

École Deer Meadow School

Chinook's Edge School Division



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Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences - October 17th & 23rd

The first month of the school year has flown by and here we are in October. This means that our parent/teacher/student conferences are coming up soon. Our two dates this fall, **October 17th and 23rd**, are both now available for bookings. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, discuss progress, and work together to support learning. Time slots are available and can be booked online under the Bookings menu at www.deermeadow.ca.

Grade 7 & 8 Academies

Academies get started on October 17th for our students in grades 7 and 8, and planning has begun by students faced with the tough task of choosing from the great options we have available. Our Academies program offers a diverse selection of option courses that students will get involved in for 8 weeks during Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Our areas of focus are:

1. Student Leadership
2. Fine Arts
3. Careers and Technology
4. Sports and Recreation

Students have started planning what their top choices are, and next week they will indicate these in a survey that we use at the school to place them in classes. Parent input is an important part of the success of this process, and we ask that parents of students in grades 7 and 8 review and sign the Academies planning page that your child has filled out. **Parent signatures are a requirement for students to submit their choices by Tuesday, October 8th.**

Go to www.deermeadow.ca and click on About Us > Academies for information on the classes available.

Principal Allan Whitehead

Coming Up at a Glance

- Oct 11 No School - Non-Instr. Day
- Oct 14 No School - Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 17 Academies Start
- Oct 17 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Oct 18 Hot Lunch Program starts
- Oct 18 Tribestone Field Trip - Sylvan Lake
- Oct 22 Picture Retakes
- Oct 23 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Oct 24 CESD Celebrations!
- Oct 21-24 Book Fair
- Oct 25 No School - PD Day

Athletics News

Sports Extracurriculars are in full swing, so if your child is involved, be sure to bookmark the EDMS Sports page, which includes all of our Team Schedules:
www.deermeadow.ca/sports

Coming up:

- Zones Cross-Country Gr. 7/8 is Wed October 9 in Diamond Valley

EDMS is Excited to Host a Fall Book Fair!

This is a wonderful way to fill your home libraries, while still supporting our school Library! All proceeds from the Book Fair go directly back into the Library. Students will be allowed to purchase books during their Library class times, recess, and after school.

<u>In Person</u>	Oct 21	8.00 am - 4.30 pm
	Oct 22	8.00 am - 4.30 pm
	Oct 23	8.00 am - 7.00 pm
	Oct 24	8.00 am - 4.00 pm



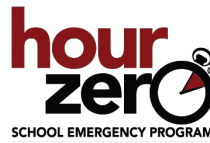
Band Academy Students

We will be having a St John's representative at Deer Meadow in the band room on **Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00 pm** to facilitate instrument rentals from their store in Calgary. School instruments are limited this year, so if you do not have your own instrument, please consider attending to get a rental from St John's. If you have any questions, please email cwright@cesd73.ca.

Chinook's Edge Adopts New Safety Program

While schools are considered to be one of the safest places in our communities, in reality, emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time. Chinook's Edge takes seriously the responsibility to maintain readiness to respond to emergencies, and prioritize student and staff safety in our buildings.

Starting in September 2024, Chinook's Edge has adopted the use of Hour-Zero, a school emergency program, used by agencies throughout North America.



While we have always had safety plans in place, through Hour-Zero we have access to the same language used by emergency responders in our community. Also, Hour-Zero's ongoing staff training and support are valuable tools for us.

Each school has an on-site emergency response team, which is supported by the division emergency response team. Staff is trained on emergency protocols with drills being practiced at each school to ensure students and staff are prepared to act quickly and to minimize confusion and fear in a real emergency.

We invite you to take a moment to review the Guide for parents / guardians at the following link: <http://www.cesd73.ca/download/466781>, which outlines protocols and language we will use in emergency situations, as well as how we will communicate with you. Also, on the Chinook's Edge website, there is a video summary of what you can expect: <https://www.cesd73.ca/parents/student-safety-plan>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Principal Allan Whitehead or Vice-principal Jennifer Jackson.



NEW Titans Online Store Goes Live October 15

Digger Sports has built a new TITANS online store just for EDMS clothing and merchandise. Not only can you buy way cool gear, you can also feel good knowing that \$3.00 to \$5.00 from every item purchased will be returned to EDMS once the online store closes. Thank you, Digger Sports! This link will go LIVE on October 15, not before. See samples of merch on display at Parent / Teacher meeting night October 17.

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