



# École Deer Meadow School Chinook's Edge School Division

Oct 14-18, 2024

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## Safety Drills

Throughout the school year we are sure to take some time with staff and students for practicing important safety procedures at Deer Meadow. This is especially important at the start of the school year as students are starting out the year in a new school or in new classrooms.

This past week we were fortunate to have the help of the Olds Fire Department for our fire drill as part of Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters assisted with the drill and invited students and staff to their open house at the fire hall.

Next week we will continue with safety drills by practicing our routines for a school lockdown and continue throughout the year with more fire drills (at least 3 more), and a tornado drill in the spring.

## Happy Thanksgiving

The first month of this school year is over and we are well into October! We hope families are settling into school routines and finding joy in the return to much-loved activities. Our school is closed tomorrow and will reopen on the morning of Tuesday, October 15th as classes resume. Enjoy the extra long Thanksgiving weekend!

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews are right around the corner now that we are into October! Our online sign-up is open and can be accessed at this link:

<https://www.deermeadow.ca/bookings>

- Thursday, October 17th, 4:00-7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 23rd, 4:00-7:00 pm (visit our Book Fair in the Library as well)

Interviews may be scheduled for either in-person or via phone on these evenings.

*Principal Allan Whitehead*

## Coming Up at a Glance

- Oct 14 No School - Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 17 Academics Start
- Oct 17 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Oct 18 Hot Lunch Program Starts
- Oct 18 Tribestone Field Trip - Sylvan Lake
- Oct 21-24 Book Fair
- Oct 22 Picture Retakes
- Oct 23 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Oct 24 CESD Celebrations!
- Oct 25 No School - PD Day
- Nov 7 Remembrance Ceremony
- Nov 8 No School - Non-Instr. Day
- Nov 11 No School - Remembrance 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 Schedules: [www.deermeadow.ca/sports](http://www.deermeadow.ca/sports)

## Coming up:

- Oct 17 - Girls B Volleyball Gold at Westglen Didsbury
- Oct 17 - Girls B Volleyball Green at Cremona School
- Oct 19 - Girls A and Boys A Volleyball in Strathmore at Crowther Jr High

## 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



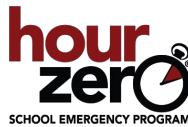
## Band Academy Students

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](mailto: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.

<https://deermeadowtitans2024.itemorder.com/>



### Keep Up to date on:

- After School Clubs
- No School Friday Activities
- School Break Camps
- Community Clubs & camps

### Optional Resources:

- Fun Family Challenges
- Tools & Tips for developing positive self esteem, resilience, & managing stress.

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Google Classroom



### Let's Chat!

Would you like to know more about helping your student develop their social/emotional learning?  
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