















# DECEMBER

			1 YES 12 Days of Wellness Challenge Starts!  Secret Candy Cane sales begin  Band Society Mtg online - 7pm	2 Pizza Day!   Secret Candy Cane sales continue	3  Secret Candy Cane sales end  	4
5	6  Christmas in the County! 6pm 	7	8 Cutoff to order Subway is today at NOON	9 <b>UGLY SWEATER DAY!</b>  	10  NO SCHOOL	11
12  	13  Cosmo Christmas Nails & Hair Bling be	14	15 <b>Subway Day!</b>   PJ & HOT CHOCOLATE DAY!  	16 <b>Secret Candy Canes Delivered</b>  	17  <b>RED &amp; GREEN DRESS UP DAY!</b>  	18
19	20  Christmas Break Begins!	21  	22	23	24	25    Merry Christmas!
26	27	28	29	30  Classes resume Jan 3, 2022!	31    Happy New Year!	



# From the Principal's Desk

Our year is in full swing. The first term has come to an end. Report cards will be going out to the elementary students and all Middle and High school student's marks can be checked on Powerschool. Thank you all for touching base with your child's teachers during our first set of interviews. It is great to keep the support teams for our students on the same page.

Our first book fair was a success. Our students enjoyed shopping in our library. There were many prizes won and many happy readers leaving the book fair. We truly appreciate all the support. Once again we thank you for your support with all of our school and group fundraisers. With the month of giving and celebration upon us, we ask that you take care of your own and those close to you, and if you are able, support worthy causes locally and across the world.

The volleyball season has come to an end. It was wonderful to see so many students participate in this extra-curricular activity. Thank you to all who came out to support the many teams we had this year. Thank you also to our coaches, both those on staff and those from the community. We could not have as many students participate in extracurricular activities if it were not for your hard work and dedication to your teams.

The basketball season is about to begin. We are already gearing up for games. We are looking forward to seeing you out to support our teams through another fun-filled basketball season.

Our leadership class assisted us in promoting the Movember challenge and worked at improving the awareness of the fight many have with cancer. It was fun seeing the changes in facial hair and watching the students banter together to raise funds so that one lucky staff member gets to show off their moustache for a little while longer. Thank you to all who helped in raising funds. Our new fundraiser goes towards Santa's Anonymous. We are selling candy canes for people to give to others.

Winter is on its way. Please send your students with snow pants, mittens and hats so that they can enjoy their time outside. Also for those who travel on the bus, warm clothing is a must.

This is the season to spend some extra time with family and friends. As the weather changes, so do our family activities. We hope that you are all able to enjoy the fresh air outdoors and the coziness of your home over the holidays. This is a time to recoup and renew our spirits and energy for the coming year. As you are spending time reminiscing with family and friends this holiday season, please keep an eye out for past grad class photos. If you come across one and are able to bring in the picture, we would love to update some of our older class photos.

May you all have a fabulous December - rest up for the new year and spend some quality time with those you love.

*Happy Holidays, Joanna Harvey*

## Compassionate and innovative global citizens

A Message from the Superintendent



Chinook's Edge students, staff and families continue to show incredibly strong and courageous examples of good citizenship. Our schools are filled with people who are achieving success despite competing priorities, who are reaching out with acts of kindness, and who are investing their time and resources to make this holiday season a special one for their neighbours.

In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. Our division is filled with compassionate and innovative global citizens, just as it is outlined in our vision statement. We take good care of one another in Chinook's Edge, as we look beyond our current global challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office team are incredibly grateful for the hard work and perseverance that is ever-present in our schools. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Kurt Sacher  
Superintendent of Schools

For Trustee updates and to read the latest **Board eNews**, please visit [our website](#).

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2022 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website for [registration information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.



# Celebrating

## Chinook's Edge!

...for the week of November 22, 2021

### Collaborating to improve student learning in Chinook's Edge!

November 26 is a Collaborative Day in Chinook's Edge. What are staff doing during these non-instructional days for students?

There are five Collaborative Days in Chinook's Edge, which provide consistent opportunities for focused professional development and connection time for staff. These days are carefully spread out over the division's 180-day calendar, to ensure the learning momentum is sustained over time.

"The research could not be more clear – if school divisions want to help students learn and succeed at the highest levels, they need to support the professional growth of their staff," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. "The pandemic has shown us the true value of our culture of collaboration – if you don't have the answers or the resources at your school, there are 40 other schools ready to assist if they can. This approach protects time and energy, which staff need to deal with the increasing complexities of teaching.

"Collaborative Days provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom. This is one way of honouring our teachers and staff with the time to improve teaching practice, which ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life."

*There is a mix of staff who collaborate across schools while others collaborate within their own schools, and all have defined topics and goals for their time. The goal of all teams is stated on their team's professional growth plan, is focused on student learning, and provides evidence that their effort is making a difference in classroom practice and student achievement.*



**Connection!** The impact of collaborative work in schools is present in this successful team of Grade 1 teachers from Jessie Duncan Elementary in Penhold. Their *strength* grew from a commitment to mentorship, to their professional learning community, and to nurturing a collective responsibility for student achievement. *Success* grew from the time provided to accomplish these goals.



