

REED RANCH ROUND UP
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The Reed Ranch staff had a busy day on our professional learning day on November 25th! We spent time preparing for our Christmas concert and then in the afternoon we looked at literacy across the grade levels. We will be beginning 2 new literacy projects we are very excited about! One that will focus on reading and writing skills will start next week and stay tuned for our new "One School, One Book" project starting after Christmas!

The Reed Ranch Team



Please join us for a
**COOKIE
Walk
Fundraiser**

Friday • December 9 • 4pm

hosted by the Reed
Ranch Parent Council

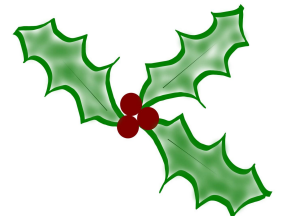
Reed Ranch School

All proceeds go to restocking
the Schools Library

Each box of 12 cookies is \$8



Congratulations to our newly elected Grade 6 President, Danica and Grade 5 Vice President Hayley!



Gr. 1-6 return library books on Mondays.

Kindergarten on Tuesday.

Thanks

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

With the weather changing we ask that student come dressed for the Alberta winter weather. As much as they try and talk us into indoor recess, we believe short breaks in the fresh air is beneficial.



Modeling what great citizenship truly means

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather, and this fall there has been a renewed sense of gratitude for our time together in school each day. We know the holiday season ignites an even greater sense of compassion and goodwill in our schools, as students and staff answer the call to be good global citizens. They are sharing our caring culture by ensuring the shelves are well stocked at area Food Banks, filling hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, performing seasonal concerts at seniors' homes, and gathering warm mittens for those less fortunate.

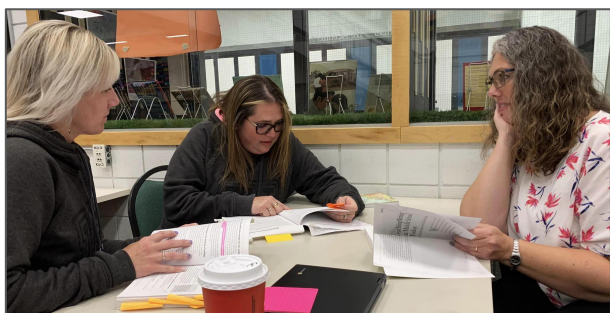
Our students model what great citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. At a time when lessons in the importance of being a good neighbour, a helpful friend and a respectful citizen are needed, we applaud our students and staff for the plentiful examples of their kindness.

Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

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!

Professional Learning Day November 25



These teachers and staff at Westglen School, as in schools throughout Chinook's Edge, have been engaged in high leverage strategies to support student progress during the division's Professional Learning Days.

Focused efforts on Professional Learning Days have improved student achievement results, and support for those having difficulty, so that high school graduation is a reality for everyone! Read more [at this link](#).

Responding to the rise of respiratory viruses



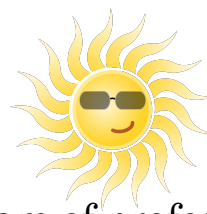
The chief medical officer of health, Dr. Mark Joffe, has issued a statement about the increase of respiratory viruses in Alberta. As always, Chinook's Edge takes its lead in these matters from the officials at Alberta Health Services, and share their priority to keep our school communities safe. The government's full statement can be read [at this link](#).

We appreciate your attention to the preventative measures Dr. Joffe outlines. Our efforts together make a huge impact in our safe and caring schools!

It's' beginning to look like Christmas.....



Family School Wellness Program



The Family School Wellness Workers are a team of professionals working across Chinook's Edge School Division who provide short-term social emotional support, information and resources, referrals, consultative services, community connections and individual support across a wide array of concerns. They work directly with students, working as part of the team, in order to increase our ability to better serve the community of Reed Ranch School.

The Family School Wellness Program is a confidential, voluntary, preventative service offered to children, youth and families. It is available to all children aged three to eighteen and their families. FSW is available from September to June and is free of charge, to any school student or family. Students, parents, teachers and school staff can make referrals; formal written parent consent is required.

