



Celebrations - October 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming dates:

October 2 - Eric Walters

October 6 & 9 - OFF

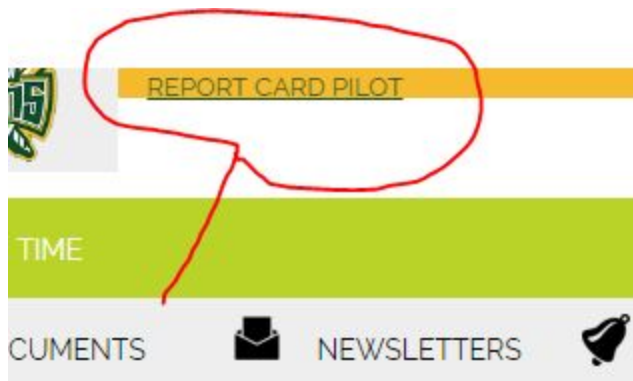
October 17 & 18 - Parent teacher interviews

October 17-19 - Book Fair

October 27 - OFF (PD for teachers)

New Report Cards:

In November, you will see a brand new report card (digital) for all Deer Meadow students. Please take a look at the "Report Card Pilot" tab on our website for a primer on the new report card.



Time flies when you're busy! September went by so fast that I thought it was time to stop and say thanks to some people. I'm a big fan of the point form list, so here it is...

Thanks ...

- to Sobey's, Tim Horton's, and Parkland Oilfield for their generous donation to our back to school BBQ and Terry Fox fundraiser - we will send \$1162.30 to the Terry Fox Foundation,
- to the parents who volunteered on picture day,
- to the drivers in and around Olds who slow down and give space to our cycling students,
- to the staff of Deer Meadow for an energetic start-up to the school year,
- to the Deer Meadow parent council for doing great things for our kids, including the pizza Tuesdays,
- to all the parents who help keep their kids safe by doing things like dropping them off for school where they don't have to cross a road,
- to the community people who volunteer to serve breakfast to our students every morning,
- to our volunteer coaches who have cross country and volleyball up and running,
- to all of the groups who have donated to the Breakfast for Learning Program - it costs about \$5000 per year to operate a program that gives kids a kickstart to their day when they can't otherwise get it,
- to the students of Deer Meadow for being great ambassadors for our community and our school,
- to our 3 new Success Coaches: Emma, Becky, and Ashton for all the great work they do with our students,
- To Mrs. Perigny for finishing all of my sentences for me (and starting them too).

Safe and Caring

Our first concern is for the safety of your child. We believe that we have built a culture where students feel safe, and when they don't, they feel comfortable letting an adult know. Many character programs support our culture.

If you are interested in any of the programs, the messaging, or the protocols for safety at Deer Meadow, please call and have a chat.

Parent Communication

We are constantly trying to be better at this. You will find that our website (www.deermeadow.ca) is the place to see what your child has for homework, important school dates, general school information, what's going on at Deer Meadow, and what's happening in the community. You will also notice "Robo Calls", emails, and texts from the school. We are receiving positive feedback on this system as it keeps parents apprised of events in real time, and there are fewer notes home to get eaten or blow out of backpacks.

Still a fan of the face-to-face? Meet with your child's teacher at parent / student / teacher conferences on Oct. 17 and 18.

Remember to call the office if you have community events that you would like posted on our website.

Head Lice Time

We've had a few cases this year. Please check our website for Head Lice Care instructions. You will find it under "**Documents**" and then the "**Alberta Health Services**" tab.

Everyone Matters in our Safe and Caring Schools

A Message from the Superintendent


We know that meaningful relationships and a foundation of trust move our students toward success, and that is precisely what you can expect for your child in Chinook's Edge. We are committed to ensuring each of our students and staff feel they are safe, cared for and that they belong. This is at the core of our quality learning environment, and it leads to healthy development for our students and a sense of wellness for everyone in our school communities.

