

April
2021



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

I really think March is the toughest month of the year as far as school is concerned, so I'm happy to see April roll around. At this time, students have a Spring Break to look forward to and the many great things that spring has to offer. I've given up trying to make predictions of what everyone will be able to do, but getting back outside will be a treat.

Besides the obvious breaks that are coming up in April, grade 10 students and their parents will be asked to complete an Education Assurance Survey. This survey will be done across the province and gives students and their parents a chance to provide feedback on our school. We have been fortunate to have great results on Diploma exams, Achievement Exams, Graduation rates, etc., but this information is nice to get as it reflects perceptions of school. We will have all of our grade 10's complete the survey in school time and encourage all parents to complete the survey. As you can understand, the more parents that respond the better picture we have of your perceptions.

April will see us reach ½ way through the semester, so you will see report cards sent home on April 16th. Just a reminder that we physically hand those out to students on the 16th to take home; they are not mailed out. It seems some of our students end up with report cards that are crunched up at the bottom of their backpacks before they leave school that day! With all of the things they have going on in their life they sometimes forget to look for it when they get home, so you may have to ask! The following Parent-Teacher conferences will follow up on April 29th. The format for this date will be determined as we get closer to that date.

Have a great Easter Weekend and Spring Break.

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Message from the Board of Trustees

Strong leadership at every level sets students and staff up for success

Supporting the growth of our leaders has always been a priority for Chinook's Edge and there has never been a greater need for exceptional leadership than this past year. Trustees are proud that our classroom, school and division office leaders are determined to ensure our work of teaching and learning is continuing successfully. We are so grateful for their efforts.

Without a doubt, leadership extends to parents who are leading the learning from home when called upon. We can see that our Chinook's Edge culture of caring, collaboration and respect is present in our shared resolve to move learning forward for our students. We have witnessed evidence of hard work and goodwill in all of our school communities and appreciate leadership at all levels that come together to support students.

We would be remiss when speaking of leadership not to mention that the culture of leadership comes from the top. It is with extreme pride that we take a moment to recognize Kurt Sacher and the recent announcement that he has received the EXL Award for Excellence in School System Leadership from the College of Alberta School Superintendents. Kurt has a gift at building relationships. He is passionate about his work and authentically cares about students, staff and families.

It is these leadership qualities that ensure Chinook's Edge is the division where students come first.

Chair Holly Bilton,
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Yearbook News

THE SAME. BUT DIFFERENT

DHS 2021

"Each generation thinks it fights new battles.
But the battles are the same.
Only the people are different."
Chaim Potok

YEARBOOK 2021

The yearbook team has been working hard to document all the weird twists our time together in 2021 has taken. In some ways, being back at school has highlighted the strangeness of our world, and in others, it has given us a much needed sense of normalcy. It is our goal as a team to use the 2020-2021 yearbook to record the differences we've seen, but also celebrate the normal, everyday experiences that have stayed the same. While there have been a lot of moments where we've hoped we could forget that the past year even existed, we look forward to the time when life has settled and we're all a little more willing to look back on the growth and good that happened in the midst of the crazy. And when you're ready to stop and reflect, we hope your yearbook will be there to help you remember.

DON'T FORGET!
Order your yearbook before May 20.



DROP-IN BADMINTON **Monday & Wednesdays 3:30—5:00**

GRAD 2021



The minutes for the March 29th Graduation Planning meeting are available on the DHS website, didsburyhigh.ca, for anyone who missed it.

The next Planning meeting is April 6th at 7 pm via Zoom.



Thank you to Prairie Whistle Food Co. for their generous Donation of \$498.50 from a Perogi & Sausage Meal Fundraiser that they prepared!

The Grads of 2021 appreciate your support!



The 2021 Grads will be selling Spring Flower Pots and Bedding Plants to raise funds for Grad. Starting April 1 to May 5!

Plants will be delivered May 26th



TUESDAY, APRIL 6
6:30PM - 8:00PM

Online via Zoom
If Zoom access is a barrier, please contact us

Viewers under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Register online through the Mountain View Family Resource Network!

Visit www.mvfrn.ca
Email shannon@mvfrn.ca



YOUTH TALK: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

DRUGS & ADDICTION

IN MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY

TOPICS

- LOCAL TRENDS
- DRUG AWARENESS
- RISKS OF USE
- ADDICTION
- SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF USE
- WAYS TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION

Presentation by Jody Tomm - AHS addiction counsellor
with Olds Community Addiction and Mental Health

CYBER SAFE

FREE VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

Are you and your family cyber safe?

The internet and social media has become an amazing tool for connecting and educating, but with limited regulation, there is potential for privacy issues, bullying and criminal activity. YouthLink Calgary is providing parents and guardians with the tools to keep your family safe online.

Parents,
This is what you need to know:

- ▶ Social media and youth mental health
- ▶ Privacy protection
- ▶ Cybercrimes

youthlinkcalgary.com/crime-prevention/cybersafe/

CYBER SAFE VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Wednesday, April 7th 2021
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Online via Zoom

The Mountain View Family Resource Network invites you to tune in to this FREE virtual presentation by Youthlink Calgary. Register below to receive your Zoom link!

Visit www.mvfrn.ca

Email info@mvfrn.ca

Didsbury High School Scholarship Fund Society



Application Deadline:

No later than
May 19, 2021



For class or 2021 Scholarships,
proof of enrollment at a Post-
Secondary Institute must be submit-
ted to the DHS office by
September 2023.

Students applying to the Didsbury High
School Scholarship Fund Society must
have an minimum average of 65% in the
following courses:

Grade 11 Courses:

English

Top 3 - 20 level cores

Grade 12 Courses

English

Top 2 - 30 level cores

2 - 5 credit option courses (or use 4 - 3
credit options)

Note: Work experience courses and special
projects courses may not be used.

With your application you must submit a personal letter of application along
with two sealed letters of reference (Note: Relatives, DHS Staff, and Class-
mates are **excluded** from providing a reference letters).

Please submit your applications to the office or email to
keriksson@cesd73.ca

A vibrant tie-dye background with a central sunburst pattern in yellow, orange, red, pink, and blue. The text is overlaid in various colors and fonts.

IT'S BACK!!!

Tie Dye Shirt Week

April 6th - 9th

\$10 / \$shirt

Bring your own shirt \$5

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Looking Ahead

May Dates to Remember

Collaborative Day—No Classes	May 7
Focused PD Day—No Classes	May 21
Victoria Day—No Classes	May 24



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday No Classes	3
4 	5 Easter Monday No Classes	6 Tie Dye @ Lunch	7 Tie Dye @ Lunch	8 Tie Dye @ Lunch	9 Tie Dye @ Lunch	10
11	12 Beach Week 	13 Beach Week 	14 Beach Week Band Mtg 7pm 	15 Beach Week 	16 Beach Week Report Cards 	17 Spring Break
18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break No Classes	20 Spring Break No Classes	21 Spring Break No Classes	22 Spring Break No Classes	23 Spring Break No Classes	24 Spring Break
25 Spring Break	26	27	28	29 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30 Appt required	30	1

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7 Collaborative Day No Classes	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 DHS Scholar- ship Applications Due Date	20	21 Focused PD Day No Classes	22
23	24 Victoria Day No Classes	25	26	27	28	29
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