



It is my pleasure to share with you this letter that captures some great snapshots of the learning (or as we like to call it, the fun) that takes place at Horizon.

My message for today's newsletter changes after the Government's announcement yesterday that Grades 7-12 will be moving to remote learning starting on November 30th until January 8th. This impacts many of our students.

The message that I want to share with all of our families today is that we have had the notion that at some point the Government may need to make a decision that restricts in person learning. Even though we have had ALL our fingers (and toes) crossed that we could avoid the current situation, we have also been taking steps to ensure that we are all prepared. While we most certainly have some work to do before next we, we are well on our way in our planning of how we will keep learning moving forward and will be ready to go on Monday.

I want to also acknowledge the impact that this has on you, our families, and encourage you to reach out if this change creates any specific challenges for your family.

We may be able to help connect you with community resources and supports in your area. If you are looking for a place to start, the Mountain View Family Resource Network HUB is now always the first place we recommend.

You can inquire at 403-335-8719.

Our teachers will continue to be in touch and communicate with you around learning as we move forward, and they will continue to be open to your input and feedback so that we can work together in the best interest of your children.

With great appreciation for all that you do.

Melissa
Principal
Horizon School





Congratulations to our bus driver Ray Black, for 20 years of service with CESD transportation department! Thanks for delivering our kids safely to school and home each day! Ray has recently retired and we will miss him ! All the best in your new beginnings Ray!



Mrs. McEwen playing
Duck, Duck , Goose!





Music therapy continues to bring a lot of enjoyment to our students.





STAR 1 has been skating at the Olds Arena starting in October! It's been a great sport activity for staff and students!







Change to school bus rules in the Town of Olds: *Flashing red? Kids ahead!*

For immediate release, November 19, 2020: Beginning on December 1st, all school buses will begin to use the eight-way red flashing lights when picking up and dropping off students in the Town of Olds.

The change affects the designated school bus areas in Chinook's Edge schools within the Town of Olds (École Olds Elementary, École Deer Meadow, École Olds High, Horizon School and Olds Career High), along with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools' Holy Trinity Catholic School. This change in procedure allows school buses to operate according to the federal statute and creates a consistency throughout the rural communities served by Chinook's Edge School Division and Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

For community drivers, this means it is illegal to pass a school bus in either direction when the red lights are flashing.

An awareness campaign is underway in the Town of Olds to ensure drivers are aware of this change and, as Olds is a destination for several surrounding communities and residents, the information is being shared widely throughout Central Alberta.

Remember when in Olds: Flashing red? Kids ahead!

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Flashing Red. Kids Ahead

Effective December 1, 2020



Let's continue to keep our children safe!

All school buses will begin to use the eight-way flashing red flashing lights when picking-up and dropping-off students in the Town of Olds. Drivers will be required to **stop** in both directions. This means it is illegal to pass a school bus in either direction when lights are flashing.





Ensuring our students achieve

A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge is committed to ensuring student success, which has long been reflected in our division's provincial achievement measures. This is a time of year when our Board receives information on Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results from last spring. As a result of the spring's disruption and the cancellation of provincial testing, the 2020 data is not available to exemplify the achievements of our students. Fortunately for Chinook's Edge, we have other longstanding methods for informing success, which show the achievement of our students.

Our expectations are high for the quality learning we expect for every child in our division, and that will never change. The data we are gathering in literacy, math and other measures is clarifying a deeper understanding of student achievement, as well as where we want to move forward as a division. We have built common assessments to ensure we have an accurate measure of the progress of teaching and learning in all of our schools. As always, Chinook's Edge will file an Annual Education Results Report with Alberta Education next month, and each school will provide a detailed Education Plan to our Board of Trustees. Moving forward, to remain responsive, transparent and robust as a school division, Chinook's Edge is moving to the Provincial Assurance Model of Assessment. For an introduction of this model, please [click here](#).

Our divisional goals remain consistent: Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career Connections, and Social Emotional Learning. We have many measures pointing to continued success in each of these and they are prompting us confidently and resolutely onward. We know our efforts help lead our students toward greater success, in learning and in life.

As always, we are pleased to provide the latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

