



École Deer Meadow School

Chinook's Edge School Division

Week of Sept. 5 - 9, 2022

What a Start!- We have had a great startup for the 2022-2023 school year here at Ecole Deer Meadow School! The energy and excitement that students and staff brought back from summer vacation was noticeable as we look forward to what we are all hoping will be a more typical school year.

We were thankful for the sunshine on our first day that allowed us to be outside to welcome everyone back. Teachers have done a fantastic job of giving tours, breaking the ice with new classmates, and re-establishing classroom routines. All while getting right into the learning outcomes from the Alberta curriculum. While teachers are busy, they know the importance of connecting with parents/guardians and would welcome the chance to hear from you.

I was personally thrilled to see the leadership shown by our grade 8 students during our assembly on the first day when they led the school in giving an incredible warm welcome to our new grade 5 students upon their arrival. The cheering and applause was so great to see! We spoke at the assembly about the importance of each individual at Deer Meadow playing a part to make this a great place to spend many of our days, and the responsibility and control that each and every one of us has to do this. Student leadership is a big part of the culture of "The Meadow" that I have noticed already and we will definitely continue this focus.

In addition to welcoming our new students to the school, we also welcomed new staff and staff in new places. It is my pleasure to introduce Mrs. Martin, who is teaching 7.1. Mrs. Martin comes to us from Innisfail High School and is looking forward to teaching in the community where she lives. Mrs. Jackson has started with us full-time this fall as our Vice-Principal after spending some time here in the spring as part of the transition process. She welcomed many familiar faces as she previously taught at Olds Elementary. In the "New Places" category, students and staff shared their enthusiasm for Mrs. Ulry's move into a new role as a homeroom teacher for 7.2, as well as Mrs. Gallant moving into a new role as an Art Specialist. I was also thankful for the kind welcome from students as I introduced myself as the new Principal, which I have to say I almost forgot to do after having the opportunity to spend the final three months of last school year here getting the hang of things!

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks. Athletics are getting going right away with volleyball teams for the grade 7's and 8's as well as cross-country running for all grades. Music and Art classes will be getting going, as well as some great clubs and intramural opportunities. The YES! Team will be back in our school, and will have great programs getting going further into the fall. We are planning a "Welcome Back" barbecue for September 27th to coincide with an instrument rental night for our Band program, so watch for more details to come.

Allan Whitehead

Principal

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Week at a Glance

Sept. 5 - No School

Sept. 6 - Cross Country Meeting 11:44

Sept. 7 - Gr 7/8 Girls Volleyball drop in

Sept. 8 - Gr 7/8 Boys Volleyball drop in

From the Gym

- Volleyball try outs will begin the week of Sept.12th.

- If there are any parents interested in helping to coach Volleyball or Basketball, please contact Tanya Clattenburg at tclattenburg@cesd73.ca

Personal Laptops/Chromebooks

Students are welcome to bring their own laptop or chromebook to school for school work. Please see the attached link and return the signed form to your child's teacher if you intend to send a personal laptop/chromebook to school.

Click here for the form



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Division News
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September 2022



DELF

We were pleased to award and celebrate some of our French Immersion students who achieved certifications through the Diploma of French Language (DELF) exams that they wrote last spring.

Congratulations!

