each class) will be set up in the hallway across from the grade 2 and 3 lockers. **We will run our Challenge from Monday, November 28th to Thursday, December 16th.** Donations will be happily dropped off to the Food Bank on behalf of our Poplar Ridge School families on December 17th. Thank you for your support during this interesting holiday season!

Merry Christmas!
Mrs. Klumpenhower and the Grade 2/3s



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*Provide a Merry Christmas
for Families in Need*



Compassionate and innovative global citizens
A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge students, staff and families continue to show incredibly strong and courageous examples of good citizenship. Our schools are filled with people who are achieving success despite competing priorities, who are reaching out with acts of kindness, and who are investing their time and resources to make this holiday season a special one for their neighbours.

In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. Our division is filled with compassionate and innovative global citizens, just as it is outlined in our vision statement. We take good care of one another in Chinook's Edge, as we look beyond our current global challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office team are incredibly grateful for the hard work and perseverance that is ever-present in our schools. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

For Trustee updates and to read the latest **Board eNews**, please visit [our website](#).

Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2022 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website for [registration information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.