



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Grade One!

Communication

For September we are providing you with this paper copy of our grade one news to communicate what is happening in our classrooms. Starting in October we will be emailing our monthly news directly to you as well as posting it on our CES website. You may also be receiving individual class emails with specific class information.

Parent Volunteers

We are all excited to welcome parent volunteers into our classrooms starting some time in October. As September is such a big month of adjustments for our students, we prefer to have that time to build relationships, routines and expectations. We would like however, to extend an invitation at this time to join us for the Terry Fox Run on September 27th.

Birthdays:

On your child's birthday, if you wish, you are most welcome to send in a birthday treat.

Morning Entry: All grade one students in 1B and 1C will enter the building using the north doors while 1A and 1D will use the south doors. These doors will be unlocked at 8:20 each morning. Please ensure that your child does not arrive at school too early as there will be no outside supervision in the morning.

Assemblies Special Events:

Please watch emails, alerts and website for dates and times of assemblies and other special events. We will have at least one assembly per month starting with our Welcome Back Assembly on September 14th at 8:40am.

September Focus

In September we will be busy in our classrooms getting to know each other and familiarizing ourselves with the daily routines and expectations.

In Language arts we will begin with a review of the alphabet, including recognition of upper and lowercase letters along with their sounds. We will also be reviewing the popcorn words they learned in kindergarten, plus color and number words to ten. During our daily lessons we will provide a variety of activities that include read to self, read to someone, listening, word work and writing.

In math we will be starting off with number concepts to ten and then moving on to numbers to twenty. We also will be spending time working with sorting and patterns.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Mrs. Ortman, Ms Wiens, Mrs. Silcox and Ms Obreiter



Upcoming Dates

September 4th - First Day Back

September 14th - 8:40 Assembly

September 21st - No School

September 27th - Terry Fox Run

TEACHER CONTACT

We are usually available to meet with you after school to discuss your child's progress and growth or any other questions and concerns you may have. Please feel free to come in and meet with us, or contact us at the school (337-8670) or via email.

(pobreiter@cesd73.ca) (dsilcox@cesd73.ca)

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CES SCHOOL MESSENGER

To allow our School Messenger system to send you text messages to your cell phone parents need to Opt-in to this option by texting "Y" or "YES" to 724665.

If you are new to Carstairs Elementary or if you are not receiving text messages you need to do this or you will be missing some important communication from the school.

Criminal Record Check for Volunteering

If you are thinking about volunteering for your child's class field trips this year we need a criminal record check that will be kept on file at the school office for 3 years. This process could take 2 to 3 weeks, it is important to get this in place before that class trip. If we have your criminal record check on file at CES it is not necessary to redo this check as long as it is current. Thank you for volunteering your time at Carstairs Elementary. If you have any questions please call the school office at 403-337-8670.



Challenging, encouraging and believing in every student

A Message from the Board of Education

Welcome to a new year of learning together in Chinook's Edge School Division! We are proud to be part of the strong Chinook's Edge team of caring professionals, and we value working collaboratively with parents and families in our school communities. Clearly everyone is working together toward student wellness and success!

Our dedicated staff share a focus on four key goals in all of our schools - Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career and Post-Secondary Transitions, and Social Emotional development. Ensuring this firm foundation will allow our students to continue to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime.

To support this strong focus that we expect in our schools, Chinook's Edge is being strategic in our efforts to manage an ever increasing amount of electronic communication. We call this new practice **Weekdays 'til 6**, and it involves all non-emergency emails and texts being sent only prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. We believe **Weekdays 'til 6** honours the personal time of families and staff, and will ensure our staff are set to deliver their very best to your children each day. For more information on **Weekdays 'til 6**, please visit the *Students & Parents* section at our website www.cesd73.ca.

Thank you for supporting this practice so that we can start fresh each day, ready to engage every student in meaningful learning. It is the strength of our relationships that creates our quality learning environments which Chinook's Edge is known for, and we value this immensely. Our Board and the Central Office Leadership Team wishes everyone a healthy and dynamic year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

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