**Investing in students** - Bowden Grandview staff at the first Collaborative Day of the year. Check with your school to see what they have accomplished and what they have planned for November 26!

### Focused efforts on Collaborative Days over the years has created:

Improved student achievement results and support for those who are having difficulty, to ensure high school graduation is a reality for everyone.

Detailed strategic frameworks to inform student levels in literacy, numeracy, social emotional learning and more.

A comprehensive series of Google Classroom materials to benefit high school teachers and students throughout the division, with plans to involve all grades. Shared knowledge and a pooling of the best teaching resources available.

Key time for staff to connect around strategies and supports for each student as required, through the division's Collaborative Response Model process.

**Chinook's Edge records show that scheduled days for staff collaboration result in a decrease of hundreds of substitute teacher days – a cost-savings which is reinvested back into the classroom. It is a winning strategy in Chinook's Edge. Our staff are investing their time during Collaborative Days to enhance quality learning environments for over 11,000 students in our division.**

# The YES Press

## What's New!

### PUMPKIN FEST!

YES teamed up with Cremona FCSS for a pumpkin carving contest, complete with a hot chocolate bar and wide games. It was a huge hit!

### FRIENDSHIP FRENZY!

The grade 1's of Cremona showing what it takes to be a great friend and treat others with respect.

### KINDNESS MATTERS!

To spread joy around the school, the grade 3 "kindness ninjas" painted rocks and put them outside for others to find.

### CROCHET WITH RAE!

Grade 4 girls were busy this month creating some pretty cozy slippers.



# YES!





## Counsellor's Corner December, 2021

**Grade 12 parents:** We are almost finished with our Grade 12 meetings where we discuss plans for next year. Many have applied to post-secondary, some are pursuing the Trades so working then college for 3 months and some feel taking a year to decide is the right decision. For those students who want to attend post-secondary but not sure which one, I have suggested applying to both and then deciding in a couple of months. For those "taking a year off", they must have a plan! Really, this year is the "year off," they will graduate from high school, work during the summer and then applications begin October 1st. Please call me if you have any questions!

**Grade 10-12 parents and students:** A couple of weeks ago I sent out the "dual credit" choices for the second semester - everything from Vet Assistant to Welding, Sports Management to Computer Technology! Please have your teenager come to see me if there are any questions. This is a great way to earn high school AND college credits while exploring careers.

**Grade 9 parents:** We have finished our working resumes in our Career Class, and are enjoying visits from the Calgary Police Service, a mechanic, a welder, an Animal Health Technologist, the head of the Animation Program at Red Deer College, and a couple of current university students. They have also completed many surveys on our "myblueprint" program about learning styles, personality traits, and career choices.



## Leadership News



In November, Leadership organized "Twin Day" and participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10. The male teachers also participated in "Movember" to raise money for Men's Cancer Research. Students were able to vote on who they wanted to win, and the winning 'stash wearer will have to keep it until December 9th.

### Upcoming Events:

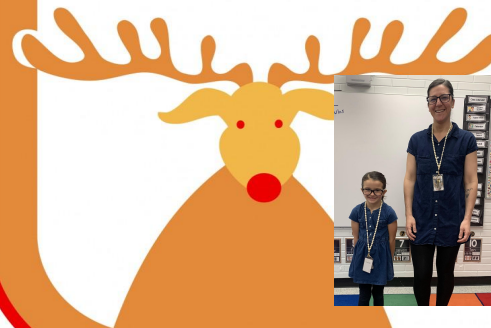
We will be doing a Secret Candy Cane fundraiser for Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous. We will be selling candy canes from December 1st-3rd. The candy canes will be delivered to students on Thursday, Dec 16th (and Wed, Dec 15th to the M/W Kinder class).

We will also be doing a few Dress Up Days leading up to Christmas Break! The days are as follows:

**Thursday, Dec 9:** Ugly Sweater Day

**Wednesday, Dec 15:** PJ and Hot Chocolate Day (we will be selling hot chocolate by the bus doors during lunch!)

**Friday, Dec 17:** Red and Green Day



## Cremona School Enhancement Society (CSES)

Hello Parents,

CSES would like to thank everyone that participated in the Growing Smiles fundraiser. Pick up for orders is on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cremona Hall by the arena. Please keep your eyes out for an update that day on pick up times.

We are always looking for people to join our team, sit in on our meetings or volunteer! We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month and we hope you will join us to see how you can have an impact in your child's school.

CSES's objective is to provide funds to cover additional costs to our school and our goals for 2022 are big! We are aiming to replace the remaining playground equipment and refurbish the track.

We wish all Cremona School Families and Staff a wonderful holiday season and we can't wait to share with you our next fundraiser for the early part of 2022!



