

October
2020



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

One month into school, and I am so grateful the weather has cooperated. Staff and students have figured out the routines of social distancing, masking, and hand sanitization while in the school, but can't wait until lunch to get out of the building. Once winter-like weather kicks in we have a plan to accommodate students who stay in the school for lunch, but it will not beat the great outdoors.

Just so you are aware, we are working on a couple of annual events that we generally host in late September and early October. One of the very important events is our Awards Night; we are preparing a slideshow to recognize students for last year's academic accomplishments and will have that posted within a couple of weeks. A second important event we are planning is to begin preparations for Grad 2021. Instead of a general meeting held in the school, parents of grads will receive an email with as much detail and information as we can provide. We will also meet with the students in the school to go over these details with them. As you might expect, we are hoping and planning for a traditional DHS graduation ceremony but will keep a Plan B and C in the back of our minds.

Lastly, Oct 22nd is our "Interim Report" day. At that time we will be asking parents to check out PowerSchool to see your son's or daughter's mark to date. This represents about 6 weeks of schooling and is an early indicator of student progress. In the following week we will have an opportunity for parents to talk to teachers and if needed, put a plan together for improvement before the official report card comes out.

Have a great October!

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Superintendent's Message

Happy to be learning in our safe and caring schools

Now more than ever, ensuring everyone in our school communities are surrounded by caring professionals within safe settings is paramount. Teaching and learning in the midst of a pandemic is a new experience, and our entire team has worked to ready ourselves for shifts in practice that may be required as we move forward. We are able to accomplish this because of our caring culture and our resilient students. We have heard that our students are happy to be back together and enthusiastic about their learning.

We consider our [Inclement Weather](#) procedures to be another important example of our safe and caring focus, and we will soon be navigating the challenges that winter weather can throw at us. We want to remind parents and staff of these Inclement Weather procedures, and encourage you to refer back to the information in the months ahead as we continue to refine our approach to ensure upmost safety for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities.

As always, we are also pleased to provide this link to the latest [Board eNews](#).

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



School Fees

2020/2021 School Fee invoices will be emailed out to parents the week of October 1, 2020. If you do not receive your student's copy or you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the office at 403-335-3356.

CESD encourages parents to pay school fees online.
didsburyhigh.ca/onlinepayments
Please check your account periodically because new fees are added for activities throughout the year.
Thank you!



**School Fees are
Due by
November 30, 2020**

Band News

Music has returned to the Band Room at Didsbury High School!

CESD approved us to play on September 10, and the following day AHS also relaxed the provincial rules regarding the playing of wind instruments. With several precautions in place, we were able to resume rehearsals, and although there is still much uncertainty with regards to concert and tour plans it is amazing to be making music once again.

The DHS Band Society is a group of dedicated parents who assist the Music Department in a variety of ways. All parents are members of this group by virtue of their child's participation in Music at DHS. The DHS Band Society Annual General Meeting will be taking place Wednesday, October 21 at 7 PM. To ensure everyone's safety the meeting will be held through Zoom; if you would like to attend please email me directly (kwassmer@cesd73.ca) and I will send you the link prior to the meeting. Please consider attending and supporting your child's music education.

As the year progresses, if you have any questions or concerns about our Music Program please feel free to call (403.335.3356, ext. 5959) or email (kwassmer@cesd73.ca).



Report Cards & Parent Teacher Interviews for Semester 1

Report Cards for Semester 1:

Interim Report Cards (Online PowerSchool Only) - October 22, 2020

Parent/Teacher Interviews—October 29, 2020 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Format to be determined. We will keep you posted.

Report Cards (Paper Copy) - November 20, 2020

Parent/Teacher Interviews - November 26, 2020 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Format to be determined. We will keep you posted.

Final Report Card (Paper Copy) - February 1, 2021

WELCOME BACK!

