



École Deer Meadow School

Chinook's Edge School Division

Winter Break, 2024

ÉDMS News

Student Advisory Team

We recently held the first meeting of our new Student Advisory Team at Deer Meadow. This group has been formed with one representative from each of the 18 homeroom classes in our school. Students nominated classmates who they thought would be good representatives and the group was formed with staff input. This group has three main goals:

- Share ideas and build on the ideas of others.
- Help make our school community a kinder and safer space for everyone.
- Find ways to improve our community.

Monthly meetings are planned to provide a space for sharing student voice to school administration and staff, as well as an opportunity for school staff and our parent council to gather feedback from students. These dedicated students from across grades 5 through 8 have committed to giving up one lunch recess per month for this, and will serve as an important point for communication between the students and adults in our school. A highlight for many of the students (and Mr. Whitehead) was the pizza lunch provided to the group by the parent council! Our first meeting was very informative, with each student sharing valuable insights on how to improve our school community.

Winter Break/Teachers' Convention

Please note that the school will be closed next week (February 19th - 23rd) for the Winter Break. In honour of Family Day on Monday, we hope everyone gets to spend some quality time with loved-ones. Deer Meadow will reopen on Monday, February 26th.



Raising Resilient Children

Thursday, February 29, 2024
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Online Information Session via Zoom!

How can you help your child manage their emotions so they cope well with disappointment and in stressful situations?

Get the strategies that will allow them to recognize positive and negative emotions – and deal with them in a healthy way.



Registration is open until February 27, 2024

REGISTRATION:

Register online at www.mvfrn.ca for zoom link



Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Grade 7 Parents/Guardians

Alberta Education invites all parents of students in grade 7 to complete the annual Assurance Survey. Codes have been mailed to parents. Please click [HERE](#) to complete by March 1st. See the insert on the next page for more information.

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Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Information for parents and guardians

About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.



How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It **is not** used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.



How will students take the survey?

- Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.

Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.