

Bowden Grandview School

NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In light of recent news from the government, you should have received two letters from our Superintendent, Kurt Sacher, outlining the plan for K-12 students. Just to reiterate, students in K-6 will attend school for face to face instruction until the Christmas break which starts on December 19 (last day of school is December 18). Students in grades 7-12 will be engaging in online learning from Monday, November 30 until the Christmas break.

All students in K-12 will do online schooling the week of January 4-8 and then everyone will return to school in person on January 11.

Students in grades 7-10 may come to the school next **Wednesday, December 2** to pick up their things from their lockers and any needed learning materials.

Last Name Pick up time

A-F 12:00-12:15 pm

G-L 12:15-12:30 pm

M-Z 12:30-12:45 pm

Parents, we can't stress enough the importance of making sure that your online learner joins the Google Meets that the teachers set up and that they complete the work in the Google Classroom. Students are expected to attend their classes, via Google Meet, as they normally would on a regular school day. During this online learning time our teachers will be focused on delivering Essential Learning Outcomes to our students. All assignments and/or assessments delivered will make up a portion of your child's grade. Assignments are compulsory, and will be required for course completion or credit for this term.

We recognize that this is difficult for everyone, but now more than ever it is critical to stay engaged with the learning so that no one falls behind. For high school students, we know that the timing is very inconvenient as we near the end of the semester. We encourage all students to dig in and finish the semester strong. Thank you for ensuring that education remains a priority during this time. We strongly discourage students working part-time jobs or other employment duties during their regularly scheduled classes.

Please connect directly with your child's teacher via phone or email during regular school hours if you or your child need additional support.

We will really miss having the grades 7-12 in our building. It won't be the same here without them. We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the holiday season.

Jeff Thompson
Principal

Dawn Weststrate
Vice Principal

What's Happening:

Monday, November 30

- Grad photos

Tuesday, December 1

- Grad photos

Friday, December 4

- K-12 Report Cards



Superintendent's Message

Courageous and compassionate global citizens

A Message from the Superintendent

The global situation is certainly providing a new definition of what good citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. A high measure of good citizenship is certainly occurring across our school division. Our schools are filled with students and staff who are continuing to learn together, to take care of one another and to look beyond our current challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our people in Chinook's Edge are feeling stretched, but they remain determined to continue providing what our students require from us. An example of this was displayed on a bulletin board in one of our elementary schools, where students completed the phrase, 'Children should feel ___ at school.' They said loved, excited, happy, safe, smart, proud, believed in. Thank you to everyone in our school communities who provide all of this, and more, to students each day, particularly at this time in our world.

From the entire Board of Trustees and the Central Office team, we wish everyone a safe and restful holiday season.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2021 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2021. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.



Fundraisers

Friends of Grandview would like to thank everyone for their support in the Poinsettia and Christmas Wrap Fundraiser. Your support is appreciated!

Thank
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Book Fair

Thank you very much to everyone for your support in our Scholastic Book Fair! Your purchases will add books to our BGS library!



Literacy Corner

Red and Lulu by Matt Tavarres has brilliant bird's eye view illustrations, amazing close-ups, and wordless pages propel the story forward through pictures. A devastating separation, a strong determination, and a joyful reunion unfold in this captivating and beautiful picture book.

Listen to the read aloud -

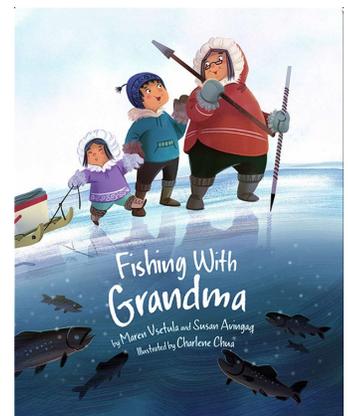
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp9fUIrW88> Learn how to draw a cardinal - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpP99iXYhIA>



Indigenous Education

Fishing with Grandma is an engaging tale of two grandchildren and their grandma on an Arctic adventure. Authors Maren Vsetula and Susan Avingaq take us on a successful fishing trip and we learn about Arctic Char. Check out the book on EPIC: <https://www.getepic.com/app/read/72198>

Author Susan Avingap was born on the land and moved to the community of Igloodik, Nunavut, in the mid-1970s. She loves to go camping and fishing whenever she can and often brings new people along to teach them these land skills.