A team of representatives from schools throughout Chinook's Edge have brought compassion and insight to our Safe and Caring Committee for nearly four years. We appreciate their time and effort, which have made a tremendous impact in our division. We work to lead projects, share ideas and blend resources to ensure we are a school division filled with safe, healthy and happy students and staff.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools


Trustees do important work!



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*Where
Students
Come First!*

Please vote
on October 16



VOTE

School Fees

I am sure you are aware that the Alberta Government has introduced Bill 1 to reduce school fees for families. Please be advised, that this does not cover all of your child's school fees. The fees that are covered by this Bill include textbooks, workbooks and the general school fee that schools use to purchase paper and resources. The expenses that are NOT covered by the Bill include the fees for enrolling in Academy classes, band equipment rentals/purchases, extra-curricular activities, field trips, yearbook, etc.

School fee invoices have been mailed out this week, along with demographic information to be updated, if necessary, and returned to the school. Also mailed to you is your login information for PowerSchool.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact our office at 403-556-1003.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to share with you some information about Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees, which our government recently introduced in the legislature. By introducing this legislation, our government is working to make life better and more affordable for Alberta families.

If Bill 1 is passed, these fee reductions will come in to effect this fall and no Alberta family will be required to pay for instructional supplies or materials, or for certain types of student transportation, as outlined below. These two school fees represent approximately 25 per cent of the fees collected each year by school boards, and reducing them would lead to Alberta families saving more than \$50 million annually.

Instructional supplies or materials include fees for textbooks, workbooks, printing and paper costs incurred by their public schools. It also includes any common fees that are charged to an entire student body, or grade cohort. These fees can be referred to as—among other titles—instructional fees, instructional materials or basic fees. To date, school fees have varied significantly from school to school, so your savings will depend on the type and amount of fees currently charged by your child's school.

Bill 1, if passed, will also remove bus fees for eligible students traveling to their designated school. That means that if your child attends his or her designated school and that school is more than 2.4 kilometres away from your home, you will not be charged transportation fees. In some circumstances—for example, if parents choose to enrol their child in a school other than their designated school—fees may still be incurred.

Our government understands that times are tough for Alberta families and is working to make education more affordable. We believe that all students deserve access to a quality education in an Alberta school, and we are committed to reducing financial barriers such as school fees.

Further details about Bill 1 will be released in the coming months, and additional information will be available on the Alberta Education website at <https://education.alberta.ca/>. If you have questions about your school's school fees, please contact your school or school board directly.

Sincerely,



David Eggen
Minister of Education

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Pay School Fees Online

Chinook's Edge School Division is pleased to offer the opportunity to pay student fees electronically. The online payment program provides a convenient payment option that saves time. You can make secure online payments by credit or debit card any time and receive a receipt.

Safe. Secure. Simple.

Signing up only takes a moment. Here is how it works:

1. Go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/> or find the link on the Chinook's Edge Website at www.chinookse.dge.ab.ca
2. Take a few minutes to register and create an account for your child(ren).
3. Review and pay your child's fees using direct online payment.

If you are having technical issues with your parent account please email feesupport@cesd73.ca for assistance.



September Students of the Month - Goal Setting




Back to School BBQ






**Thursday Lunch Orders
Now Available To Order Online**
Go to our Website www.deermeadow.ca

1) Click on Quicklinks



2) Click on Online Fees



3) Login or Set Up Account

Don't have an account?

Sign Up

Login

E-mail

Password


[Forgot Password?](#)

Logon

ORDER FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE
& ON OUR WEBSITE. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED &
PAID FOR BY 9 AM THE MONDAY BEFORE THE LUNCH
DATE

Check out "How to Order Lunches" video on our website

SCHOOL VIDEOS



- Welcome to Deer Meadow 2017-2018
- Band Camp 2017
- Online Ordering/School Fees
- Band Camp 2016
- Titan Travel Maritimes 2014-2015
- Titan Travel Spring 2014 (Part 1 of 2)
- Titan Travel Spring 2014 (Part 2 of 2)
- Anonymous Good Shout Out from Around the World
- The Meadow Is

