

# Reed Ranch Round Up



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September 2021



*Friday, September 3 and 10 are slide to Friday school days. Gr. 1-6*

Welcome back we hope you've had a fun and relaxing summer.

We'd like to welcome our new Kindergarten students: Hunter, Zayne, Austin, Jesse, Marcus and Myles.

In grade three we welcome Wyatt.

Of course we'd also like to welcome back all our returning students!

We'd like to take this time to remind you that school absents must be reported to the office and plastic utensils are not provided so please send what your child needs in his or her lunch kit. If you like to read our guidelines/rules please visit our website [www.reed ranch.ca](http://www.reed ranch.ca) and locate our Handbook under Parents / Documents.

Thank you for your support of our school and we look forward to a great 2021-2022 School year!

The Self-Managed Team and Staff

## Daily Schedule

8:24 classes begin  
10:15-10:30 morning recess  
12:00-12:15 lunch recess  
12:15-12:30 lunch time  
2:00-2:15 afternoon recess  
3:30 dismissal

This is our first newsletter of the year and I would like inform new families/remind returning ones that our newsletter is published the first Thursday of each month and is emailed out and posted on our website. Also a reminder that if you said yes to text notifications from us please ensure you are signed up by texting Y or the word Yes to 724665.

**Paper copies will only be sent home if requested. YES, it's a special occasion today!**



## Note from our Bus Drivers

Welcome back to the new school year.

Just a few reminders....these are policies from head office that we need to follow.

1. Masks MUST be worn on the bus by staff and K-12 students.
2. If your child would like to bring home a friend, a note or text. Renee Goodbrand 1-780-901-4746, (phone turned off at 10pm). HOWEVER, Renee will be away until mid October so please use the contact information for Louise and Terry that Renee has provided you.
3. Howard Schafer 403-507-3872 to verify that parent permission is given. (Also please notify the school office by note). If this is not done, we are not able to transport that friend.
4. For safety reasons, these are policies for transporting items on the bus. If the item cannot fit under a single seat easily it cannot be transported. Hockey bags, toboggans, large school projects or large band instruments are examples of these. Sorry, but skateboards, scooters, and skis are not permitted. Skates are permitted if they have blade covers on them AND are secured in a zip up bag. Other items like balls, etc. are permitted if they are in a zip up bag so that they are not rolling around on the bus. For further understanding of what is or is not permitted please read the parent handbook at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca) under the Transportation link ..
5. Please let us know if your child will not be on the bus, if we don't hear from you or the school we WILL be taking the child home on the bus.

Thank you, we're looking forward to another great year!

### **Things to keep in mind:**

School starts at 8:24am if your child will be absent or late please call or email Ms. Bennett. 403-556-2429 or [lbennett@cesd73.ca](mailto:lbennett@cesd73.ca) as attendance remains on their student record until graduation.

Indoor and outdoor shoes are both required.

Website is usually updated daily – if in doubt please check the website [www.reedbranch.ca](http://www.reedbranch.ca)

**School fee invoices coming home before September 30**, again if you need help just call Ms. Bennett for assistance with online payments. ☺

Hot Lunch & Hot Dog information will be sent home at a later date. We would like to see how the first month back goes first.

If you have items that you wish to put in our newsletter, please have them emailed to Leanne [lbennett@cesd73.ca](mailto:lbennett@cesd73.ca) by Wednesday at noon the Wednesday prior to the Thursday publication.

**YEARLY DEMOGRAPHICS were emailed out earlier this week. PLEASE COMPLETE ASAP as those emergency names and numbers are important if something should happen.**

### **Parent Council**

**Currently meets the last Monday of every month,  
This month the meeting is Monday, September  
27<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all parents to be involved in decisions  
affecting your child/ren and their school.**





## **Believing in every student**

A Message from the Board of Trustees

After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very excited to welcome our students and staff back to school!

Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning, so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Holly Bilton, Chair**  
**Board of Trustees**

### **Chinook's Edge Trustees:**

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#### **Mission:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

#### **Vision:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.



## COVID-19 Protocols for School Start up September 2021 ...at-a-glance information for staff and parents

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- The **first day of school** for students is September 1.
- Chinook's Edge is **following the [guidelines](#) from Alberta Health Services (AHS)** as it pertains to COVID-19 protocols. If the situation changes, we may revise our Chinook's Edge protocols either by school or across the division. Safety is our top priority.
- **Masking** will not be mandatory in schools and classrooms, but masks are required for all students (K-12) and staff on school buses. We support students, staff and visitors who choose to wear a mask in our schools. If an outbreak occurs we may require masking if directed by AHS.
- It continues to be important that students and staff **remain at home if they are sick**. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. If they become sick at school, we will notify you to pick them up immediately. Please refer to this [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) to monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19. Please let your child's teacher know of any pre-existing conditions your child may have, to ensure these won't be mistaken for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Schools will continue to employ **good public health practices** to help reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory infections (including COVID-19, influenza and common colds) among students, staff and visitors. Details are available [here](#).
  - AHS will be notifying parents should an outbreak situation occur at a school. Chinook's Edge will report to Alberta Health Services if any of our schools experience a **10 percent or higher absenteeism rate**.
  - Chinook's Edge will expect all students and staff to follow [AHS Isolation and Quarantine requirements](#) when they receive a positive test or when they have symptoms.
- The front doors will be open at our schools, but **parents and visitors are asked to make a prior appointment** with the school office. As per our routine procedures, all visitors will be asked to use sign-in sheets.
- There are no restrictions on **school activities** or classroom cohorting; however full school assemblies will be avoided whenever possible.
  - Any food brought from home for sharing must be distributed by school staff.
  - Sports, music and fine arts activities will be permitted.
  - Parents will be given the option of in-person or virtual Parent Teacher Interviews.
  - Community use of schools is permitted.
- If schools choose to hold special events, they may adapt the format in order to limit the number of participants.
- Chinook's Edge will continue to **clean and disinfect** high touch surfaces each day, and provide hand sanitizer in multiple areas throughout each school. Buses will continue to be sanitized after each route. Carpets may be used in classrooms; however, cloth furniture is not permitted due to difficulty in sanitizing.
  - Chinook's Edge **field trips** within the province of Alberta may resume effective September 9th.
  - AHS will be holding voluntary **COVID-19 vaccination clinics** in our schools for students and staff. Details on this AHS vaccination program will be sent to parents. Chinook's Edge is strongly recommending that our staff get vaccinated.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to change, Chinook's Edge will remain highly vigilant of safety protocols and will review these items on a regular basis. We are working to provide optimal safety for everyone in our school communities, as we focus on engaging every student in meaningful learning. We are aware that students will be needing reassurance as we move forward, and our teachers and staff will be highly attentive to the Social Emotional Well-being of everyone in our Chinook's Edge schools.





## Ms. Tetzlaff's Kindergarten/Grade 1 & 2 Class

Welcome back to our new school year! I hope you all had a great summer! I am very excited to be working in the Kindergarten/Grade 1/2 class this year! There are lots of new things to be learned and new friends to be made.

### **For the next few weeks:**

**In Kindergarten:** We will be busy getting to know each other and familiarizing ourselves with the daily routines and expectations of our classroom.

-We will be learning about apples, shapes, colors and the Fall season

-We will be working on the unit "All About Me"

### **In Grade 1 /2:**

**Language Arts:** In Grade 1 we will begin with a review of the alphabet, including recognition of upper and lowercase letters along with their sounds. We will also be starting to look at basic sight words. Grade 2 students will continue to develop their reading strategies and continue with sight word practice.

**Math:** We will be learning about number sense and patterns.

**Science:** We will be starting our unit on **Senses**.

**Social Studies:** We will be working on the unit "All About Me"

I am looking forward to working with you and your child in reaching their full potential and know that we will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the days ahead! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 403-556-2429 or [ktetzlaff@cesd73.ca](mailto:ktetzlaff@cesd73.ca).



Happy September!