The role of a Family School Wellness Worker is to:

- Provide short-term support to children, youth and families to promote the wellbeing of the whole child and their families.
- Support students to build skills by setting goals that result in meaningful change
- Work with child, youth and family serving organizations (e.g. FRN, AHS Child & Adolescent Mental Health, FCSS, McMan) to help form supportive networks for young people and their families. Referrals to these organizations may help support families in a variety of areas; i.e., anger management, peer/social support, anxiety, depression, grief/loss, sibling conflict, bullying, self esteem, resiliency, communication, parenting skills.
- Assist parents/guardians in finding information that allows them to connect to resources in the community; i.e. therapy/counseling, health services, crisis response, and government/community supports

Should you have any questions, please contact our FSW Joanne Oddie-Flikkema through email at joddieflikkema@cesd73.ca



AMH Education Services, Edmonton Zone, is proud to offer free addiction and mental health virtual programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth, as well as sessions for all adults.

Please feel free to share this information with friends, family, parents, caregivers, educators, community members, and professionals who would like to learn more about addiction and mental health topics. If you want to learn more about how to support a child or youth that you live or work with, or if you want additional strategies for supporting your own wellness, you are welcome to register for these sessions.

See the attached newsletter for more information on topics, dates, times, and registration.

- **Caregiver Education Sessions**

These online sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members with introductory information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth. Upcoming sessions topics include **the benefits of mindfulness for the whole family, understanding autism, sleep and your family's mental health, and body image and eating disorders.**

- **Adult Education Sessions (New!)**

In January, we are offering the first three sessions of our series about **understanding anxiety – introduction to anxiety, calming our bodies, and settling our minds.** This series will conclude in February as we discuss ways to overcome avoidance. These sessions are for any adult wanting to support their own wellness, or the wellness of a youth they live or work with.

To register for a session, follow the links found in the attached newsletter or visit:

<https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/virtual-education>

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

The Caregiver Education Team

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Website: www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

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

Season Greetings to my Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2 Families! December is here and what a busy time we are going to have! This month we will be learning all about Winter, Christmas and Family Christmas traditions. It was wonderful to connect with some of my kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2 families during parent/teacher conferences. I appreciate your time and support in 'celebrating' your child's progress thus far this year.

Kindergarten:

Language Art:** We will continue practicing how to print our names using upper and lowercase letters. We will continue learning about our letters of the alphabet and the sounds associated with them and continue to work hard in our printing books practicing the printing strategies learned thus far. * Please continue to help your child practice the letters and sounds of the alphabet**

***In Social Studies:** Our unit will be about how we are special and unique in our own way. We will also be sharing and learning about Family Christmas traditions.

***In Math:** We will continue to work on recognizing, representing and extending simple patterns and printing numbers 1-5.

Grade 1 /2:

***Language Arts:** Grade 1 students will continue working on learning letter sounds as well as basic reading strategies as they start learning beginning sight words. Grade 2 students will continue to develop their reading strategies, continue with sight word practice as well learning how to develop good sentences. ***The sight words sent home each week are a useful tool to help your child become more fluent in reading and writing them. We know every child learns at their own pace but please remember to practice these words at home**

***Home Reading:** **Please continue** to take a few minutes to read with your child each day and record in their reading logs. Remember: The greatest indicator of academic success for a child is to be read to at home.

***Math:** We are continuing to build on basic addition/subtraction skills, number recognition, and skip counting skills according to each grade. Please practice skip counting at home. Our goal is to be able to count by 2s, 5s, 10s forward and backward to 50 at any given starting point.

***Social Studies:** We will continue working on the unit "Belonging in the World and Groups we belong to as well as learning about different Family traditions."

Little reminder: Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing to keep warm when they go outside (snow pants, gloves, hats, etc.) You may also want to send some extra socks and pants just in case the ones they are wearing get wet. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 403-556-2429 or ktetzlaff@cesd73.ca.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends!

Ms.Tetzlaff

Ms. Cranston's Grade 3 and 4



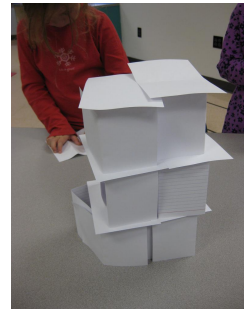
Language Arts: We have started our first novel study of the year. "Fantastic Mr. Fox" is a funny story about a fox that steals food from farms and 3 farmers who want to stop him!

