



École Deer Meadow School Chinook's Edge School Division

Dec 20, 2024 to Jan 6, 2025

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Happy Holidays

As the Christmas break arrives, we want to extend our warmest wishes for a peaceful and joyful holiday season. May this time offer you the chance to relax, connect with loved ones, and embrace the spirit of the season.

The first part of the school year has flown by here at Deer Meadow, filled with wonderful moments and memories (many of which you can find on our Facebook page). As we approach the end of the year, we take a moment to reflect with gratitude on the support of our parents, the dedication of our staff, and the enthusiasm of our students. Thank you for helping to make Deer Meadow such a special community.

The school will be closed from December 21st through January 5th. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, January 6th, 2025, for the start of the new year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

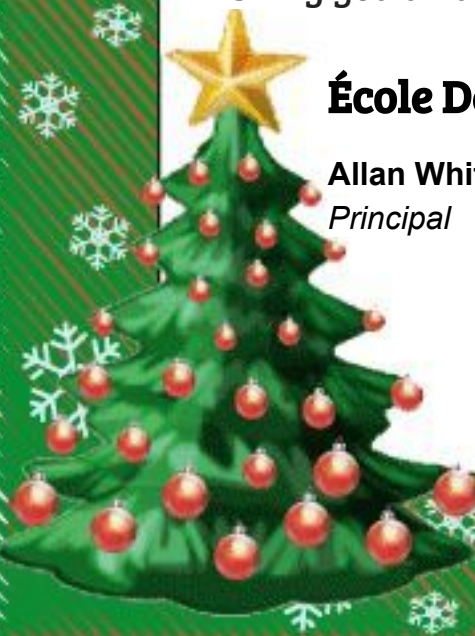
École Deer Meadow School

Allan Whitehead
Principal

Jennifer Jackson
Vice Principal

Coming Up at a Glance

Dec 20 Last Day of School
Jan 6 First Day of 2025
Jan 9 Parent Council Meeting
Jan 10 Mad Greek Hot Lunch
Jan 30 No School
Jan 31 No School



IMPORTANT EDMS News:

With the holiday break beginning, we thought we should share some information regarding online safety.

The RCMP have created and shared a document that outlines malicious online activity targeted towards children and youth.

Please take some time to look through the document and be aware of the online activities your children are getting up to.

[Important RCMP News Release](#)

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VIOLENT ONLINE GROUPS

EXPLOITING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Violent online groups are targeting and manipulating vulnerable children and youth across widely accessible online platforms to participate in acts of violence, including but not limited to, self-harm, torturing and killing animals, and producing child sexual exploitation material. There are multiple groups, associations and evolving subgroups that make up the online network known as "The Com" – short for community. "The Com" is a virtual community of groups and individuals who conduct illicit activities that glorify serious violence, cruelty, and gore. Elements of "The Com" network are known to have extreme ideological views and are victimizing children through desensitizing and radicalizing them to violence.

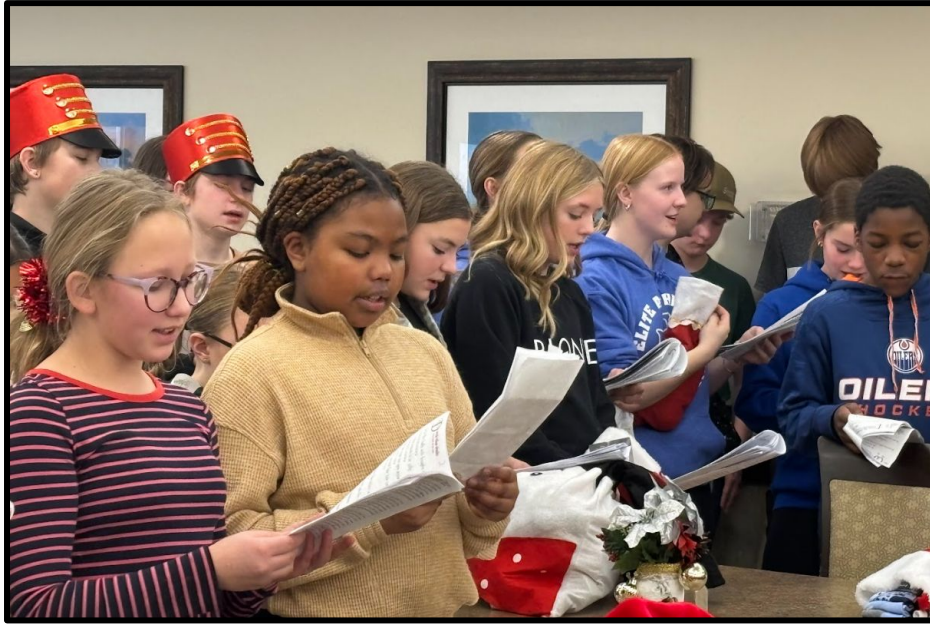
WHY ARE THEY A CONCERN?