Week Events

28

**Monochrome
Monday**

29

Terry Fox Day

Bring a Toony for Terry- Dress 80's-
Whats your 40 Activity

30

Orange Shirt Day

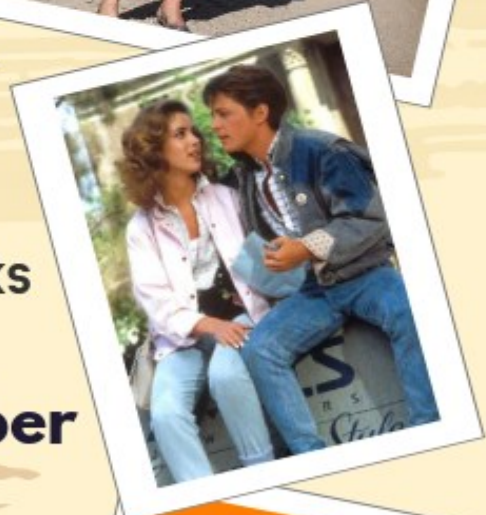
Painting Reconciliation Rocks

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Christmas in October

2

Wig/ Crazy Hair Day



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A cartoon turkey with a large red wattle and a yellow beak is shown from the chest up. It has its wings raised, with its right hand pointing up and its left hand making a peace sign. To the right of the turkey is a large orange basketball with black lines. Above the basketball is a yellow five-pointed star with the text "Win a Turkey!" written inside it. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. Below the turkey and basketball is a black rectangular box containing text. The background of the entire poster is a green field with yellow flowers and rolling green hills under a blue sky.

Win a Turkey!

**The DHS
Turkey Shoot
is Back!**

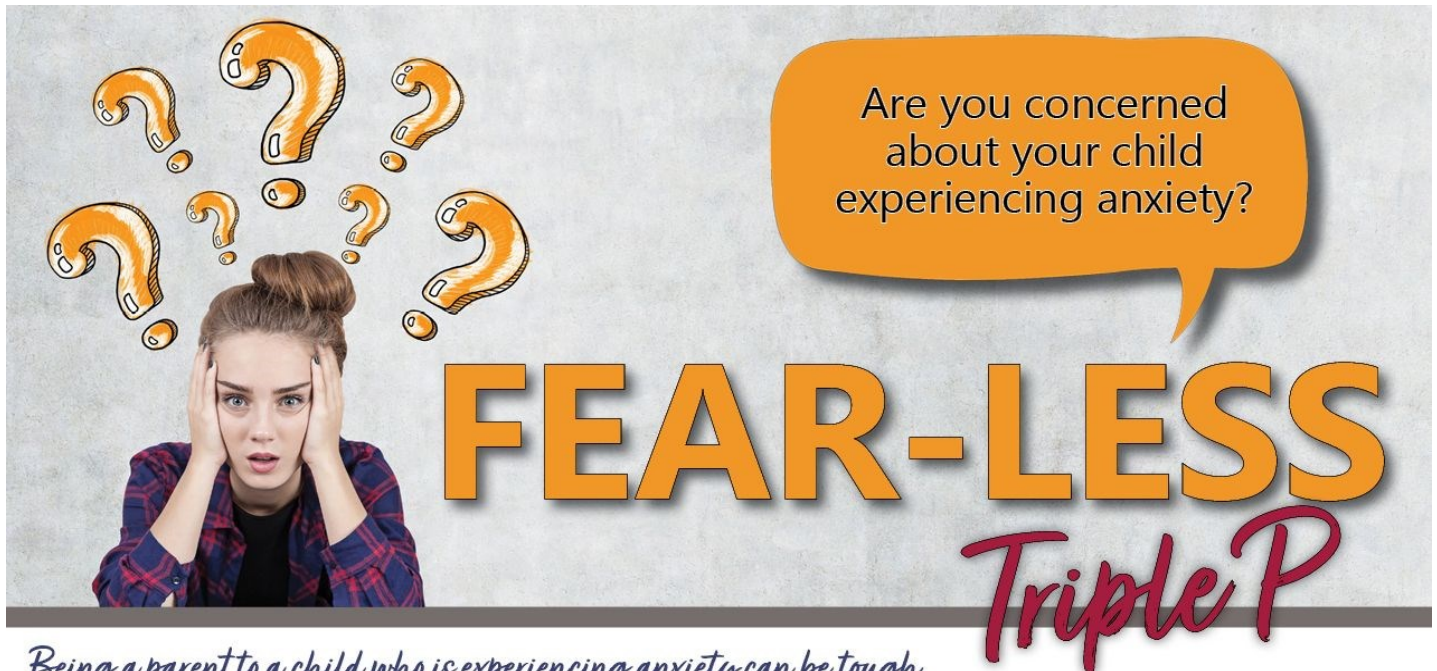
OCTOBER 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH

SIGN UP IN THE FOYER ON OCTOBER 2ND!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Brought to you by: DHS Leadership

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Being a parent to a child who is experiencing anxiety can be tough.

It can affect day to day functioning and family, school and social life. This session will support you in helping your children learn to manage anxiety. You will be introduced to great information about anxiety and provided with positive parenting strategies that support development and behaviour of your children and their anxieties.

TOPICS COVERED:

- How does anxiety work?
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for all their children.
- Becoming effective emotion coaches for our children.
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking.
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively.
- Using constructive coping and problem solving.



These sessions are for parents and caregivers of children ages 6-14. Registration is required.

IN PERSON SESSION:

Wednesday, October 14, 2020
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Didsbury Neighborhood Place

ONLINE SESSION (ZOOM)

Thursday, October 22, 2020
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
In the comfort of your home!

A Zoom Meetings link will be sent to you via email.

Watch for more Fear-Less Programs
including individual family supports and sessions!

REGISTRATION:

Visit www.mfvrn.ca to register ONLINE,
call 1877-761-0033
or email info@mvfrn.ca





A Back to School message from the School Immunization Program

Welcome back to a brand new school year, we hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We are pleased to continue to provide immunization services to your school community as long as COVID-19 response measures allow.

When schools closed in March 2020, our school-based immunization program was unable to continue as school immunization teams were redeployed to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Due to this suspension in service, you will notice some changes to our program this year as we attempt to "catch-up":

1. Students in grade 6 in the 2019-2020 school year (now in grade 7) who did not complete their Hepatitis B (HBV) and/or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and/or any outstanding routine vaccine series will be immunized within the school setting. We will only immunize those students with a signed consent form from the previous school year(s).
2. Students in other grades where an immunization consent form was signed in the previous school year(s) will be immunized in the school setting in order to complete any outstanding immunization series.

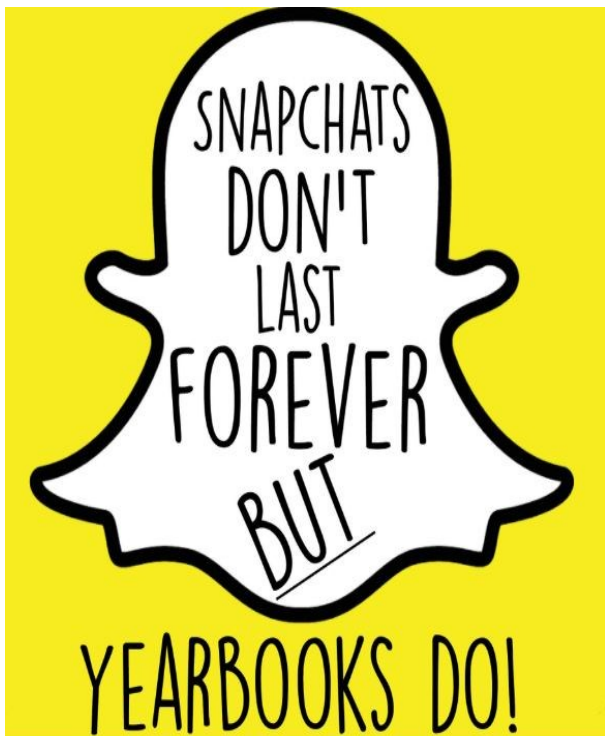
If you do not wish your child to complete their immunization series or your child was immunized privately within the past 6 months, please contact your school's designated Community Health Centre.

