Bowden Grandview School



January 30, 2023

Family Literacy Day

Kindergarten students spent Family Literacy Day with their family snuggled up to a good book in the library.





What's Happening:

Monday, January 30

• No School - School planning day

Wednesday, February 1

- Spellathon Pledges Due
- Winter Walk Day

Grade 6 Valentines Fundraiser

Starting on Monday, February 6th to the 9th the Grade 6 class will be hosting the annual Valentine's Day "I have a Crush on you" sale. You can buy a Crush pop for the person you have a "CRUSH" on or to treat yourself. The cost is 1 dollar per can of pop. The Grade 6 class will keep them until Valentine's Day and then deliver them right before lunch.They will also be selling the "I have a hug for you" candies for 1 dollar. Sales will be happening outside Ms. Dreher's room at lunch time. Proceeds from the sales go to help send Grade 6 to Camp.



Division News

... for parents and guardians

February 2023



Embracing Indigenous students and their families

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Acting in support of our commitment to our 900 Indigenous students and their families, and to embrace Indigenous Learning for all students and staff, we will be installing Treaty flags inside schools across our division as a sign of respect to Indigenous Peoples.

Recently, our Board of Trustees, Leadership Team, and School Administration Teams shared an important flag ceremony with Elders, Knowledge Keepers and special guests from Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and the Métis Nation.

It was a touching and historic moment for our school division. It fills us with tremendous pride as we continue to make authentic steps forward with respect to truth and reconciliation. It was a special day in our critically important journey. I would like to thank our Indigenous Learning team for bringing us together with our honoured guests, and to all our administrators, staff and trustees for what they have all done to this point and for what they will continue to do.

The admin team from your child's school will provide further information on their own flag ceremony as their plans evolve, and we thank you for walking alongside us throughout this journey. In Chinook's Edge, our actions will always speak louder than our words.

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Superintendent Kurt Sacher shared a warm greeting with honoured guests before addressing the audience, while students provided a spirited celebration in dance at the Indigenous Flag ceremony. Chinook's Edge is working to ensure our Indigenous students and families feel welcome, cared for and respected through our Indigenous Students Matter committee, our Indigenous Learning Team with reps in every school, and our heartfelt commitment. Please read more <u>here</u>.

To read the latest Board eNews, please click here.

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Who: Kindergarten to Grade 6

What: Spellathon Fundraiser

When: January 16 - February 9, 2023

Why: To raise money for the elementary grades (eg. special performances, field trips)

For every \$5 raised, students will be given one ticket to enter into the prize draw of their choice!



Grade One Science Convention

The grade one students learned about our 5 senses during a convention on January 26th. Lots of fun and learning in the classroom.













Grade 8 Renaissance Fair is coming up!

Come and see the Grade 8 class and all their hard work on their Renaissance Fair projects, Renaissance 3D objects, and even see a few dressed up in Renaissance period clothing!



When: February 15th, 2023 @ 9am - 12pm Where: Wellness Room at Bowden Grandview School



All students, family, and community members are encouraged to come take a look!



Dear Students,

We are so excited to invite you to join us in exploring *Washington D.C. and New York City*, April 2024!

Tell your parents to join us for an information night!



TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Prioritize school!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance.
- Have regular evening and homework routines.
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind.
- Try to make appointments during non-school hours when possible.
- Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about attendance.

We understand your child will be away at times because of illness and other reasons.

Our priority is to eliminate unnecessary absences so that your child can learn, connect and succeed in school!

DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that missing 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance.

> Attendance in school is compulsory in Alberta for everyone between the ages of 6 and 16.

Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate more fully in learning activities which increases the likelihood of successfully completing high school.

> Missing 2 days of school each month or 20 days each year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by grade 10.

Find out more at our Chinook's Edge website ATTENDANCE MATTERS!





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Don't let your child miss a day of learning opportunities unnecessarily!

Chinook's Edge strives to provide a warm welcome in each of our safe and caring schools.

