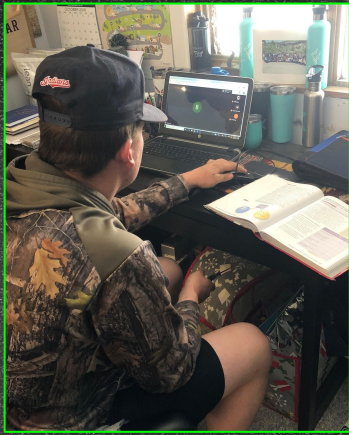




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Cremona School Virtual Classrooms



Happy Easter



From the Principal's Desk

Wow, it is amazing how much our school year has changed in such a short time. We here at the school appreciate all that you are doing with your children these days and are here to assist where we can.

Our staff is working daily to bring educational experiences to your children to keep their learning moving forward. We continue to ask you to bear with us as we learn to navigate new ways of bringing education to you and we will do the same for you. There are exciting new learning opportunities that have come our way

and we continue to work through them. We do know that your children's learning days do look different than they did within our walls. We do ask that as you learn alongside your children, please keep in touch with their teachers.

We have a number of items still to be picked up including Kindergarten headphones, running shoes, water bottles, lost and found clothing, etc. It has been placed just inside our front doors so if you are missing something, please stop by to have a look. The doors are locked but we can let you in to have a look.

PowerSchool is a wonderful resource! Middle and High School report cards can be viewed here, as well as your child's progress in each of their subjects.

Easter break is almost here, and like every other year we are all looking forward to a much needed break. We encourage you to put the online learning aside for the break and to spend some quality time with your family doing family things. We are hoping that the weather cooperates, and that we all have an opportunity to spend some time outside with our clans.

Be safe and have fun!

Strong leadership in a time of upheaval

A Message from the Superintendent

Our current situation has made it abundantly clear that the leaders we have in our Chinook's Edge schools are unparalleled in their compassion, skill and devotion to students. Our school and division leaders have guided teachers and staff to an entirely online learning platform in a matter of days. This means our goal, that learning continues to move forward for all students, can be met.

We are so proud of our teachers and support staff who are committed to making this work. Our teachers are aware of which outcomes are reasonable and essential – in other words, which strand of learning is the most essential to set our students up for success as they proceed into next year.

This time of social distancing can be trying for all of us, but for our very young students in Pre-Kindergarten and our students with complex needs, it may also be confusing. Thanks to the compassion and skill of one of our staff, we are able to share a [pictogram](#) that helps explain COVID-19 in its simplest terms. This resource accompanies information that has been developed



for children and teens, and we will continue to provide information on our division's [COVID-19 webpage](#) as we move forward.

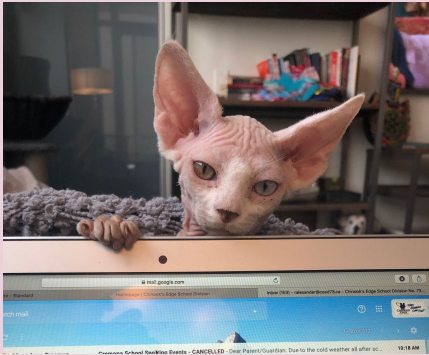
I would personally like to thank our parents and our school staff as we work together towards a common goal of student success.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools

Trustees at work for students

As a Board of Trustees, we wanted to share how incredibly amazed we are with the way our learning staff have moved so quickly to ensure they are ready to meet the changing needs of students. Please read more in the [April Board eNews](#).





Dear Cremona families,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and positive spirits.

These last few weeks have been very eventful in our world. There is a lot of uncertainty, questions and concerns. Many people are concerned about the potential mental health effects of the COVID-19 outbreak. I wanted to reach out and let you know that although our school is closed to students, family school wellness support is still available.

For those who don't know me, or the FSW program, my name is Robbin Alexander. My role is to provide support to children and families facing social, emotional or family difficulties. This may include information and referrals, student and/or family support, targeted small groups to promote student growth, preventative programming, and parenting support.

If your family needs any support during this time, I am available four days a week (not Wednesdays) from 8:30am – 4:00pm and am more than happy to help in any way I can.

My email is ralexander@cesd73.ca , or you can **text** me at 403 797 1565 (text is to ensure there are no disruptions to phone/online sessions in progress with other students/parents).

Remember to stay healthy, not to panic, keep those social distancing practises in place as they are very important, wash your hands often, get some sleep, and remember to have some fun! As this too shall pass 😊

Take care, and reach out if you require support

Robbin Alexander, MSW, RSW
(Known to students as Mrs. A.)

From the Sports Desk,

As you can imagine recent developments within the school have essentially shut down school sports for now.

We would however, like to acknowledge the great job that our curling team did at provincials, falling just short of qualifying for playoffs. Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches on the curling team.