More information will be available in the coming weeks regarding school-based immunizations for our target grade 6 and 9 students. Public Health is developing strategies to address access to immunization for those students enrolled in alternative learning environments this school year.

Visit www.immunizealberta.ca for more information about which vaccines are offered to students in Alberta.

During times of pandemic, such as COVID-19, we are reminded of how important it is to utilize the immunizations that protect us against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and pertussis that are still present globally and locally.

We look forward to working with our school communities again to help keep students healthy.



2020/2021 DHS Yearbook

Orders can be placed through the online school fees payment program!

\$45 for the Yearbook

\$5 for Name Personalization

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Monday October 5th

Contact DH School Photos if you wish to have Retakes done.

403-217-2978



Looking Ahead

November Dates to Remember

Fall Break—No Classes	November 11–12
Report Cards	November 20
Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00–8:00 pm	November 26
Collaborative Day—No Classes	November 27



Responding to COVID-19 Symptoms

The following provides a brief outline of response if a student has COVID-19 symptoms. Please refer to the full [Alberta Government document](#). As always, we take our lead from Alberta Health Services.

- 1) **Pre-existing medical conditions** - All pre-existing medical conditions must be documented in the student's demographic information in PowerSchool (such as allergies or asthma). If a pre-existing condition involves COVID-like symptoms, the student must be tested for COVID-19 to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before entering or returning to school. COVID-19 tests can be arranged through Alberta Health by phoning 811 or by completing the [AHS online COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) and following the prompts to book a COVID-19 test.
- 2) **Self assessment** - All students (with help from parents as needed) and all staff must complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) and not enter a school if they have symptoms. The school does not need a paper record of the checklist.
- 3) **Students who become symptomatic at school** will be isolated using [school protocols](#) while the school arranges with the parent/guardian or emergency contact for immediate pick up.
- 4) **Symptomatic students** should be tested for COVID-19. If the test is negative, the student should still remain at home until symptoms resolve so that others are not infected by whatever illness they may have. For example, symptoms of the common cold could be spread to others, leading to other student absences and further self-isolation.

If the test is positive, the student is legally required to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

While it is recommended in Chinook's Edge to have symptomatic students tested, individuals who do not get tested must ensure that they follow the rules outlined in the following chart.

- 5) **For any questions** or further clarity, please contact your family doctor or Health Link at 811.

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

Overview

This tool has been developed to support activity organizers, employers, businesses and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees/staff. The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should fill out this checklist prior to participating in the activity or program. If an individual answers **YES** to any of the questions, they **must not** be allowed to attend or participate in the activity or program. Children and youth will need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

