



École Deer Meadow School

Chinook's Edge School Division

February 10 - 14, 2025

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Digital Camera Donations

Do you have an old digital camera sitting around the house that you do not use any more? Our students would love to get their hands on them for our Photography Academy!

Please consider donating any of your old digital camera equipment that is still in good working order, along with any accessories. Students will be happy to put them to good use again.

Thank you!

Coming Up at a Glance

Feb 14: Valentine's Day
Feb 14: Prairie Donair
Feb 17: Family Day
Feb 17-21: Winter Break
Mar 6: Parent Council Meeting 7pm
Mar 7: No School
Mar 13 & 19: Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 21: No School

Athletics News

All Schedules are available at:
www.deermeadow.ca/sports

Grade 5/6 basketball after school on
Fridays 3:30-4:30
Feb 28

In house games - Parents are welcome
to come and watch!

**Have any sports pics you'd like to
share? Send them us!**

**We're looking for a Badminton Coach
for March!!**

Contact Mrs. Clattenburg at
EDMS for information.



New Semester - Fresh Start

We have now officially completed our first half of the year and have started semester two. Report cards for semester one are available on the PowerSchool website, and they provide a good overview of how the first part of the year has gone. The teacher comments are meant to be a helpful insight for you into your child's progress as well, and we have parent-teacher interviews coming up in March, which are another good opportunity for connection.

Going forward, the start of the second semester provides an opportunity for a fresh start for students, as our report card grades reset for the final half of the year as we move on to new learner outcomes in new units of study. With that in mind, it is also a good time to touch on the important connection between attendance at school and student academic success. Having good attendance habits (not missing more than 10% of school days a year) is one of the most important ways we can ensure students can find success as learners at school, and going forward as members of society. When students miss school, it often leads to worry over what they have missed and difficulties catching up with the material that they were away for. Please see the insert below on the importance of attendance and some tips for parents.

Principal Allan Whitehead

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Prioritize school!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance.
- Have regular evening and homework routines.
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind.
- Try to make appointments during non-school hours when possible.
- Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about attendance.

We understand your child will be away at times because of illness and other reasons.

Our priority is to eliminate unnecessary absences so that your child can learn, connect and succeed in school!

DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that missing 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance.

Attendance in school is compulsory in Alberta for everyone between the ages of 6 and 16.

Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate more fully in learning activities which increases the likelihood of successfully completing high school.

Missing 2 days of school each month or 20 days each year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by grade 10.

Find out more at our [Chinook's Edge website](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Chinook's Edge School Division
4904 - 50 Street
Innisfail, AB T4G 1W4
1-800-561-9229

As part of their Provincial Government unit, 6-4 completed their 'MY MACE TASKS' this past week. Well done, students (and parents), on some amazing take-home projects and wonderful digi-slide presentations!

MY Mace By Oliver # 24

- I really like tacos so I added one to show that I like them
- Soccer is my favorite hobbies and I do it a lot
- Lego is another hobby I have I usually do it when I am bored
- And the stick represents me liking camping



My MACE 2025 AESON13

The hockey sticks symbol represents my love for hockey and the grip tape.



The picture of me represents another sport that I really enjoy playing.



The items on the top represent my hobbies of golf and fishing. My two favorite things to do in the summer break.

The leaves represent my love for the out doors.



My Mace by Piper #6

- Little duck - because I like to collect and there my favorite animal
- Globe - because I love to travel
- Skittles - because I love candy and they were my favorite candy as a kid
- Seashells - because I love the beach and to swim





While the weather has allowed us to keep schools open so far this school year... it may be helpful to know how Chinook's Edge will respond in the case of extreme cold or other inclement weather.

We are careful to leave schools open where possible so students can learn, while also prioritizing the safety of students and staff.

How do we make decisions? How will you be notified

Click on the link below:

[CESD Inclement Weather Info](#)

The advertisement features a large soccer ball in the foreground with a stylized black and white horse head logo on top. The horse's mane is yellow. The text "OLDS Mustangs" is written across the ball. In the background, there is a large indoor soccer stadium with a blue and white grid ceiling. The text "OUTDOOR SOCCER 2025" is displayed in large, white, outlined letters. Below this, an orange banner contains the text "REGISTRATION OPENS IN FEBRUARY!". At the bottom, the website "www.oldsminorsoccer.com" is listed, along with the text "OLDS MINOR SOCCER CLUB" and a QR code.

OUTDOOR SOCCER
2025

REGISTRATION OPENS IN FEBRUARY!

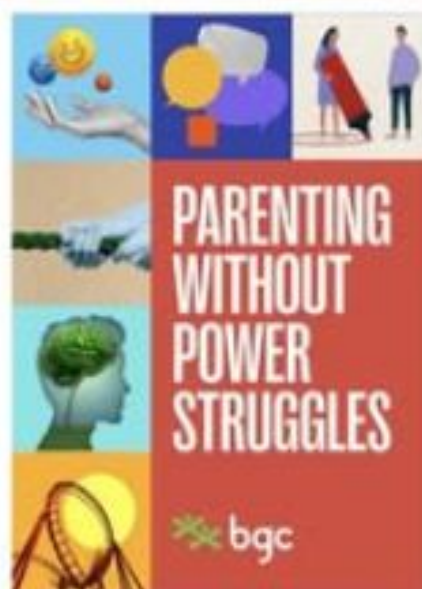
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OLDS MINOR SOCCER CLUB



Parent Program

Supporting Parents of Teenagers as they Navigate the Challenges of Adolescence



ABOUT THIS CLASS

Education and group support program for parents of pre-teens who want to develop new skills and knowledge while increasing their confidence as a parent while they support their pre-teens' transition into adolescence.

THE DETAILS 10:00AM-12:00PM

Every Tuesday from
February 25th-April 22nd
Jean's Place at the Olds
Community Connection Centre
4911 51st Ave Olds

OUR MAIN TOPICS



Skills & Knowledge

Learn about respectful communication, adolescent development, setting personal boundaries, and the importance of parental self-care.



Connection

Help parents understand that they are not alone in their parenting challenges and receive support from other parents who are experiencing similar issues.

COLLABORATIVE OUTREACH
PREVENTING EXPLOITATION

COPE

Supports youth ages 12-24 , who are at risk of, or experiencing sexual exploitation within Central Alberta.

Supports for youth & families:
Enhance personal safety
Build knowledge & awareness
Build & maintain healthy relationships
Education for youth to make informed choices
Education for families & communities
Intervention/Support & Connection to resources
Outreach services



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