Unfortunately, the covid-19 outbreak caused our schools to shut down the athletics programs the weekend before our high school basketball Zone competition. At this point it is unclear whether or not it will be made up at a later time.

Our focus right now is on the health and safety of our students. Although physical distancing has made it impossible for team sports to continue, we do hope that you manage to stay active at home in your own way.



LIBRARY NEWS

HUGE THANK YOU to all of you for returning your library books. This is truly a tremendous school community we have.

Each week I still hope to have a story-time reading with students online soon.



Miss you kiddos!!

Mrs. Ross



Remember you can do AR at home! When you reach your goal, send Mrs Ross an email to increase your goal!

[Accelerated Reader link](#)

Band Society Update



Band Society Update

Band this month is looking decidedly different than we imagined it would. All students in Grades 5-12 in band have been added to Google Classroom, for their respective grade, and been assigned practice for home. This is to be logged into the weekly log book assigned as classwork. Mr. Hutcheon will be posting other assigned tasks along the way, so students keep logging in and completing your work!

Parents we encourage you to listen to your students play and give them an audience to perform for. Or students try using Google Chats or Google Hangouts to video chat with your fellow band members so that you can still perform with your band.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Coco Brooks Fundraiser. Excellent job raising funds for your student accounts. Any students that raised money for their personal account will have it sitting there waiting for them to spend it on future trips next year!!

Message from School Council



Well aren't these interesting times.

Who would have thought that "social distancing" and "flattening the curve" would so quickly dominate our discourse. We are being asked to structure our lives on the basis of science driven guidelines. And we are generally taking heed and complying. We wouldn't take steps on climate action even though we've been warned for decades by science that it's impacts will be dramatically greater. Homo sapiens are a strange lot.

The School Council AGM would have been this month but will now probably take place in September. April's meeting was also to discuss vaping and its impacts on our lungs - until Covid-19 showed it could do more.

I have been impressed with the adaptability and resilience of our school. I have sat in on bits of my grade 12 daughter's Zoom classes - just out of teacher's view - and have been so taken with everyone's ability to transition to a new reality. Thinking of my daughter's graduating class they will need to adapt their celebration. But still show off some beautiful dresses.

These are times of adaptation. Please lend a helping hand to others. Listen to science. Move forward.

If September offers a return to a normal school year, phone the school office to offer to help with the first day of school Welcome Back Breakfast. And come to the School Council meetings - 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., school library.

Take care of yourself and others,
Michael Kerfoot

Bouquets & Celebrations



- ❖ Thanks to our Leadership kids & Mr Youngs for the fun PEP RALLY in March! Congrats to the students who finally were able to beat the teachers and staff!!!!
- ❖ Thank you to Mr. Scott & Mr. Templeton for organizing the middle school ski trip to Nakiska and to Mr. Vernon & Mrs. Harvey for organizing the Grade 4 ski trip to Mt. Norquay!
- ❖ Thank you to our amazing custodial staff for keeping our school grounds clean and safe for us! Thanks to all the staff members who helped empty lockers and arranged for quick & efficient pick-up of student belongings.
- ❖ Thank you to our amazing parents who exercised diligence in picking up their children's belongings and respecting our guidelines during this unique time.
- ❖ Thank you parents for all your hard work at home with your child(ren)!
- ❖ Teachers, you're doing a super job with virtual learning, Google Classroom and continuing to move learning forward!



If you would like to recognize someone in this section of the newsletter, please email kmckinnon@cesd73.ca

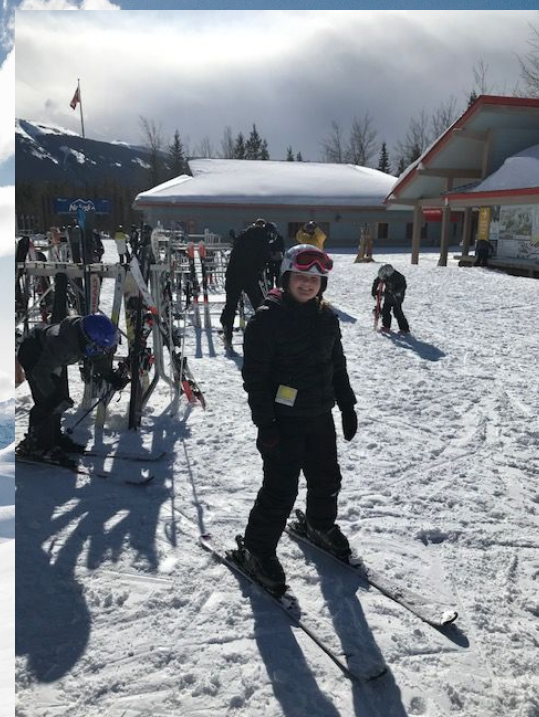


Pep Rally

Students vs Teachers



Grades 5 - 7 Ski Trip to Nakiska



Grade 4 Ski Trip Mt. Norquay

