

Challenging... Encouraging... Believing

Welcome to a new year of learning together in Chinook's Edge!



The Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) was physically distanced and emotionally connected during multiple-day meetings to help prepare for a year of success in Chinook's Edge!

Nominate a volunteer

Chinook's Edge is lucky to have many outstanding volunteers whose contributions make our schools better!

Alberta Education invites nominations for the 2020 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards to celebrate the impact volunteers have on our schools and communities.

For info or nomination forms, visit <http://alberta.ca/stars-awards>

Deadline: September 15

Please remember to begin sending the great photos and stories from your schools, so we can continue sharing our Chinook's Edge news from across the division!

Please check with your office staff to ensure the students in each photo have media consent, and remember that each issue of Celebrating Chinook's Edge is also shared with media. They also love to hear our stories!

Thank you for being such great ambassadors of Chinook's Edge!
Sandy Bexon

On behalf of COLT and our Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome you back for what we hope will be an amazing school year in Chinook's Edge. We are all thrilled to have so many of our students back so that we can interact and connect with them. Working with students face to face is the best way to help the overwhelming majority of our young people learn and grow. That said, when we are challenged to support learning at home, or on-line, we have proven we can rise to the occasion as needed. A particularly special thanks to the teachers of Off-campus, Remote Learning, and Career High for all of their efforts making sure we support as many students as we can.

We are so proud of everyone's work in difficult times. We have stayed true to our core values. We take tremendous care of our students, and we take great care of each other. We go out of our way to meet the social-emotional needs of everyone, and at the same time, we never set aside our core purpose, which is to always provide a quality learning environment to the best of our ability.

Through the challenges created by the global pandemic, we have done our due diligence to ensure safety for all with an understanding that, while we cannot eliminate risk, we can very effectively minimize that risk.

For almost six months now, we have all been tested in our personal lives and in our professional roles. We need to keep our focus on safety, relationships, mental health, and learning. They are all critically important, now more than ever.

Every single adult in our system makes a significant difference, either directly or indirectly, that affects 11,000 students. We pride ourselves on being a school division where students come first.

While we are all resilient, there are limits and there are times when some of us simply need assistance along the way. Please do not hesitate to connect with our Chinook's Edge Staff Health & Wellness resources [through this link](#) if at any point along the way you need some additional support.

As a school division, we care deeply about all of our students and all of our adults. Please take great care of yourselves, and have an incredible start to your year.

Kurt Sacher

Vigilant about safety

Division Office staff was 'all in' to assist Shawn Russell, Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services, as he lead the charge throughout the summer to prepare an array of PPE for schools.

