









February 2023

29	30 <i>No School Semester Break</i>	31 First Day of Semester 2!	1 Cutoff to order Subway is today at noon Band Society Mtg - 6pm 🎵	2 	3	4
5	6 CSES Spring Fundraiser meeting 7pm - School Library	7	8 Subway Day! 	9 Gr 8-12 Ski trip to Sunshine! 	10 <i>No School Collaborative Day</i>	11
12	13	14 <i>Red/Pink Dress Up Day!</i> ❤️ Science Fair presentation day! <i>Middle School dance</i> 	15 *School Council mtg @ Hugh Sutherland School Carstairs 7pm	16 Pizza Day! 🍕	17 Pink Shirt Day in support of Anti-bullying 	18
19	20 <i>Family Day</i>	21	22	23 Teacher Convention	24 Teacher Convention	25
<h2>No School - Winter Break</h2>						
26	27 CSES regular monthly meeting 7pm - School Library	28 Grade 4 ski trip to Norquay! 	1	2	3	4

From the Principal's Desk...

Wow! It is hard to believe that the school year is half over and a new semester is beginning. Pink Shirt day, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and Family Day are all special days in our February school calendar. It is **Science Fair** month again. We look forward to seeing all of the projects back in our library this year for our annual Science Fair. Family Day will be the start of the Winter Break and Teachers Convention. We hope that you all stay safe and warm over the Winter Break.

February is a month of kindness and we encourage all of our students and staff to engage in **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**; be it to a peer, a family member, a neighbour or friend. Challenge siblings to complete a nine square of kindness! Do something together to enjoy Family Day. It is amazing how even the smallest of gestures can brighten someone's day.

Today's students are in school for 176 days every year which adds up to approximately 1000 hours depending on the division. Historically, school was focused on reading, writing, arithmetic and learning how to become efficient employees. School is a highly academic institution, but as the years go on, schools and the nature of education has changed. We as a school are now responsible for building well-rounded students and we as educators are tasked with providing more than just academics for our students. We are tasked with providing our students with a well rounded and diversified education. Building well-rounded students is now the commitment of all schools in all divisions in Alberta. We are still required to teach the core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies) but it is not enough for our students to simply memorize facts. In today's education system, students must be able to apply basic facts to a variety of situations to hypothesize, extrapolate and use logic and reason. We are here to help build brains that have problem solving and critical thinking abilities that can be applied in a variety of real-world situations. Aside from the core subjects, schools provide students with an education in Health and

Physical Education so that they are better able to lead healthy and active lives well past high school. The students also receive Fine Arts classes in the areas of Music, Drama and Art to provide them with a variety of different experiences to explore their interests and talents. We are tasked with providing our students opportunities to try new things and expand their knowledge base in a variety of subjects. Some of the opportunities we are able to provide our students come from outside our school walls.

We are fortunate to have amazing people, facilities and opportunities in and around our school and community. We have the use of great facilities and support from within our village and surrounding community. We have wonderful opportunities for our highschool students to complete some dual credit courses through Olds College and other Alberta community colleges. We have students who are working in and around the community as part of the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Work Experience. We have many of our farming, ranching and acreage people who are assisting some of our students in completing their Green Certificate. Through these unique opportunities, our students receive high school credits, and for some, college credits as well, that go towards their high school diploma. We are thrilled that we are able to offer these, and many more, learning opportunities for our students. We continue to endeavour to enhance every student's education and provide each student with a well rounded background which can often open some doors to new ideas for futures outside our school walls.

Spring is just around the corner. Have a great heart month.

Joanna Harvey, Principal

Our commitment to health and wellness

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In Chinook's Edge, we know that ensuring a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the achievement and well-being of both students and staff. Supporting a culture of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being in our division helps our students and staff achieve success.

Our focus on student wellness has led to the development of a new made-in-Chinook's Edge course for all high school students. The Social Emotional Well-being ([SEW 15](#)) course empowers young people with the skills to grow as individuals, and allows all students to learn together and reach their full potential.

Among many supports for our staff is our [Staff Health and Wellness](#) initiative, which empowers staff to thrive as compassionate, healthy and well balanced individuals.

Chinook's Edge is pleased to be partners in creating solutions that support the health and wellness of our students, staff and families. Doing so ensures our students are ready to succeed in learning and in life.

I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a healthy and happy new year!



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2023 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. **Online registration will begin on January 9, 2023.** Please visit our website for [Kindergarten information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming!

Attendance Matters

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

 CHINOOK'S EDGE School Division **GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...**



Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

In Chinook's Edge, we share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child. Let's work together to help your child achieve success! Make attendance a priority in your home and help your child succeed. Read more [here](#).