As part of the Chinook's Edge school community, your child has access each day to:

- Quality Learning Environments
- Social Emotional Wellness
- Engaging curriculum
- Positive relationships
- Connection to peers
- Enrichment activities and clubs
- Culture and tradition

Chinook's Edge also provides a continuum of supports for students when needed, including breakfast and nutritious snack programs, access to Family School Wellness and Inclusive Education professionals, and flexible Alternative Learning programs.



Attend today, Achieve tomorrow



Regular school attendance is *critical* for student success. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and school.

We share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child.

If your child's attendance is becoming a concern, please contact your child's teacher. They are your partner in helping your child succeed in school!

When absences become a concern

If your child is experiencing attendance concerns, as a parent you can expect:

- Your child's teacher will reach out to you to explore ideas that may help your child attend (ie. new seating arrangement in the classroom);
- If attendance concerns continue, your child's Principal or Vice Principal will work with you to determine supports that may be helpful at the school level (ie. adjustments in your child's schedule, etc);
- For continued attendance concerns, the Principal of Alternative Learning will connect with you to explore supports at the division level (ie. exploring Alternative Learning, etc).

We want to work together, so your child can succeed in learning and in life













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Monday, January 16 Monday, January 23 Monday, February 6 Monday, February 13

8 spots available

SIGN UP at YES room!

Contact Us;

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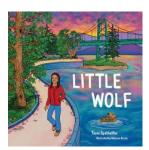


Literacy Corner

The 2023 Pink Shirt Day design was inspired by moments of kindness, empathy and understanding that can mean so much to children impacted by bullying. Bowden Grandview School will be wearing their pink shirts on Friday, February 17th.



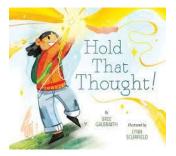
We wanted to share some great Canadian books for Pink shirt Day for all ages!

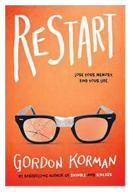


The picture book *Little Wolf* tells the tale of a major life transition as a young Indigenous girl and her family move to the city. The girl is dealing with bullies at the new school but she learns to make sense of her new surroundings and, with the help of her mother, she makes connections with the human and natural world. *Little Wolf* is the first in a trilogy.

Little Wolf is for ages 4 to 8.

Hold That Thought! is a humorous picture book featuring Finn, a person with an exciting idea. Finn shares the idea with their friends and it grows and grows. But when a bully puts down the idea, it starts to shrink. But Finn still believes in their idea, and with the help of their friends, it starts to grow all over again.





Hold That Thought! is for ages 4 to 8.

Restart is a YA novel about Chase Ambrose, a teen who forgets everything, including his name, after falling off a roof and losing consciousness. While Chase recovers, he finds out that he was the neighbourhood bully and not a nice person. Chase is determined to change and befriend those he had once hurt.

Restart is for ages 8 to 12.



SEEK

We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/ Casual Support Staff, by email at

transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds

Snow Buddies

Will you be a Snow Buddy? We need you and your best shoveling skills to partner with local residents & seniors who need a hand with the winter wonderland!

Do you need a Snow Buddy? We will connect you with local Snow Buddy's who have signed up to lend a hand with the winter wonderland!

Contact Bowden FCSS at 403-224-2207 or email FCSS@Bowden.ca to become a "Snow Buddy", or to find one near you.



Note: FCSS is only a contact for connection. It will be up to the Snow Buddy & resident to decide on cost, frequency and other details.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

BGC Olds and Area is excited to partner with Bowden Grandview School to offer before and after school care!

THE DETAILS

BGC Olds and Area has been providing licensed before and after school programs for children in Olds and area for the past 38 years! Our program provides children with a safe place to go in the out of school hours where they can have fun, interact with their peers, and develop skills that will last a lifteime

Before School - \$250 After School - \$310 Full time - \$380 Before and after kindergarten - \$175 Drop in \$20/segment

***Subsidies are available through the Government of Alberta for families with a household income less then \$89,999

REGISTRATION Contact Ashley

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Olds & Area

FUN FRIDAYS

AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4PM



GRADE 4/5	GRADE 6-8
OCT.14	NOV 4
DEC .2	JAN.13
FEB.3	MAR 3
MAR.17	APR.21
MAY 12	JUN.9



