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From the Principal's Desk



Spring has sprung, or at least it is trying to. With that, comes puddles and mud so we ask that you ensure that your child(ren) has both an indoor pair of shoes and an outdoor pair. It becomes increasingly difficult to keep our school even reasonably clean when outdoor shoes are being worn inside the school. We thank you all for your assistance with this.

Our second term is almost half over. Thank you all who came in for interviews and also thank you all for coming in to chat with your child's teacher during our interview evening. Our teachers always look forward to chatting with you about your child. If you have any further questions or could not connect to your child's teacher during the interview week, please make sure that you contact them. We consider parents an integral part of our students' learning team and team communication is important. We still recommend that all parents of students in middle and high school login to our Student Information System, 'PowerSchool' parent portal, regularly for updates on how your child is progressing in their courses. You can find attendance information as well as assignments completed, yet to be completed, test scores and sometimes assignments or test dates that are up and coming. This is one more way we as teachers are able to further communicate with parents and you as parents are able to further communicate with your child about their education. If you have not been through the process to create your account and have any questions on how to do that, please contact the school. You will require some information from the school to begin the process, so don't hesitate to inquire.

Google Classroom is another great place to check what your child has been, is, and will be working on.

It was great to see so many people out for our Discovery Night in the gym and our Book fair in the Library. We would like to thank all of the groups who came to be part of our Discovery Night. It is always interesting to see the wealth of interests, activities and the many groups that are part of our wonderful community of Cremona, Water Valley, Dogpound and all the area around us.

Please remember to do the Division survey that has been sent out. In the link there is information on a chance to win \$100 worth of meat from our second meat fundraiser. We thank you all for your input on the surveys both from the division and from Alberta Education. All information gathered is looked at and assists us with our 5 year planning for the school.

We will be beginning our second meat fundraiser. We thank everyone for continuing to support Cremona School. There are many extras that we could not continue to provide our students if it wasn't for the support of our surrounding communities.

As we move into April, Easter and Spring Break, we would like to wish you all a wonderful spring and a very Happy Easter.

Toanna Harvey

Division News

... for parents and guardians

April 2023



Dual credit is a powerful program for students

- A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Did you know... A student who enrolls in a dual credit course is almost 100% guaranteed to graduate?

As Chinook's Edge looked back over the last decade of students who participated in dual credit opportunities, our records show that almost all of these students graduated. We knew dual credit was going well, but when we discovered this data we were thrilled!

What is dual credit?

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in a course through a post-secondary institution and receive credit for that course "dually": at the post secondary level and at high school. Dual Credit programming provides career pathway experiences as students explore various career learning through these courses. We offer:



Veterinary Tech - dual credit students

- Various skilled trades experiences with early introduction to trades courses
- Pre-employment Certification in Welding and Heavy Equipment Technician
- Student career training in the area of animal sciences with the offering of the Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate
- Dual credit single course experiences: exploration of careers in business, sports management, animal sciences, horticulture, health care, hospitality, and agriculture technology

The goal of dual credit is to provide students with skills and experience necessary to transition successfully to post-secondary learning for their career of choice learning. We want students to leave high school engaging in the career pathway that they are passionate about. About 490 Chinook's Edge students enrolled in dual credit this year.

Why does dual credit have an impact on graduation? There are two main reasons this program is having such a positive impact:

- 1. We have found that students who participate in dual credit gain motivation. They might hear, for instance, from a post-secondary instructor that a certain mark or a specific course is needed to progress in a career. Students are telling us this direct connection to careers makes their schooling more purposeful to them. As well, students find that their overall high school achievement increases as they better understand how important the skills of math, science and communication are for them in their future career.
- Direct support from a caring adult. The structure of the dual credit
 program means a staff member will directly support individual students
 through advising and coaching to ensure the experience is successful.
 The influence of these staff members in a 'shepherding' type of role
 contributes significantly to student success.

In Chinook's Edge "Career Connections" is one of our three major priorities. Dual credit is just one high leverage strategy to help students transition into future careers. Please connect with your school for more information.

To read the latest version of the Board e-News, please Click here

Kurt Sacher

Alberta Health Services Community Mental Health Presentation:

Depression in Children and Teens

When: Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 7:00pm Cremona School Library

Children and teens can sometimes have feelings of sadness, seem grumpy or bored, or they may complain of headaches. They may have feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, or guilt. While others may struggle with concentration, thinking or making decisions.

We welcome you to join us to learn about what depression can look like in children and teens. Topics include:

- symptoms,
- treatment options,
- local resources to better understand how we can all support the children and teens in our community.

