

June 2021 Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe June is here already, and we are bringing closure to the 2020/2021 school term! The school year has flown by tremendously quick, considering we started the year in the midst of a pandemic, and we are ending the year still impacted by the same pandemic! Considering the aforementioned, we have had a very successful year at Penhold Elementary School, although different in nature than a typical year, our students have adjusted very well! A thank you to our parent/guardian community as you helped us adapt to the ever changing landscape of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our students have proved their resiliency, and adaptability to each school day. They have made our school environment a joy to teach and learn in!

These continue to be unique and ever changing times, but what has not changed, is our teachers' commitment to doing the absolute best for our students. Our teachers have identified curricular outcomes that have not yet been covered, and have prioritized remaining essential outcomes that will prepare students for the next level of learning. There has been a lot of learning and formal assessments, both formative and summative occurring at Penhold Elementary School over the past months. Teachers are working hard at preparing the final report cards for students which will be sent home the end of June.

On June 25th, at 2:30pm, the students will be going to their new classroom and meeting their new teacher for next year. This will be a great way for the students to meet their new teacher, and classmates to make the transition to next grade as seamless as possible.

School will dismiss at 12 noon on June 29th. Buses will be here early to pick the students up and deliver them
home. Report cards will be passed out to grade four students on that day, and will be available online for grades 5 and 6 students. If you would like a paper copy of the report card, please send a note to the teacher.

Our grade 6 students will be leaving us at the end of June, and heading over to Penhold Crossing. We wish our grade 6 students all the best in grade 7 and we hope they come back to visit! We will miss you!

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs. Klassen, our music teacher as well as Mrs. Matishak one of our Grade

6 Educational Assistants. We wish them all the best on their new adventures!

Once again, thank you for allowing the Penhold Elementary School start work with your child(ren) each and everyday! We value and appreciate the trust you place in our hands from 8:30-3:00, Monday through Friday.

We look forward to what will come in the 2021/2022 school year! Have a safe, and enjoyable summer!

· Yours in Education, | Lisa Baird - Principal

A Message from the Superintendent

Reflecting with gratitude on an exceptional year.....

As the end of this school year draws to a close, the Board of Trustees and Central Office team would like to express their gratitude for the level of success that has been achieved across the division. Everyone in Chinook's Edge has worked to ensure meaningful learning has taken place, knowing it required a significant amount of flexibility and grit throughout the year.

Moving learning forward during the pandemic has required dedication from every corner. We are particularly appreciative of the amazing perseverance shown by our students and their parents. Chinook's Edge has retained positive momentum, with a sharp focus on the social emotional wellbeing of our students. Our staff have worked so hard, often during challenging pauses from in-school learning, to support over 11,000 children and youth.

Thank you to our students and staff for their hard work and dedication, and to our parents and community partners who have engaged in learning alongside us throughout one of the most challenging years in our history. We take tremendous pride in knowing that our extra efforts still made a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Please enjoy a safe and joyful summer.

Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools

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School Council

A huge thank you to our School Council for all their support and dedication to the betterment of PES! We are thankful for the time you volunteer to improving our school! Our next meeting is September 21st, 2021.

<u>Important Dates</u>

June 1st-Baked Potato Hot Lunch June 2nd-Pizza with the Principal June 3rd-Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap

June 4th- No School June 8th- Pulled Pork June 10th- Subway

June 11th-FREE BBQ Burgers

June 18th - FREE Hot Dog Day

June 25th FREE BBQ Lunch

June 29th- Students Last Day of School

<u>HOT LUNCH</u>

Due to the fact we moved to online learning for half the month of May, we have adjusted the hot lunch schedule for June. Please see the following hot lunch schedule.

June 1st-Baked Potato

June 3rd- Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap

June 8th-Pulled Pork

June 10th - Subway

School Fees: All outstanding school fees are now past due! Please make arrangements with the office to have these fees paid ASAP.

Supplies: The supply lists for the 2021/2022 school year are now available on our website, as well as a hard copy has been sent home with each student. Parents have the choice to order supplies from the business School Start. Please see the website for more information!

FAMILY SCHOOL WELLNESS

As the school year is coming to an end I want to remind everyone that due to changes to our FSW program, our services are only available during the school year. Chinook's Edge School Division and the Family School Wellness Team are grateful for the strong community partnerships that are available during the summer months. Please reach out to organizations in your community over the summer, below are some numbers if you need services.

Mental Health Red Deer 403-340-5466 Family Resource Network 1-877-994-5465 Penhold FCSS 403-886-3288 Red Deer Food Bank 403-342-5355

FSW will be available once again on September 1st, which is the first day of the 2021/2022 school year. Wishing you and your family a great summer!

Teresa Ainscough
Family School Wellness Worker