"The Com" network deliberately targets, victimizes and recruits vulnerable children and youth between the ages of 8 and 17 years old. Members of "The Com" are threatening, harassing, extorting, coercing and encouraging vulnerable persons and youth to: engage in explicit acts or sexually exploit others; harm or kill family pets or other animals; perform self-harm; attempt or complete suicide; or conduct other acts of serious violence. Vulnerable persons include children or youth who struggle with mental health issues such as depression. Predators are victimizing children or youth for many reasons including: building up their online notoriety "clout chasing"; furthering ideological motivations and degrading society; recruiting; vetting/initiating and radicalizing others; and desensitizing children and youth in preparation for further violence.

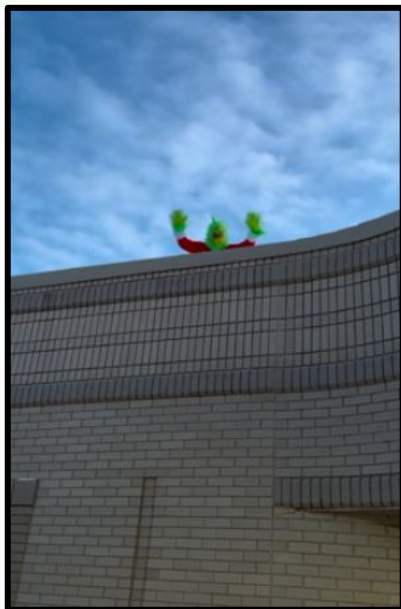
These groups operate virtually in very accessible online spaces such as social media platforms, applications (apps) and online games (e.g., Discord, Telegram, Roblox, Minecraft, Twitch, Steam, etc.).



STOCKINGS FOR SENIORS

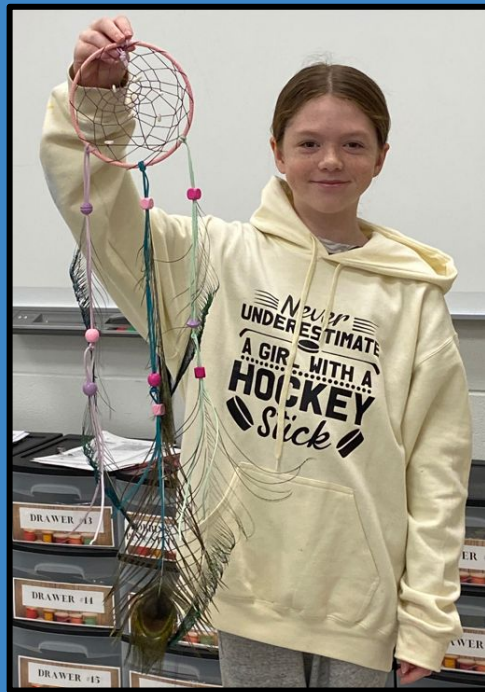


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Congratulations to all our **Tribestone** students who participated in the Dreamcatcher Workshop! Your creativity and dedication truly shone as you learned about the cultural significance of dreamcatchers and crafted your own unique designs. We hope these beautiful creations inspire you to chase your dreams and celebrate the traditions they represent. Great work!





~ Leadership Academy Clothing Drive ~

We are doing a clothing donation bin at school until mid-January. We will accept any clothing, children's books, gently used stuffed animals, blankets, accessories (purses, belts, shoes, hair scrunchies etc.), as well as small appliances.

How your donations make a difference? There are many students who do not have warm clothes and they need our help. There are millions of pounds of clothing and household items that are diverted from landfills when we make generous donations.

Please consider the DMS clothing drive for your donations when you are cleaning out your closets! Thank you so much for your Titan Spirit and your support of the Leadership program.



Thanks to our Olds Grizzly buddies for stopping in on Mondays to help Grade 6s with our reading in the Library and our fitness levels in the Gym!



Anger Management Skill Development

1 Day Workshop January 28th, 2025 9:00am to 3:30pm

Psychoeducational workshop based in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)

- ❖ Topics and strategies covered will include:
 - ~ Events and Cues in understanding anger
 - ~ The aggression cycle and ways to change it
 - ~ Cognitive restructuring and skills
 - ~ Alternatives for anger expression
 - ~ Communication and the conflict resolution model
 - ~ How past learning influences present behaviour
 - ~ Anger control plans

- ❖ Participants will leave with having developed a personal anger control plan and be provided with a certificate of attendance once completed.

Registration required; space is limited

A brief phone consultation will be conducted with the facilitator prior to registration. Please contact the clinic if interested in registering or for further information:

- Phone: (403) 507-8174
- Email: jody.tomm@recoveryalberta.ca



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WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS



PathFinders

3:30-5pm | Tuesdays | Jan - April

PD Day Camps

9-4pm | Jan -May

Winter Activities, Basketball, Soccer, Baking!

The Ultimate Games Camp

9-4pm | Feb 18-21

Soccer, Cornhole, Frisbee, Bowling

Creative Explorers Academy

9-4pm | April 22nd-25th

STEM, Outdoors, Crafts



More information:

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