

Poplar Ridge Elementary School



September 6, 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

What a great start to our year! It was so fun to greet our amazing kids as they arrived and see all of you! Right out of the gate, we are focusing on our Core Values as a school and staff. Over the past two years, our students and staff have been working on creating a new visual that incorporates how our core values of **integrity, relationships, respect, courage and excellence** align with the Seven Teachings Indigenous pedagogy uses. As you can see in the graphic to the side, each value has an animal that symbolizes the qualities we look for, as well as the action words. We launched the completed Values Wheel to our students today in our Welcome Back Assembly and we will continue to help our students live the our core values in all that we do.

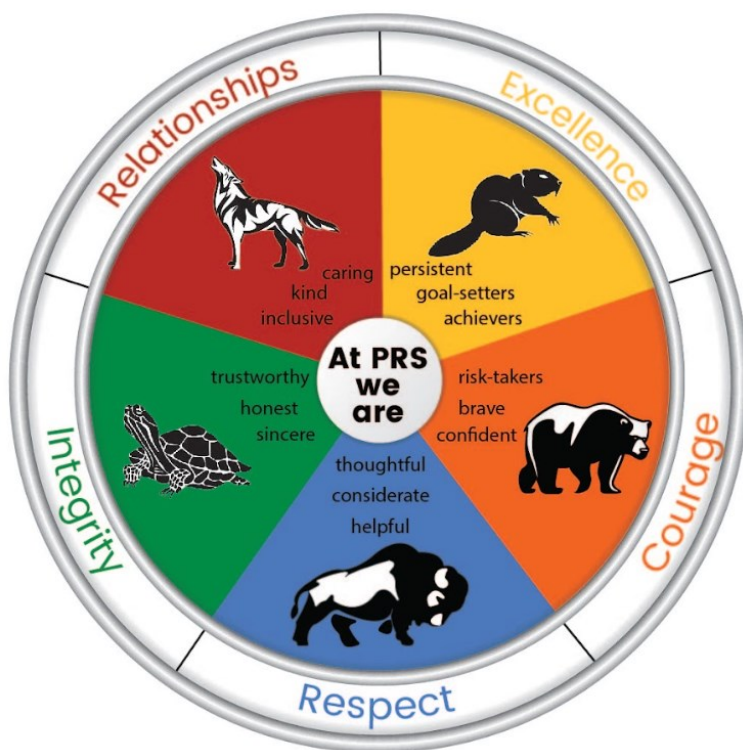
Open House

We will be having an **Open House on Thursday September 8 from 3:05 to 4:30pm**. We invite you to stop in with your child, meet their teacher, our amazing staff and tour the school. We do not have child care, so if you cannot attend right after school, your child will go home and come back with you. You can bring in and drop off your family picture for our PRS Family Wall if you like! This is special collage of photos was a huge hit with our students and staff last year. We hope to see you all here!

Attendance Matters

As we move back to our regular school routines, we want to remind you how important regular attendance is. To the side is a graphic that highlights the positives of consistent attendance and the impact it has on achievement. Your child's teacher is here to help if your child is struggling with attendance or is ill. We are a team when it comes to supporting your child's attendance. Please reach out to us if your need some support with your child's attendance and we will do the same!

Welcome back everyone and here's to an amazing year together!
Carolynne



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
read well by the end of the third grade.



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for graduation



UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE STUDENTS
earn their degree



WORKERS
succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



We'd like to welcome 15 new families to Poplar Ridge School.



Dates to Remember – Mark your Calendar

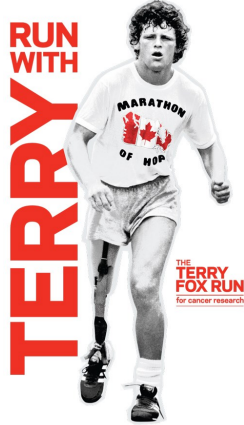
Parent Open House—Sept 8
PTA Bottle Drive—Sept 6 to 9
Terry Fox Run—Sept 20
School Photos—Sept 22
No School—Sept 23
PTA AGM Meeting—Sept 27
Orange Shirt Day—Sept 29
No School—Sept 30



Hot Lunch Program
More information will be coming soon!
Watch your inbox



**Thursday
Sept 22**



Terry Fox Run - Tuesday September 20/22

**11 am Assembly—Run to follow.
All Parents welcome to join for both!**

This year we will organize our Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, September 20th at 11 am. Students will be running together as a school outside. We will be having 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. 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 as well.

**National Day of Truth & Reconciliation and
Orange Shirt Day -
Thursday, September 29/22**

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'. To 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
Thursday, Sept 29th**

School Fees 2022/2023

Agenda - \$6.75

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.

These items are payable online. [Click here to pay.](#) 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 Ms 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 15 as Ms 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 Ms 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



PICTURE DAY!!

Poplar Ridge Elementary School

Thursday, September 22

All students are photographed against Green screen.

IT'S ALL ONLINE NOW!

View images and order pictures online at SmartOrders.ca
Ordering information will be sent home with students on picture day.



WELCOME BACK Poplar Ridge Families

We are so excited for another year of opportunities to support our kiddos in their learning journey. To kick start the year we will have a **Bottle Drop Off**. Time to clean out those summer bottles for a great cause. The Cosmos trailer will be in the school parking lot **Sept 6 - 9** from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. (HINT: bring them when you attend the open house Sept 8)

Watch your emails and your child's backpacks for more exciting events such as the first annual **Sun-Oka** fresh delivered apples fundraiser starting this week as well as the **PTA AGM** on Tuesday, Sept 27 at 9:00 am IN PERSON at the school! We can't wait to see you all!

Thank you for your ongoing participation and support!

Your PTA