Ms. Tetzlaff



## Learning More in 3 and 4!

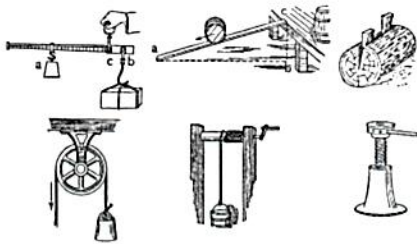
### Welcome back to a new school year!

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**Language Arts:** We are starting the year by learning the routines for our Daily 5 program as well as reviewing some basic spelling and grammar rules. We will also be exploring folktales and fables

**Math:** We are starting this year with the first part of our number strand unit. We will be looking at place value, ordering of numbers and mental math strategies. Our goal this year is to develop number skills that the kids can use in everyday life.



**Science:** Our first unit this year will be wheels and levers. This is a fun unit that shows us how, through simple physics, simple machines make our work easier every day!

**Social Studies:** This year our social studies theme is the land, history and culture of Alberta. We will begin by looking at the geography of our province, and how the land affects those who live there.



Welcome back to a new school year! Once again I am glad to be here teaching grade 3 & 4! Here are some helpful tidbits to help get the year off to a great start! Almost every day I have students write a message for home in their agenda. This can be reminders of theme days or hot lunches, a description of work we have done, a personal thought from your child or a question for discussion. Please read the agenda every day and initial beside the entry so I know you have the information. As well if you have a message for me, that is a great place to write it as I check the agendas every day.

I do not generally assign homework, however there may be the odd time your child will need to finish something they didn't get done at school. As well I highly recommend reading for 15-20 minutes daily, and practising basic math facts. The car is a great place to do this! I believe it is important that the school and home work together for your child's education. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at [kcranston@cesd73.ca](mailto:kcranston@cesd73.ca).



## Mr. Seidel's Grades 3/4/5/6 for September

### Language Learning 5/6. Fables, Folktales and Legends.

- Identifying what are Fables, Folktales and Legends.
  - The Lobster and the Crab.
  - The Baboon's Umbrella.
  - The Frogs at the Rainbow's End.
  - Plus, numerous other selections.



### Language Learning 5/6. Creative writing.

Writing with complete sentences, capitals, periods, and adjectives.

Farm story.

Cursive Writing - letters A, B, C, and D this month.

Listening activities.

Leveled A - Z reading selections.

### Math 5/6. Grade 5 – describe and represent whole numbers 0 up to 1 000 000.

Numbers in standard form, expanded form, words, and place value.

Grade 6 – demonstrate an understanding of place value for numbers greater than one million and less than one thousandth.

Also understanding numbers in expanded form and words.

### Science 5/6. Weather.

- Factors of weather.
- Air movement.
- Measurements of weather.
- Cloud types.



### Social Studies 5/6. Map of Canada assignment.

Canada – Our Country

- Building Canada.
- Changing ways of life.

### French 4/5/6. Greetings, numbers, dates, and weather.

Art. 3/4/5/6 Sidewalk art, clouds, insects, weather pictures, fall pictures as well as some abstract art.







*Our Terry Fox run day is on Thursday, September 23rd. We are suggesting that students donate \$3 each to the cause. A greater donation is very acceptable. We are going to walk/run around the track (or the gym, if the weather is not cooperating) for 30 minutes. We will do the walk/run from 2:30 -3:15 pm. We are excited to make a difference in the lives of others and enjoy some fitness.*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



TO  
**MS. TETZLAFF ON SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**MR. SEIDEL ON SEPT. 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CARSON IN GRADE TWO ON SEPT. 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
 AND  
**MYLES. IN GRADE ECS ON SEPT. 18<sup>TH</sup>**



## Dates to Remember For September

Sept. 2	Round Up Published
Sept. 3	School Day Gr. 1-6– Slide to Friday
Sept. 6	Labour Day Holiday – No School
Sept. 10	School Day Gr. 1-6 – Slide to Friday
Sept. 17	Non Instructional Day – No School
Sept. 23	Terry Fox Run 2:45 (\$3 donation/child requested)
Sept. 24	Focused PD Day – No School