Screening Questions

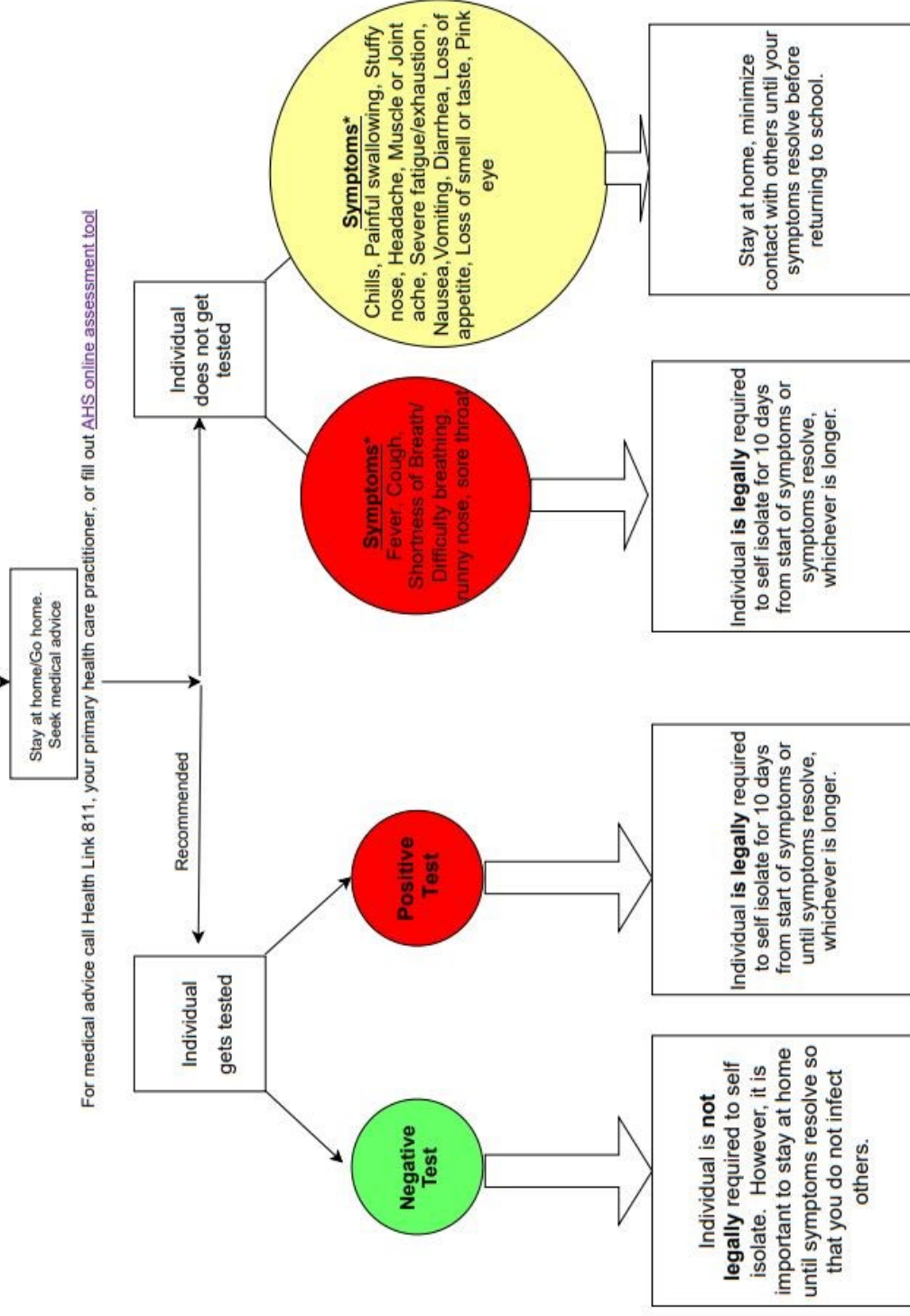
1.	Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with a symptomatic** close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

* Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in a occupational setting wearing the recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

** 'Ill/symptomatic' means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above.



Responding to COVID-19 Symptoms

Individual has COVID-19 Symptoms* (as identified through the Alberta Health Services Daily Checklist)




*Note: If there are symptoms of a pre-existing condition and a person has tested negative to COVID-19, then these rules do not need to be applied.

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28 Welcome Back Week "Monochrome" Day	29 Welcome Back Week Terry Fox Challenge "80's Day"	30 Welcome Back Week "Orange Shirt Day"	1 Welcome Back Week "Christmas in October"	2 Welcome Back Week "Crazy Hair Day"	3
4	5 Picture Retakes	6	7	8	9 Collaborative Day No Classes	10
11	12 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Interim Report Cards	23 Collaborative Day No Classes	24
25	26	27	28	29 Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews Appt required	30 Leadership Halloween Activities	31 

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Fall Break No Classes 	12 Fall Break No Classes	13 Fall Break No Classes	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Report Cards	21
22	23	24	25	26 Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews Appt required	27 Collaborative Day—No Classes	28
29	30					