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Upcoming Dates

- September 3rd - No School
- September 4th - First Day Back
- September 14th - 8:40 Assembly
- September 17th - Book Orders Due
- September 21st - No School
- September 27th - Terry Fox Run

Contact Information

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Reminders

Please sign your child's agenda daily. If your child will not be on the bus write a note in their agenda.

It is a busy month for paperwork being sent home; please return all paperwork ASAP.

Please send an extra set of clothes that will be left in your child's locker.

If you are buying books from the book orders please send cheques only payable to Scholastic Canada or pay on-line.

Grade 2 Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome to Grade 2!

Here is A Look Ahead:

L.A. - In grade 2 we continue to develop a love of literature and work on building fluency and comprehension skills. In September we will review the alphabet, sounds and sight words. We will dive into our formal spelling program mid-September. Please look for your child's weekly spelling list in their agenda. Our home reading program begins in October.

Math - This term (September-November), our classes will focus on:

- Reciting, reading and writing numbers 0-50
- Skip counting by 2,5,10 to 50.
- Develop strategies to recall math facts to 10
- Sorting objects by 2 attributes (size, colour, shape, direction)
- Learning about 2D and 3D shapes
- Reading and understanding graphs

Social Studies - We are going on a virtual trip across Canada! We will learn about Canada and our own community of Carstairs.

Science - In science, our first unit is all about exploring liquids! We will do some fun and interesting experiments on water and how it compares to other liquids.

We are sending this first newsletter home paper copy. From October on, we will be sending out monthly grade two updates via email which will also be available on our school website at www.carstairselementary.ca.

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.

We look forward to a fun year!

Teri, Rhonda, Tina, Lori

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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