



Calendar At a Glance

March

2-3: Jr. A Boys Zone hosts

8—Gr. 1-8 Report Cards

9—No School; Non-Instructional day

13 & 15—P/T Interviews by appt.

16—Skate-A-Thon fund-raiser

23—No school for students; teacher PD

30—Good Friday; no school

April

2—Easter Monday; no school

4-5— Grad Formal photos by appt.

5-6—Gr. 10 First Aid course

9-13—Spiritual Emphasis Week Gr. 7-12

15-22—Spring Break

OKCS Newsletter

March 1, 2018



Skate-a-thon/Walk-a-thon Reminders



This is just a reminder that our Skate-a-thon/Walk-a-thon Fund Raiser will be taking place on **Friday, March 16th** at the **Carstairs Arena**.

Permission Forms/ Medical Forms (white) are due today **Thursday, March 1st**. If you have not yet completed these forms, please do so as soon as possible. If your child will not be attending school that day, please inform his/her classroom teacher.

Volunteer Forms (fluorescent pink) are also due today **Thursday, March 1st**. Your help in **counting laps** at the arena, especially for **Grades 1, 2, 5, and 6**, would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, on **Wednesday, March 14th** all students in Gr. 1-6 will be asked by their homeroom teacher if laps will need to be counted while skating/walking because they have one or more "pledges per lap" on their Pledge Sheet.

If this applies to your child, please make him/her aware of it before coming to school that day or inform his/her classroom teacher.

All Skate-a-thon/Walk-a-thon pledge envelopes and money/cheques should be collected and returned to the school by **Thursday, March 30th**.

Thanks so much for your help with this fund raiser!

Kingergarten Registration 2018-19

We are now accepting registrations for the next kindergarten year. Chinook's Edge schools welcome kindergarten students into our safe and caring school communities. From their first day of kindergarten to the time they graduate from high school, our students are surrounded by Chinook's Edge values:

- ◆ Personal responsibility
- ◆ Relationships based upon honesty, respect and compassion
- ◆ Dedication and commitment
- ◆ An environment of belonging: safe, caring and inclusive
- ◆ Growth and development through learning



To attend kindergarten in Sept. 2018, children must turn five years old by December 31, 2018. A birth certificate & \$50 reg. fee will be required for new families. Accommodation may be made for four year-olds with special needs.

Please note that parents who currently have children in OKCS will have to register their Kindergarten child. Call Cheryl for an application form.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Chinook's Edge, Where Students Come First!

Parent Survey

“Only 10 out of approx. 150 families completed the survey last year.”

Each year schools in Alberta are required to provide parents with an opportunity to give feedback about educational practices. Chinook’s Edge provides us with a survey link and questions for which we must collect data. The survey takes just a few minutes and the infor-

mation provided does give us guidance as a school.

Last year only 10 families completed the survey. That does not provide us with very accurate information.

Please take just a few minutes to access the

survey through the link provided below. **Just copy the address into your browser.** Your input would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Dwayne Brown
Principal



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/28ZQ5R2>

Parent/Teacher Interviews Gr. 1-12

It is that time of year again for you to schedule a time to meet with your children’s teachers. Gr. 1-8 report cards are going out on Thursday, March 8 but

interviews will be for all grades (Gr. 1-12).

Please call the school office or email Cheryl at cvanbeek@cesd73.ca to book your appointments.

If you send an email, please include which day you would like to come, teacher you wish to see, and time you prefer.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15. Appointments begin at 3:45 pm and are every 15 min. The last interview time will be 6:45 pm

This is a time for you to connect with your child’s teachers and discuss their progress.



Interviews Mar. 13 & 15. Call / Email for an appointment.





Gr. 6 JR. ATB Branch taking deposits..

STUDENT BANK ACCOUNTS

OKCS Jr. ATB March & April Deposit Dates



The OKCS branch accept deposits every other Tuesday at noon in the Home Ec. room.

March Dates: 13 & 27

April Dates: 10 & 24



We need your photos! The Yearbook Committee is asking if you could forward some of your favourite sports photos to their yearbook email address—okcsyearbook@gmail.com



ATB Financial

ATB Tabs for Tots is a charity organized by the Alberta Elks Association that has a focus on providing funding for pediatric medical equipment throughout Alberta communities. OKCS Gr. 2-5 students will be collecting pop can tabs for the next few months to and help raise funds for the Olds Elks Tabs for Tots. The class that collects the most Tabs will win a lunch pizza party!