This event is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you there.





THE B. CLASS!

A special thank you goes to Julie Ryan for running an amazing Girl Be You class for our grade 7's Jr. Cosmo group!

DISCOVERY NIGHT!

Another annual Discovery Night was a success with lots of Minute to Win It games and some great competition!

Encouragement!

keep going, keep growing

March in the YES Room!

Stay tuned for some fun groups and events coming up next month!!

2nd annual Cremona Olympics event!

Mini Sticks club is starting after school on Mondays!

Let's Chalk About It is coming back to Cremona at the end of April/beginning of May!

After School Activities!

This month was filled with Jr. Cosmo, friendship groups and ski trips!









Coursellor's CORNER.

APRIL 2023

Last month, 9 Cremona School students interested in pursuing a career in health care participated in the Sundre Hospital Skills Day. These 9 lucky students had a fun-filled, hands-on experience where they learned how to polish teeth, take a blood sample, insert a breathing tube, perform CPR, suture a pig leg, and tour an ambulance.

Grade 9 Info Night

Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00pm will be our annual Grade 9 parent and student meeting in the library. Teachers will explain their high school classes and will hand out the recommendations for high school levels of courses. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me!

Grade 11 Students: Please come and see me when you have 15 minutes of free time at school so we can discuss next year! I have met with about half of you but would like to help you with research and general information about next year!

Grade 12 Parents: The grade 12 students who have committed to post-secondary school should apply for RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP late Spring or Summer. There are no set deadlines anymore. Please note that IF your teenager takes a "year off" and THEN attends post-secondary, he/she will still qualify depending on marks. They will apply when they decide to return to school, not now. "Rutherford scholarship" is available to any Alberta student who has 75% and over in 5 subjects (including options) in grades 10, 11, and 12. THEY MUST BE ATTENDING A POST-SECONDARY school TO GET THE MONEY. Even if your teenager says "I don't have good enough marks," he or she should still apply as even work experience marks are included!! The form can be found in the Scholarships area of the ALIS website. (or google "Rutherford Scholarship application") Our school code is "5103" and it takes about 10 minutes to complete online but if you have any questions, please contact me.



Leadership would like to thank everyone who participated in Pi Day, the Middle School Scavenger Hunt, Kool-Aid Chug, and coming to the Student-Teacher Hockey game the second week of March! It was so much fun seeing people having a blast celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Upcoming Events

We have a couple dress up days planned for you during the month of April. On April 6th we are going to have a "Character Dress Up Day" where you can dress up as your favourite book, movie, or tv show character! On April 28th, we are going to have a "Rhyme Without Reason" Dress Up Day!" This one takes a little planning with a partner or group. Your instructions are: find a partner or group, and dress up as things that rhyme! For example, one of you could dress up as a mummy, and your partner could dress up as a gummy! If you were a group of three, your group could dress up as a cat, a hat, and a rat!

Leadership is going to run a **bake sale on April 21st!** We will be set up at the bus doors from 12:00-12:40, and items will be \$1.00 each.

We are very proud of the amount of talented individuals we have at Cremona School, so we are organizing a Cremona School Talent show to showcase those talents! The talent show will run on the afternoon of May 4th. Sign up will be available the week after Spring Break, and tryouts will run April 24-26, so start practicing!

Band Society Update

Hello Band Parents,

In March our Grades 7 - 12 band students participated in the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival and received glowing reviews! Great job everyone. Next up for this group is the Spring Concert to be held at Cremona School on May 10th, 2023 and preparation for their trip to the Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival happening May 15-18, 2023.

Our Grade 6 band will be performing at the Calgary Performing Arts Festival on May 2, 2023. They, along with the Grade 5 band will also be practicing for their performances at our Spring Concert at the school!

We are planning to hold a flower basket fundraiser in early May with delivery happening around May 24rth. Please watch for further information from Mr. Hutcheon on this.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **April 5th at 6:oopm** in the school Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Welcome to our new Principal Mr. Darryl Korody and new Vice Principal Ms. Linda Lapere.

We are your school council members:

Chair: Sally Livermore (past Chair: Andrea Reid) **Vice**: Julia Lefaivre (past Vice: Janice Howells)

Secretary: Jess Gano (past Secretary: Randa Edmond)

Fundraising Coordinator: Sally Livermore (previously Coreen Lema)

Directors:

Elementary Rep: Rebecca Quigley, Stacey Hill

Middle School Rep: Melissa Savage High School Rep: Shannon Chapin

Director: Anna Lashmar **Teacher Rep:** Robert Scott

Our March meeting was packed! Reports were covered from Leadership, Financial, Administration, CSES, and the Band Society. Many exciting events are coming up including Olds Kiwanis Music Festival, a fundraising Hoe Down set for April 22, and plans are in the works for a Math Fair this spring to highlight students' numeracy skills and the exciting world of numbers!