Weekdays 'til 6

Weekdays 'til 6 is a practice in Chinook's Edge which means all non-emergency emails and texts will be sent prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays.

This is meant to honour the individual personal time of our parents, families, students and staff. Our hope is that everyone in our Chinook's Edge community enjoys a healthy work/life balance! Please read more about Weekdays 'til 6 [at this link](#), and thank you for honouring this approach. We are convinced Weekdays 'til 6 is in the best interest of the students we serve.



Cremona School Science Fair!

We are delighted to report that the Cremona School Science Fair will be held on February 14th in the school library. Our fair will be back in person, and we are so excited that the students will have the opportunity to explore, discover or invent!

The public will be invited to come view the projects from 1:00pm to 2:00pm in the Cremona School Library on the day of (Tuesday, February 14th).

There will be a Regional Science Fair held at Olds High School on March 4th 2023 and anyone who is awarded a medal at our fair will be invited to attend with parental consent.

Please contact Chelsea Sheppard if you have any questions or would be willing to volunteer to be a judge at our Science Fair on February 14th.

Thanks a million,
Contact: cshppard@cesd73.ca




Why It Matters

- Children who don't attend school regularly miss out on fundamental reading and math skills, and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.
- Children who are chronically absent in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of Grade 3 and beyond.

Who Can Read at Grade Level After Grade 3?




 **64%**
of kids with good attendance in K & 1st
(missed 9 or fewer days **both years**)




 **43%**
of kids with at-risk attendance in K & 1st
(more than 9 days **both years**)



 **41%**
of kids chronically absent in K or 1st
(missed 18 or more days **one year**)



 **17%**
of kids chronically absent in K or 1st
(missed 18 or more days **both years**)

Make School Attendance a Priority

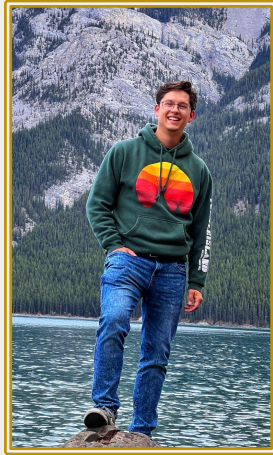
- **Monitor your child's attendance** and participation, and contact your teacher to address any concerns.
- **Post your child's class schedule** and log in information on the fridge or your child's homework area.
- **Log in to Powerschool** to receive updates about your child's grades (grades 5-12) and/or attendance.
- **Find out if your child feels safe.** If there are problems, contact the school team to find a solution.
- **If your child seems bored or anxious** about school, talk to their teacher, Family School Wellness, or other parents for advice on how to make your child feel safe and excited about learning.
- **Ask for help when you need it.** School staff, community agencies, or other parents are available to help families access supports when needed.
- **Contact your school team** if you need help to support your child and make school a great place to learn and grow.

Bouquets & Celebrations

- Wishing a warm welcome to Mr. Evans who is covering for Mrs. Madro's maternity leave!

Hello everyone, my name is Tristin Evans and I am currently teaching Grade 5 at Cremona School. I am excited to work with Cremona School for my first full time position. When I am not at school I love to be on the mountain Snowboarding or playing any other sports.

Warm wishes Mr Evans! We look forward to seeing you around the school!



- Thank you to our Grade 5s for collecting our recycling each week!
- Thank you to our volunteer basketball coaches! Without you we wouldn't have these teams, so thank you for stepping up!
- Bouquet of thanks to the many parents who have donated to our popular Breakfast program!

Counsellor's · CORNER ·

Grade 12 Students and Parents: Many of our students have applied to Post-Secondary at this point and I encourage them to carefully watch the "deadlines." This could be for course selection, residence application, payment, or a "deferral" if the student decides not to attend. If the student has been "accepted" at a college or university, keep verifying that all documents have been sent. Please come and see me if you have any questions. The students will receive the Rutherford scholarship if 5 of their subjects average 75% or higher and they are attending post-secondary. Students apply for this scholarship in the Spring when they have been accepted at a post-secondary. I have distributed a scholarship book to the Grade 12s, please come and see me if you didn't receive it. Finally, I will be running scholarship application sessions during Tuesdays and Thursdays Guided Learning block for the month of February.

Grade 9 Students and Parents: Remember Grade 9s, your average in your classes will determine your placement in High School. Keep those grades high and you will have more post-secondary and career opportunities available to you. Our Career Class finished in January, thanks again to all of our guest speakers!

Grade 10 & 11 Students and Parents: Individual interviews, where we discuss course selection, high school credits, and future aspirations, will continue throughout the month of February. Remember to keep your marks up, especially those who are planning to attend university next year, as they are now accepting students based on their grade 11 results.