## Band Society Update

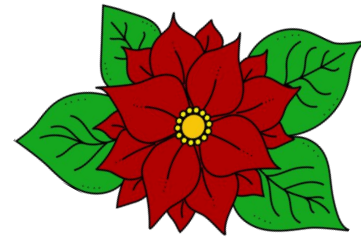
The Grade 7 Band and the Grade 8-12 Band performed beautifully for the virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. The link can still be viewed from the school Facebook page post. A big thank-you goes out to Mrs. Harvey for filling in as conductor while Mr. Hutcheon was away!

Unfortunately we are not able to hold in-person Christmas concerts again this year but Mr. Hutcheon will be recording each class and sending those videos out to parents for viewing.

Please join us at our next virtual meeting on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 at 7pm. Please email [ahutcheon@cesd73.ca](mailto:ahutcheon@cesd73.ca) if you would like to attend.



# Bouquets & Celebrations



- ❖ Thank you to Mrs. Ross for organizing another amazing book fair!
- ❖ Mrs. McKinnon would like to thank everyone who participated in the school Centennial Meat fundraiser! Special thanks go to Mary-Anne Freeman, Trish Murphy, Shannon Lashmore, Lisa Harbinson, Abby Lashmore, Rilyne Tetz & Mackenzie Friesen for helping sort 300 boxes of meat! Congrats go to Reid C in Kindergarten for selling the most boxes of meat! And Mr. Templeton's Grade 7 class gets to enjoy an ice cream sundae party for being the class that sold the most boxes altogether!
- ❖ Great thanks goes out to an excellent role model and assistant coach, Austyn Cunningham, from the middle school grade 7 boys & Coach Lerbekmo!
- ❖ Volleyball has wrapped up for the season and we would like to congratulate all of the teams on the hard work and great play throughout the season. We would also like to thank all of the parents and coaches for volunteering their time to make this another successful volleyball season. Of course, with the end of volleyball comes the start of the basketball season and practices are in full swing with games set to start in December. Good luck to all of the teams this year!! Go Cougars!!
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to our fun-filled MOVEMBER campaign! Together we raised over \$200 for men's cancer & mental health research! There was a TIE!! The most donations were collected by Mr. Korody & Mr. Hutcheon!!! They get to keep their moustaches until Dec 9th for all of our viewing pleasure!
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who has completed their mandatory ANNUAL DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATES in School Engage. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, please do. This is to ensure all your information is correct and we have the required information that we need in any event. Please make sure you save each of the 6 pages and save and submit on page 6 in order for it to be fully completed.

\*If you would like to recognize someone in this section of the newsletter, please email [kmckinnon@cesd73.ca](mailto:kmckinnon@cesd73.ca)\*



# YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

To pre-order your 2021/2022 yearbook, login to your child's online fee payment account & add to cart! They will be printed & distributed in the fall of 2022

We have a LIMITED number of 2020/2021 yearbooks available for sale at the office for \$35. FCFS! Don't miss out on yours!

If you have any sports or school event photos that could be used in our yearbook, please email them to [trishmurphy@cesd73.ca](mailto:trishmurphy@cesd73.ca)



**We have Covid test kits available to Cremona School students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 6. If you would like a test kit, please contact the school office or your child's homeroom teacher.**



## Cremona School Cosmo Class Presents:

 **Christmas Nails (\$2)** 

&

 **Hair Bling (\$3)** 

### Class Time Slots are as follows:

**Grades 1 & 1/2 – Monday, Dec 13 – 8:40am**

**Grades 2/3 & 3 – Monday, Dec 13 – 9:20am**

**Grades 2 & 4 – Wednesday, Dec 15 – 8:40am**

**Grades 5, 5/6, 6 – Wednesday, Dec 15 – 9:20am**



## PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE

**Friday, Dec 10th**

Public Skating 1:15 – 2:15

Sticks n Pucks 2:15 – 3:15

**Sunday, Dec 5, 12 & 19**

Public Skating 11:15 – 12:15

\*Please remember to follow all COVID 19 Protocols\*

- If you are sick, stay home
- Masks must be worn at all times except when skating
- Waivers must be signed before skating
- Public Skaters must be accompanied by an adult
- Practice social distancing 2m apart

\*Ice rentals available by emailing  
[cremonaice@gmail.com](mailto:cremonaice@gmail.com) or by phone (403) 554-3170





## 2021 Community Christmas Food Hampers

If you are in need of a food hamper this year, please call Janet at **403-637-2945 by December 14, 2021.**

All calls and information are confidential. You must reside in the Cremona/Water Valley/local area.

This is a self-referral program so you must phone me to receive a hamper.

This year, we are not accepting any food donations but cash donations will be gratefully accepted.



## 2021 Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous

Santa's Anonymous is a program in our community for families in need of assistance during the Christmas season. The areas covered by this program include: Cremona and the rural districts of Water Valley, Fallen Timber, Big Prairie, Elkton, Dog Pound, Madden and West of Carstairs.

Our mission "is to prepare gifts for children from infancy to 18 years of age (that reside in your home)!"

This program operates until our cut-off date of **December 6, 2021** (we require this early cut-off date in order for the preparation and distribution of these gifts). Please call the CONFIDENTIAL telephone number: **403-816-0644** to make a **SELF-REFERRAL** or for any questions you may have.