We are asking friends and family and anyone else you may know, to help save tabs until the end of March! You may drop them off at the school office or send them with any Gr. 2-5 student at OKCS.

In June 2017, the Olds Elks and Tabs for Tots purchased a machine used for testing jaundice in new born babies. Help support this worthy cause.





The grade 6 class visited the ATB branch in Olds to learn more about how banks are operated. Mrs. Schooler showed us where safety deposit boxes are kept.

We practiced our positions before our Grand Opening in February.



In the fall, the grade 6's submitted job applications and interviewed for bank positions. ATB branch manager, Mrs. Val Joevenazzo and Mrs. Tanya Schooler conducted interviews at school.

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Assessing our Impact on Student Success

A Message from the Superintendent

This month's newsletter theme of 'Assessment' provides the perfect opportunity for us to share our pride in the great accomplishments of our students and the dedicated staff who support them.

In Chinook's Edge, we measure student success in a number of ways. This includes provincial achievement data, of course, but it also includes information about whether our students are reading at grade level, if they feel safe at school, and if they feel equipped to continue striving toward their goals after graduation. Our division-wide focus on literacy, academic excellence, social emotional framework development, and career development is setting our students up for success.

We are pleased to see an increase across the board in the number of students who are achieving both levels of *Acceptable* and levels of *Excellence in Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams*. *This is an important indication that our strategic focus is impacting students at every grade level in Chinook's Edge. Our clear goals, along with the commitment of staff, students and parents, is leading to great success for our students.*

**Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent**

Hike for Hospice

Sunday May 6, 2018

**Holy Trinity Catholic School
6610 – 57 Street, Olds, Alberta**

Registration 8:45 am

Welcome Ceremonies: 9:30 am

Start: 10:00 am

Rain or Shine

Run, Walk, or Wheel along trails in Olds

1km or 5km

For information call Lori Rosehill [403-559-7214](tel:403-559-7214)



Inclement Weather Update from Chinook's Edge Division

Inclement Weather



We are reviewing our Inclement Weather practices following the winter storm on February 8th, when it was deemed a Yellow Day and buses in Chinook's Edge weren't running. In retrospect, due to the potential safety issues this created for staff and high school students, we likely would have classified this particular day as a Red Day in some of our schools. Each Inclement Weather day is unique, and each present different challenges across our large division. Our ongoing review and discussions are based on the priority of safety considerations for students and staff. **Following this review, the likelihood of a Red Day is higher than it has traditionally been.**

There are several issues that might necessitate a Red Day at a school, in a community, or throughout the entire division. Facility issues, such as extended power outages, for instance, may also necessitate a Red Day. Most often a Red Day is declared because the roads are unsafe for travel for students, parents and staff, due to a winter snowstorm. **It is vital that parents have clear back-up plans in place for the care of their children on Red Days when their school is closed.**

It is also imperative that parents are familiar with our Inclement Weather protocols (which are available on school websites and the division website). To ensure highest safety, parents are reminded that on a Yellow Day at your child's school (meaning that buses are not running, but schools are open and classes are being held), **our schools still require you to contact them if your child will be absent via phone call or E-MAIL.**

Some parents may choose to drive their child into the school when their school bus isn't running, while some parents will choose to keep their child at home that day – and schools can't make assumptions when safety is at stake. **Parents of bus students: please contact your school to confirm if your child will be absent on Yellow Days.**



BASKETBALL



Boys and girls join us for community basketball

WHERE? At the Westglen school gym, Didsbury

WHO & WHEN? Grades 2-7 Thursdays MAR 22 - May 31, 2018

TIMES? Grades 2-4 5:30-6:45pm

Grades 5-7 7:00-8:15pm

COST? \$25 + \$10 FunTeam Alberta Liability Insurance

(unless you've paid already through DFT hockey this season)

Contact Zoe Holdstock for more information or register at

www.funteamalberta.com or find us on Facebook as Didsbury

Funteam Basketball. Places are limited!



***This be will be a 9 week program,
excluding April 12th and 19th due to gym unavailability**