Parent Update

June 29, 2021



Hello everyone,

On behalf of the Board, the Central Office Leadership Team, and our staff throughout Chinook's Edge, I thank each of you for your patience and understanding over the past 16 months. As a school division we did our best to keep our students, their learning, and all of our relationships as a top priority throughout the pandemic. I just wanted to take a moment to leave you with some important information that you might find helpful leading up to the next school year.

If you need to contact your child's school, offices will be open by Thursday, August 26th. Please check the school website for more specifics as we get closer to that time. Our first day of school in Chinook's Edge School Division is Wednesday, September 1, 2021. We are very hopeful that we can return to a renewed sense of normalcy in the fall. We will provide additional details prior to the official start of the school year.

As our Transportation Department prepares for next year and works to plan specific bus routes, it is really important that any families who need school bus service find registration information at this link. Staff will be monitoring registrations throughout the summer and will confirm with you once the department re-opens on August 10th. For any additional transportation inquiries, please call 403-227-7072 on August 10th or later and someone will be happy to assist you.

Also, if your child faces any emotional challenges over the summer break, please do not hesitate to access the Kids Help Phone by calling 1-800-668-6868, texting CONNECT to 686868, or visiting https://kidshelpphone.ca.

The Board and our entire staff would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation for supporting your child with their learning throughout the year. To read this year's final Board eNews, please <u>click on this link</u>. The link contains an important government survey regarding pandemic-related impacts on children and youth (see 'A brighter future for kids now and beyond the pandemic').

I am hopeful that you will be able to find some time to relax and be with friends and family over the summer. I sincerely wish you all the best.

Yours truly,

Kurt Sacher Superintendent, Chinook's Edge School Division