THE YES PRESS



January in the YES Room!

January has been a transition month of classes and groups as we move into the second semester!

Grades 1, 2, 3 and 5 have finished their programming for the year and I'm excited to get started in Kindergarten and grades 6, 7 and 8!

Puppy Therapy Day!

Our 2nd annual Puppy Therapy Day was much needed leading up to exam week this year!

A huge thanks goes to KCS Animal Rescue Society for bringing some heatbreakers in to hang out with the 9-12s.

After School Activities!

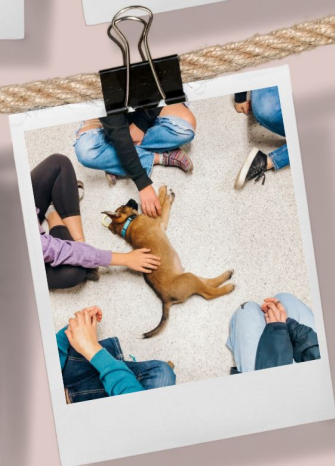
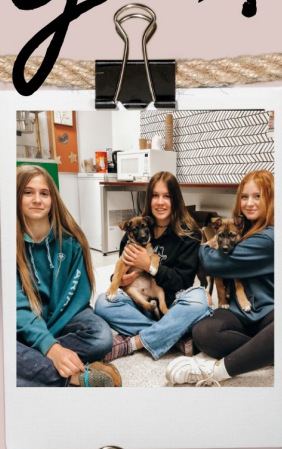
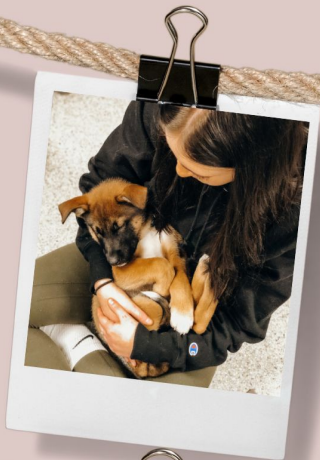
This month was filled with foosball, crafts and baking!

Encouragement!

An empty tank will take you exactly nowhere.
Take time to refuel.



yes!



Band Society Update



At our January meeting, we discussed our upcoming fundraisers. We will be running a CoCo Brooks fundraiser during the first 2 weeks in March. We will also sell the popular hanging baskets near Mother's Day. We discussed opening this fundraiser to our current Grade 4 students so that their monies earned can be used towards their Grade 5 band camp which happens in the early fall each year.

Our Grade 7-12 Concert band as well as the High School Jazz band have all received their 3 festival pieces. They will be participating in the Kiwanis Music Festival at the end of March. The Grade 6 band have received their festival tunes as well; they will be playing in the Calgary Performing Arts Festival in May. The Grade 5 students have been working on a few new pieces and they will perform at our Spring concert at the school. In Elementary, our Grade 4s have started the recorders in January [insert childhood memory of hot cross buns here] and our Grades 1 - 3 students are working on a body percussion unit.

Our next meeting will be held this Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 in the school library at 6pm (earlier than usual). We would love to have you join us!

Leadership news

January/February

In January, Leadership endeavoured to inspire all of the high school students during their exams, so we wrote inspirational messages for each high school student, and gave them each a pencil and treat to kick off exam week. We also spent this month planning exciting upcoming events, and we are excited to share more information with you all soon!

Upcoming Events

We are organizing a "Red and Pink Dress Up Day" on **Feb 14th**, and we are also hoping to host a Middle School Dance on this date as well. More information will come soon regarding this! **Feb 17th** will be our annual **Pink Shirt Day** in support of **Anti-Bullying Awareness**.

Our Leadership class is also working hard to ensure our school sign is updated at the road, and that our birthday board is updated. Check out the upcoming events and important dates as you drive by our school, and keep an eye out for upcoming birthdays on the wall!

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

We have a LIMITED number of 2021/2022 yearbooks available for sale at the office for \$35. FCFS! Don't miss out on yours!

To pre-order your 2022/2023 yearbook, login to Student Quickpay & add to cart! They will be printed & distributed in the fall of 2023

If you have any sports or school event photos that could be used in our yearbook, please email them to kmckinnon@cesd73.ca

AIRDRIE DRIVING SCHOOL

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Ph: (403) 948-2120
www.airdriedriving-school.com

Drivers Ed in Cremona

Airdrie Driving School is planning a Driver Training Course with pick up and drop off at the Cremona School for in-car lessons.

A 15-hour Classroom may be done online at your own speed and convenience, or at our in-person classroom in Airdrie.

