



École Deer Meadow School

Chinook's Edge School Division

August 30, 2024

ÉDMS News

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! It was great seeing the smiling faces of those who were able to pop in on Thursday and Friday this week to say hello to teachers and to drop off supplies. The excitement that a new school year brings is always great to take in and be a part of, and it gets everyone excited for a great start!

Here are a few details of what our first day of school will look like:

- Teachers will meet their classes outside the main office doors in the front of the school, starting at 8:25am (the forecast looks good!). Once classes have gathered everyone together they will head into homerooms by 8:40am at the latest (our usual start time).
- Students will stay in their homerooms for the whole day to get settled and accustomed to new surroundings. This means there won't be any PE classes, so don't worry about sending gym strips yet.
- Our welcome back assembly will take place in the afternoon to set the tone for the year and share important information with the students.

Student Cell Phone/Mobile Device Policy

You have likely heard about the standards from the Alberta government regarding student access to mobile devices and social media at school. A message from Mr. Sacher, the Superintendent of Chinook's Edge Schools, was sent out earlier this week which detailed how our school district is applying these standards. We are well positioned at Deer Meadow for these standards as our school policy very much aligns with the broader approach being taken in the province now.

If you have not had a chance to read Mr. Sacher's letter, the policy can be boiled down to the following:

Chinook's Edge students will not be permitted to use cellphones/personal mobile devices (cellphones, smartwatches, and tablets) and social media at school during school hours.

The purpose behind this plan is to ensure that our students' learning environments are free from distractions.

Additionally, should you need to get an urgent/important message to your student, please know that the best way to get a message to them is by calling our school office. We do ask that you limit messages to urgent items only so as not to overrun our office staff and unnecessarily take them away from their work.

As we usually do, we plan on discussing this policy more with students in the coming days.

- Principal Allan Whitehead

Coming Up at a Glance

Sept 3 - First Day

Sept 10 - You Matter Day

Sept 16 - Picture Day

Sept 17 - Parent Council Meeting

Sept 20 - Closed - PD Day

NEW - ATHLETICS PAGE!

Check out this new page for all EDMS sports- and athletics-related information:

<https://sites.google.com/cesd73.ca/dms-school-athletics/home>

You can also access the page from the "Sports" menu on the EDMS website:

deermeadow.ca/sports

COACHES NEEDED

We are looking for Coaches for the following:

- Girls B Volleyball
- Cross Country Running

Contact Mrs. Clattenburg at EDMS if you can help out.

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SPORTS TRYOUTS

- ★ September 3 and 4 - Drop-in Volleyball for any Gr. 7s or Gr. 8s interested in playing - 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm
- ★ Volleyball Tryouts:
 - September 9, 10, 12 - 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm - Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 Girls
 - September 11 - 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm - Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 Boys
 - September 12 - 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm - Cross Country Running

1. PREPARE FOR POSSIBILITY!

MAKE A LIST OF FIVE THINGS YOUR STUDENT(S) ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SCHOOL YEAR

BACK TO SCHOOL:



TIPS FOR HAVING A SUCCESSFUL START UP

OLDS COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Thursday
September 5
Olds Sportsplex
5 pm to 7 pm
Free Admission

HOW TO CONTACT THE YES PROGRAM:

SUCCESS COACH
KENDRA WEISBRODT
DMS, OHS, REED RANCH



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GOOGLE CLASSROOM:
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2. GET CONNECTED!

THE Y.E.S. PROGRAM OFFERS MULTIPLE WAYS FOR YOUR STUDENT(S) TO GET CONNECTED WITH PEERS AND THE COMMUNITY!

TARGET GROUPS:

THESE SMALL GROUPS ARE CREATED TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH THEIR SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT. TOPICS INCLUDE:
EMPOWERMENT SELF ESTEEM
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RESILIENCE
FRIENDSHIPS SELF AWARENESS
CONFIDENCE BUILDING

UNIVERSAL GROUPS:

OUR AFTER SCHOOL, NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, AND WINTER/SPRING & SUMMER DAY CAMPS ARE OPEN TO ANY CESD STUDENTS
FREE OF CHARGE!

TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT OUR UPCOMING CLUBS AND CAMPS, JOIN OUR YES GOOGLE CLASSROOM TODAY!

CHECK IT OUT

3. VOLUNTEER!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE Y.E.S. PROGRAM HAS SO MANY WAYS FOR GR.8 STUDENTS TO GAIN VALUABLE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE.

-AFTER SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL FRIDAYS
WINTER/SPRING/SUMMER BREAKS

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