Math: We are working on patterns in math. We will be looking at calendar patterns, tables and charts, and increasing and decreasing patterns



Social Studies: We have finished our look at Peru and are moving on to the next country we will be studying, Tunisia!

Science: We are working on our combined unit of building with different materials and testing materials. This is a very fun hands-on unit where our budding engineers get to plan, build and evaluate many different structures.



I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Enjoy the break and the time with friends and family!



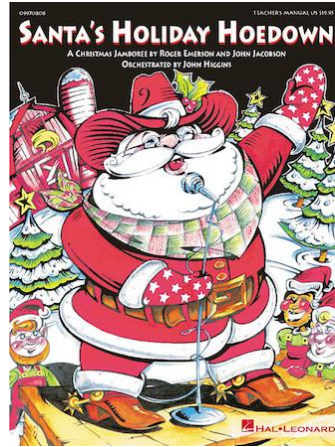
Grade 4/5/6. December Schedule

Language Learning 5/6.

Native Legend stories.

Practice Christmas Play.

Xmas creative writing stories.



Math 5/6.

Grade 5 – Addition/Subtraction.

Grade 6 – Multiplication.

Social Studies 5/6.

Democracy - Local government - County of Mountain View and Town of Olds.

Science 5/6.

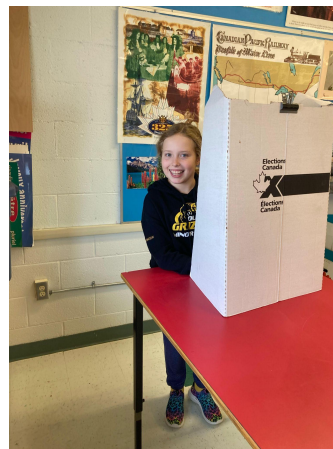
Electricity and Magnetism as well as Mechanisms that use Electricity.

French 4/5/6.

Winter and Christmas vocabulary.

Art 5/6.

- Christmas crafts and decorations.



The grade 3, 4, 5, and 6 students at Reed Ranch School participated in a class election for vice president and president.

Haley Penner won the vice-president position with the Red Maple Tree as her platform and

Danica Abramenko won the president position with the Weeping Willow Tree as her platform.

A special thanks to all those that ran for the positions and for those who voted.



Ella in Grade Four on Dec. 5
Mrs. Ayers on Dec. 11
Eric in Grade Five on Dec. 12
Marcus in ECS on Dec. 12
Charlie in Grade Two on Dec. 16
and
Hayley in Grade Five on Dec. 19



This year the entire school (K-6 and staff) will take part in “Secret Angles” week. We will **ONLY** do it on Kindergarten days so it will be **Dec. 20 and 22**. Each student is asked to bring their Christmas stocking to hang in the hallway prior to Dec.13. (Be sure their names are on them). Today students drew names for their “Secret Angel”.

Children are to bring an item each day of “Secret Angel” to put in that person’s stocking (secretly or course) and can put their name on the treat for the 22 to reveal who they are. These items may include an individual packaged treat, small gift (don’t spend more than \$3.00), or candy, etc.--use your imagination. Please note that we place these treats in the stocking before first recess at 10:15.

If you think your child will may have a problem remembering to bring a treat for these days, perhaps you could put the treats in a bag in his/her backpack and label them Tuesday and Thursday. ***This is an important event for each student and they look forward to a treat each day.*** If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact Ms. Bennett.



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hot Dogs Round Up published	2 Non School Day	3
4	5	6	7	8 Pizza Day	9 Non School Day Cookie Walk 4pm 	10
11	12 Hot Dog orders in by 12 pm	13 Stockings hung in hallway.	14	15 Hot Dogs Hot Lunch orders due Christmas Concert 7 pm 	16 Non School Day	17
18	19	20 Secret Angel 	21	22 Secret Angel  Hot Lunch Chicken Strips, Veggies & Dip	23 Christmas Break Back Jan. 9	24
25	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31