

# GRADE ONE APRIL 2018



It is hard to believe that there are only 3 months of school left.

Over the next 2 months, in Science, we will be busy studying signs of Spring and how the seasons affect plants and animals. On May 2, we will also be holding another science convention, this time for our Senses unit. In Social Studies, we will be finishing up our family unit and moving onto community. In math we will be continuing with our basic math facts but going to 20 instead of just to 10. We will continue to practice reading and writing every day with a focus on our grade 1 sight words. Please keep up with the home reading and reviewing the sight words. If you have misplaced the sight words and would like a new copy, just let us know, and we will be happy to send home a new one.

Thank you,

Ms Wiens, Mrs. Ortman, Mrs. Silcox, Mrs. Block & Ms Obreiter

## SPRING BONNETS

On April 13 all of our grade one classes will be making "SPRING BONNETS" before our sock hop. This activity will give each child the opportunity to decorate a hat made from paper plates that we will provide.

We will be talking to the children beforehand and will encourage everyone to think about what they would like on their hat and bring supplies to school on that day.

If your child is still unsure, it might be helpful to pick a theme for their hats, such as spring, cars, building, fruit, Lego, animals, colors, etc... and collect things that can be glued on.

Parent volunteers will be most welcome. Your child's teacher will let you know their specific time.

## Important Dates...

**2nd:** Easter Monday

No school

**13th:** Hat Building

Sock Hop @2:20

**16-20:** Spring Break

**23rd:** Assembly @ 2:10

Jump Rope for Heart kick-off

## **Strong leadership sets students and staff up for success**

A Message from the Superintendent

It is abundantly clear that people in each of our Chinook's Edge school communities are sharing their leadership skills to open doors for others. We see countless examples of individuals – both staff and students - sharing their time and influence to bring forward priorities from their schools, and then working together toward meaningful improvement. We work to ensure effective leadership structures and opportunities for everyone in our school division, because we know this priority creates success in our schools.

In Chinook's Edge, we believe in developing leadership potential at every level, particularly with respect to our students. I frequently hear about the challenging leadership roles our students are prepared to tackle, and about the enormous impact they have on those around them. Such as our Grade 11 student at Delburne Centralized School, whose design was selected as the official logo for this year's Orange Shirt Campaign. Or our group of science students at Sundre High who have invested thousands of hours in an extracurricular project that is studying the impact of PCBs on polar bear bones. Or the students in Didsbury High's leadership program who are assisting seniors in creating both beautiful art and helpful connections. Whether they are undertaking long-term volunteer commitments or providing smaller acts of kindness, we are proud of our student leaders and their many accomplishments.

National Volunteer Week takes place on April 15-21. This year's theme, 'Celebrate the Value of Volunteering', is reflected all year long in each of our schools. Thank you to everyone in our school communities, for supporting the great leadership and volunteer activities that are so key to our Chinook's Edge culture.

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent**

### **A Message from the Trustee**

Thank you to each and every parent and community member for all you do for education in Carstairs and Cremona. Already in the months since the election I have met so many people and have started down a path of more deeply understanding education in rural Alberta. In order to ensure I am continually representing you, I wanted to share my plans to stay connected to each of the communities. I plan to maintain regular Facebook updates on what is the hot topics for our communities or education, and I will be in attendance at the Parent Council meetings and the Council meetings when possible. I, of course will be in attendance at as many School events as possible and I am always available via email at [mcopley@cesd73.ca](mailto:mcopley@cesd73.ca) for any questions or thoughts you may have. I am always open to a discussion about education in our vibrant communities.

Melissa Copley, Trustee Ward 9 (Carstairs/Cremona)

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