For details and dates of many upcoming events please access the monthly meeting minutes online.

The next School Council meeting is **April 18, 7:00 PM in the library**. We hope to see you there!

Bouquets & Celebrations



- Huge THANK YOU to all the groups that made our Discovery Night a success! And thank you to the community for coming out to see what it is all about! We plan to hold this event annually.
- Thank you to Mrs. Ross for promoting literacy by putting on another fun-filled book fair!
- Thank you to our amazing bus drivers for delivering our kiddoes to and from school and field trips safely!
- Thank you Mr. Youngs for hosting a mini basketball tournament for our Grade 6 girls!
- Sincere thank you to Daryl & Lisa Halverson of 3HD Building Systems for the valuable donation of off-cuts and plywood scraps to our shop program!
- Thank you to the volunteer parents for helping with our Elementary swimming lessons!

Stay tuned for details on our upcoming Centennial

Meat fundraiser - happening in April!





Cremona School Enhancement Society is currently fundraising to replace a portion of the older playground equipment that has to be removed from our school playground.

Their upcoming fundraiser is sure to be a great time had by all! If you would like to purchase tickets, see the attached poster for more details. They are planning a **chili cook-off** during the event, so if you have a special recipe and would like to compete, please let them know!

They are also canvassing for donation items (products or services) for the **silent auction** and baked goods for the **live baking auction!** If you having something to donate, please let any CSES member know, or email them at **csesociety2011@gmail.com**



STUDENT JOB POSTING!!

Cremona FCSS is looking for Students to run Summer Fun 2023 Student positions - \$15 per hour Canada Day, Tuesdays and Thursdays each week & a planned Wednesday youth trip.

The Daily Student Coordinator role will rotate

between staff. As coordinator you will be responsible for planning some activities indoor and outdoor, a daily craft, morning sign in, fee collection, as well as general staff duties.

<u>General Staff</u> will support the Student Coordinator, will provide care for children from 6 to 12 years of age, follow direction from the coordinator, report any problems to the FCSS coordinator.

Job Assets: Patience, Good Work Ethic, Creativity, Enthusiasm, & First Aid (not required).

Please apply by dropping off resume and cover letter to the Cremona FCSS office or the Cremona Village office. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older to apply.

Resumes must be received by May 29th, 2023. Interviews will be scheduled shortly after.

First day of work is July 1, 2023. Please know your vacation schedule for the interview.

If you have any questions please call Jen at (403) 510-4521



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/

Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds

WHAT'S HAPPENING?! @ Cremona Library







Every Monday

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday, April 18

Every Wednesday

Thursday, April 20

April 1-30

Ongoing















10:30-11:30 am

Story Time

Drop-in program for

guardians.

ones

ages 0-6 and parents/

Enjoy stories, crafts &

activities with your little

There is no Story Time

on Mondays that fall on a

6:00-7:30 pm Knit 'N' Knatter

A casual, drop-in get-

together for adults who

enjoy knitting, crochet,

cross stitch and other

All skills and levels of

experience are welcome!

handicrafts.

Bad Art Night

6:00-7:30 pm

For tweens & teens age 10+. We will provide all of the supplies that you need to make your very own disasterpiece. Have fun and enjoy some snacks as you compete for the title of worst. worster, or worstest. Space is limited, register here:

https://form.iotform.com /230878055040251

Lego Club

3:15- 4:15 pm

For ages 5 and up. Build, create have fun!

Our April sessions are FULL. Registration for the next block (Wednesdays, May 3-24) opens April 17.

https://form.jotform.com /222424949599270

1:00-3:00 pm

All About Seeds

An interactive session. presented by Toby Williams for adults about seeds: harvesting and cleaning, storing, and germinating.

Space is limited. registration is required. https://form.jotform.com /230880889987279

Unlimited availability One eRead Canada

A Canada-Wide book club to promote the benefits of eBooks and eAudiobooks. This year's selection, "Tatouine", by Jean-Christophe Réhel. will be available on CloudLibrary and Libby, with FRFF unlimited

access for the month of

April

While Supplies Last! The Little Seed Library

Stop by the library and browse our selection of seeds! Choose up to 10 packets to try for FREE. Grow your own food and flowers. Plant seeds. grow your community!

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS WWW.CREMONALIBRARY.PRL.AB.CA

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