Please see our website for more information

In-car lessons will consist of 2-3 students at a time. This allows time for the students to get to Calgary for part of their training.

Classroom and 10 hours of in-car lessons is \$785.00 + GST for a total of \$824.25. This is \$50.00 more than we charge in Airdrie, allowing us to pay the instructor for extra travel time.

If you would like to be considered for this course, please call Airdrie Driving School at:

403-948-2120

Cremona FCSS is offering a Red Cross Babysitting course

March 10 2023 -

No School on this Friday
\$30 per participant - Includes lunch

Must be 11 to 15 years of age to participate
Call (403)510-4521 to Register Cut off is March 1st
Participants must bring a doll or a stuffie

About the course

Each participant receives

Basic First-aid and care giving skills.

Participants learn how to provide care to younger children in a variety of age groups, and how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

Course offers youth the training to promote themselves as a babysitter to prospective parents.

Course Content:

Business of babysitting

Caring for babies

Caring for toddlers

Caring for preschoolers

Creating safe environments

How to handle

Emergencies and first-aid



Please join us for two meetings in February as follows:

Feb 6th - a planning meeting for our **Spring Fundraiser!** This is an in-person event and all are welcome to come and help plan a party! 7pm at the school library.

Feb 27th - our regular monthly meeting. Everyone welcome! Also 7pm at the school library.

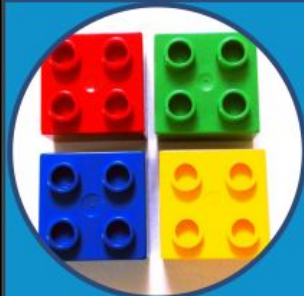


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CREMONA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

What's happening?!



LEGO CLUB; FEB 15- MAR 15

Every Wednesday, 3:15-4:15 PM. Ages 5 and up. Build, create, have fun! Registration opens February 6.

STORY TIME; MONDAYS

Every Monday, 10:30-11:30 AM, (excluding holidays). Drop-in program for ages 0-6 and parents/ guardians. Enjoy stories, crafts & activities with your little ones.



SPHERO DROID ADVENTURES FRIDAY, FEB 10, 10:30- 11:30 AM

Grades K-4*. Red Hot Science is back! Learn how to use a tablet to program a Sphero robot to mimic BB-8.

*children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult

DIGITAL COMPASS TECH FRIDAY, FEB 10, 1-2:30 PM

Grades 5-8. Red Hot Science is back! Use the magnetic field detector on a micro:bit board and Microsoft's block code programming language to build a simple compass.



WEST COAST SEEDS FUNDRAISER

Place your order before Feb. 9. Grow your garden, support your library. Visit <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/collections/all>. Select "Cremona Municipal Library" at checkout. We will let you know when your order is ready for pickup at the library.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS**

WWW.CREMONALIBRARY.PRL.AB.CA

Cremona Ag Society's 5th Annual Survivor 50/50 Cash Draw

Hosted by: Terri Belcourt

How to Play:

- Gather your friends, family or coworkers to form a 5-person team
- Each team will pay **\$200** to enter (\$40/ team member)
- Each player on a team receives **4 lives** at the start of the game
- Players will be progressively eliminated from the game as they are voted off the island at Tribal Council
- The last remaining player is the 'Sole Survivor' and will win the **GRAND PRIZE** (1/2 of the total jackpot) to be shared equally with their teams.
- A player can be on **more** than 1 team
- **EARLY BIRD DEADLINE:** enter your team before **February 7, 2023** for a chance to win back your team's \$200 entry fee back
- **Teams must be entered by February 14, 2023**
- **FINALE** will take place on **Saturday, March 18, 2023** at the Fundraiser Hockey Game
- Completed forms and e-transfers can be sent to cremonasurvivor@gmail.com



Cremona Ag Society's

5th Annual

Survivor 50/50 Cash Draw

- ❖ *Gather your friends, family or co-workers to form a team of 5*
- ❖ **Each team pays a \$200 entry fee (\$40 per player)**
- ❖ Enter by **FEBRUARY 7** for a chance to win back your team's **\$200** entry fee
- ❖ **DEADLINE TO ENTER A TEAM is FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Each week the amazing Terri Belcourt will host Tribal Council. Each player on a team is given **4 lives** at the start of the game. Players will be progressively **eliminated** from the game as they are voted out, until only 1 player remains to be awarded the grand prize (1/2 of the total pot) and named **Sole Survivor**.

Team Name:

Team Captain:

Email:

phone #:

Player #2:

Email:

Player #3:

Email:

Player #4:

Email:

Player #5:

Email:

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