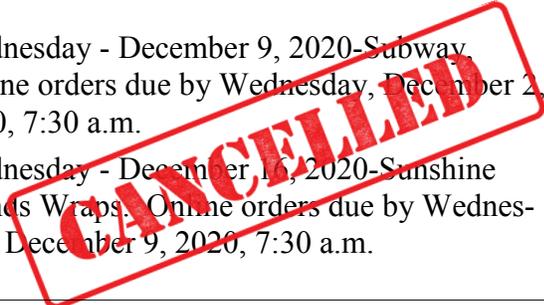


Sub-Way/Sunshine Blends Wrap



Wednesday - December 9, 2020-Subway
Online orders due by Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday - December 16, 2020-Sunshine Blends Wraps: Online orders due by Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 7:30 a.m.



Due to circumstances due to Covid we are cancelling Subway, December 9 and Wraps, December 16. Funds will be placed back into your online payment account. Sorry for the inconvenience, hopefully we will be able to continue with our lunches in the future.

School Council

Thee School Council has an email address: bgscouncil@gmail.com. Parents who are interested in attending an online School Council meeting can email this address to express their interest. The next meeting is December 15 at noon.



Community Resource Navigation Team

HAS COVID AFFECTED YOUR FAMILY?

Are you and your family feeling isolated?

Are you not sure where to go for help?

We can help you navigate & connect with Community Supports and Services

Complete Intake Form at www.fsca.ca
or contact Lynette at 403.309.8204
lbraun@fsca.ca





Community Education Service



Improving emotional health and well being

Helping Our Children & Youth Cope

Panelists:

Kathy Jarrell, Lead - Alberta School Mental Health Literacy Project, AHS

Brian Madill, Coordinator of Student Services - Red Deer Public Schools

Jodie Mattia, Director of Support Services - Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

Let's boost the resiliency of our children and our families!

Has the current pandemic affected our mental health?

What can we believe?

Should we be worried?

Mental health is an essential component of personal well-being. Join our panelists as they discuss coping skills, balance and resiliency which can serve us well through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Their insights and tips will support both your and your child's mental health and overall well-being.

Prior to the session, please send questions you would like addressed to

ces@ahs.ca

FREE Webinar
Tuesday December 1 2020
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Register <https://community.hmhc.ca/sessions>

This session is presented by the Community Education Service of the Child & Adolescent Addiction & Mental Health and Psychiatry Program (CAAMHPP) of Alberta Health Services.





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Introducing the Community Support Navigation Team

The Community Resource Navigation team exists to support families in accessing social supports as they reintegrate to schools and community post isolation and to build capacity for community resource navigation. COVID has affected and continues to affect many individuals and families in numerous ways. People throughout the community are struggling and trying to figure out where to go but just do not know where to start. FSCA supported by FCSS has created a pilot project called The Community Resource Navigation Team. We are here to support families in accessing appropriate Community Supports and Services working together to strengthen families, and to enhance their sense of safety and well-being.

What can we do?

- Support in Connecting to appropriate resources within the community.
- Meet with the family via phone, video meetings such as ZOOM, and we can arrange safe, in-person meetings if needed.
- Provide community referrals or help in obtaining referrals to the appropriate resource/agency.
- Offer info and understanding in navigating intake processes such as completing forms, assisting in booking appointments and even attending appointments with the family to provide extra support when possible.
- We have a diverse team with extensive backgrounds of experience and understanding in working with families and navigating community resources.

Complete the intake form online at <https://fsca.ca/community-resource-navigation-team/> or contact Lynette Braun at 403-309-8204 / lbrown@fsca.ca

We look forward to working together with you to support families and individuals in our communities to get back on their feet.

Thank you,
 Lynette Braun for the Community Resource Navigation Team,
 Family Services of Central Alberta



The Cinemates!



- Come join the Movie Club for a 'theatre-like experience'!
- Once a month the YES Program will be hosting a Movie Day in the Music Room. We will start @ 10:00 AM and wrap up by noon.
- Participants will have the opportunity to vote on which movie is shown! (details to follow).
- Please have your parent/guardian fill out, sign and return the permission form to the YES Room **before December 1st**. This is a first come first serve program, with a max. of 15 students allowed. Forms are in the YES Room and Library.
- Cinemates groups will be organized by grade cohort.
- Access to the school will be through the West Side Elementary doors (by the playground).

NOTE All COVID-19 Guidelines will continue to be in effect while on school premises. As this is a school based program, all school policies will be enforced during The Cinemates.**



Movie Dates

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

