Horizon School

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Dear Parents,

The new year has been off to a wonderful (and fast paced) start!

Despite some very chilly days, we've also had lots of opportunities to be out and about and continuing on with our community programs at the CLC, at the Olds College Greenhouse just to name a couple.

We had CESD's Indigenous Education Coordinator, Patrick Mitsuing, visit with a group of dancers. They performed several traditional dances for us and taught us all a little bit about their culture.

We had to say goodbye to Catherine Maxwell, our Family School Wellness worker, but we quickly welcomed Meagan Margetts in to fill her place. I know some of you have already met Meagan, and she is looking forward to connecting with all our families as she transitions into her new role.

Danielle Foley, our STAR 1 teacher, is away on a leave. Horizon has welcomed Jenna Kulyk, who just finished covering a leave at Ross Ford Elementary School in Didsbury. She comes to us originally from Saskatchewan and has very quickly settled into our Horizon Family.

We have our first grad committee on Monday where parents of graduating students and staff will come together to start the planning process.

Groundhog Day also came and went, and if our little furry friends are to be believed, we may have an early spring to look forward to.

With much appreciation for all that you do,

Melissa McEwen Principal Horizon School











































Sharing our values each day

A Message from the Board of Education

It is highly gratifying in our roles as Trustees to have many opportunities to visit our schools and see that our division's values are at the core of every interaction with students. In Chinook's Edge, we worked together to build our mission and vision statements so that values inform our work with the students we serve. They guide relationships at every level of our school division, and impact the future for every one of our students.

Ensuring that our students are engaged in meaningful learning and encouraged to rise to new challenges is our mission in Chinook's Edge. Our teachers and school staff recognize the uniqueness of every child in our care and encourage each one to achieve their true potential. As Trustees, we are extremely proud of these efforts in our Chinook's Edge learning community.

Allan Tarnoczi, Chair Chinook's Edge Board of Trustees

> 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.

Navigating the cost of three million kms in student busing each year: Our focus as a Board of Trustees is to ensure the quality learning we provide to over 11,000 students is not compromised by redirecting classroom resources to address the complexities surrounding our transportation deficit. Please read more in the February issue of <u>Trustees at work for students</u>.