

## **Well prepared for Re-entry to School**

Our Board understands that we are welcoming students and staff back to school in a very different environment than we are used to, but our deep focus is to ensure the highest safety measures are in place as we start the school year. Our Central Office team has worked throughout the summer to prepare for our students' return, by outlining safety guidelines as directed by the provincial government and arranging for delivery of personal protective equipment to each school. Students and staff are returning to facilities that have been equipped with a multitude of measures to support the highest levels of health and safety possible. Along with various items for personal protection, such as hand sanitizer and re-usable masks, the division's Facility Services staff have also installed directional signage, plexiglass partitions and study carrels that provide for the greatest physical distancing. Please review the Chinook's Edge School Division [Re-entry Plan](#). For parent updates from the Superintendent, please refer to [Chinook's Edge COVID-19 Information](#).

## **Coming back strong**

Chinook's Edge staff have a collective responsibility to ensure the academic, social-emotional and behavioural needs of all students are met. Through our division's [Collaborative Response Model](#) (CRM), school teams work together to review student progress and effective strategies to determine how best to support each individual student toward success.

## **Equipping our schools**

An advance of over \$4.22 million in IMR funds to Chinook's Edge, which was part of a provincial government economic stimulus package, allowed a number of school projects to be completed over the summer, including roof repairs, boiler and window replacements, LED lighting installation, new flooring, painting and grounds maintenance. Each of our schools have been shined, polished and sanitized over the summer, and classrooms have included any and all preventative measures available. We want everyone in our Chinook's Edge school community to feel confident and happy returning to school, knowing that safety is our #1 priority.

## **Working towards solutions**

Chinook's Edge is widely known for a collaborative, common-sense approach to providing quality learning, and this extends beyond our division borders. For example, the Board has partnered with Wild Rose School Division to share the services of a hosted phone service (VoIP phone system). Wild Rose wrote a letter of appreciation to Chinook's Edge Board of Trustees indicating that, by agreeing to include them in this shared service agreement, they expect to achieve a 90% reduction in ongoing telephone costs. As a smaller division, they also appreciate the opportunity to move to a modern, self supported phone system, allowing Wild Rose to better focus on supporting remote learning with their teachers and families.

## **Special Recognition Days in September:**

September 8 - International Literacy Day  
September 10 - World Suicide Prevention Day  
September 21 - International Day of Peace  
September 30 - Terry Fox National School Run  
September 30 - Orange Shirt Day  
September 1-30 - Alberta Culture Days