



Beacon Hill Bulletin

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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

**March
2021**

**UPcoming
EVENTS**

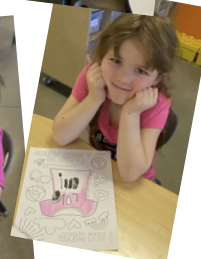
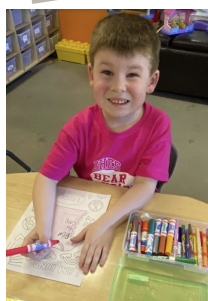
- 1 Gr. 6 Basketball '21' Tournament
- 5 No School
- 12 School Spirit—Wacky Hair Day; M/W Kinder
- 14 Daylight Savings Time!
- 15 Report Cards go home; Deadline for March Hot Lunch Orders
- 18 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 19 No School
- 26 School Spirit—Crazy Sock Day; Hot Lunch—Main Street Eatery; T/Th Kinder
- 31 Deadline for April Hot Lunch Orders
- 1 Literacy Read-a-thon Begins

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Registration began on January 11, Chinook's Edge is now accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2021 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2021. All registrations need to be done online – please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

**Time 4
KINDERGARTEN**

Pink Shirt Day!



Important: At this point in time, parents are not permitted in the school building unless an appointment has been arranged. Please call the school to make an appointment @ 403-887-8455.

Next Parent Council Meeting

March 9 @ 7:00pm

To join the meeting, use the link provided under the 'Parent Council' tab on the website.

Please do not send snacks or lunch to school with your child that could contain any kind of nuts or peanuts. It puts others at unnecessary risk.



Students are Achieving High Levels of Success A Message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we are continually looking at different assessment tools which convey the great accomplishments of our students and staff. Although some traditional measures of student achievement have been disrupted because of COVID-19, we can continue to look at a number of other indicators when determining student success. A series of success measures are embedded in our division goals:

Academic Excellence: we are able to refer to data from grade 3 student learning achievement tests, grade 6 & 9 Provincial Achievement Tests, grade 12 Diploma Exams, along with PowerTeacherPro Gradebook, student attendance and reading support level data, among other measures.

Career Connections: our schools continue to refine their comprehensive plan of career exploration, planning and guidance for students in grades 9-12 and embed this work within school cultures.

Social Emotional Well-being: school staff are utilizing our social emotional framework and our collaborative response model, along with a new vision for supporting students in the early years, to ensure the needs of all students are being met.

Among all the checks and balances in place, we believe success can also be measured in the resilience that our students have shown as they have made the shift to learning online as needed. We understand that not all families have access to adequate internet in the home, and we know parents are trying their best to support their child when they are required by COVID-19 restrictions to learn online from home periodically. Here is [a link](#) to some tips we have developed to help improve home internet access, so that your child can get the most out of their learning. Also, we encourage you to reach out to your home internet provider. Many providers have been very helpful in working with families to improve access, and they have also been assisting our technology department as they continue working towards solutions together.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent

For Trustee updates and to read the latest Board eNews, please visit our [website](#).

Are you interested in running for Chinook's Edge Public School Trustee in the October election? Please read more at [this link](#).

Upcoming School Spirit Days

On School Spirit Days, all students are welcome to come to school sporting the theme for the day! These are the upcoming days for March:

March 12—Wacky Hair Day
March 26—Crazy Sock Day

St. Patrick's Day is Wednesday, March 17! Make sure to wear green!!!

BEACON HILL Literacy Read-a-Thon

We are excited to once again hold our **BHES Literacy Read-a-Thon**. The best part about this fundraiser is that 100% of the money pledged will be used at BHES to support school and student needs! All of our students will be expected to participate in the reading component of the event and we encourage as many students as possible to engage in the fundraiser component as well. Students will be eligible to have their name drawn for a variety of PRIZES throughout the event, regardless of the amount of pledges that they have received.

Here's how it works:

1. Teachers will help individual students to set a **Realistic Daily Reading Goal** for the Literacy Read-a-Thon. Student goals will include reading/literacy practice and a specified length of time that they are expected to read. Goal setting will look quite different from grade to grade. All forms of reading will count. This will include, but not be limited to: letter recognition practice, sounds and blends practice, sight words practice, reading, listening to reading, discussing and reflecting on their reading and writing about what they have read.

2. **Sponsor a Student:** Students will begin collecting pledges **immediately**. Your child will ask people to sponsor them by pledging to pay for each day that he/she achieves their daily reading goal. Sponsors also have the option to simply pledge a flat amount for the duration of the event. Relatives, friends, and family friends all make great sponsors. We do not advise that students go door to door looking for sponsorship. **Donations are not tax deductible**. Also, donations must be in a cash form. Beacon Hill Elementary School does not accept personal cheques.

3. **Daily Home Reading:** On **April 1, 2021**, your child will begin reading and continue to read for the month of April (**April 1 - April 30**). You and your child will record their daily reading. To do this, you will use a **Reading Log**, which is provided as part of this package. Parents/Guardians can verify each day's reading by initialing or signing on the corresponding line.

4. **Home-Reading Logs, Pledge Forms and Collected Money are to be returned to the School (homeroom teacher) on Monday, May 3. Students will be eligible to win prizes based on the reading that they have completed.**

5. **Read-a-thon Assembly:** Our assembly will be much different as compared to other years. A virtual assembly, that is broadcasted into our classrooms, is most likely. Students will have the opportunity to win a host of prizes that have been supplied by our BHES Parent Council.

Please be advised that there is NO playground supervision before 8:20am or after 3:20pm. Students are expected to go home after school before going to the playground.

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