

January 10, 2022

*Bowden Grandview School wishes you a
Happy New Year!*



Students Return To In-Person Learning On Monday, January 10, 2022
January 6, 2022



As you may be aware, the Alberta government has announced a [return to in-person learning](#) on Monday, January 10th.

The Alberta government has assured us that by the end of next week the promised at-home rapid tests and additional masks for students will be available. Your school will provide you with information on distribution once their shipment has arrived. Details on the current state of COVID-19 in Alberta are available on the [provincial government website](#).

Please ensure that your child is completing the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) prior to going to school, and remains at home if they are sick.

For parents choosing to volunteer in a classroom or school (this includes coaching extra-curricular activities) please revisit [AP 4-33](#) to ensure you are aware of the expectations to rapid test if you are not fully vaccinated.

Given the unpredictability of the latest wave of this pandemic, it is important that I make parents aware that we anticipate temporary situations where we might either have a shortage of staff and/or a significant number of students absent in a particular class, a particular grade, or a particular school. As a result, we are encouraging all families to be prepared for their child's class, grade level, or school to temporarily be shifted to online learning at home. We will give as much notice as possible. These decisions are typically communicated the day before, however, in some rare cases, we may be forced to communicate the morning of.

We would also like to make our parents aware that the Alberta government has canceled January 2022 diploma exams across the province.

During high school exam week, in courses that require a final exam, Chinook's Edge School Division will be employing a 'hold harmless' approach where a final assessment may be used to improve a student's grade, but the mark will be exempted if detrimental to the student's grade. Additionally, high school teachers will be focused on ensuring every opportunity to complete course curriculum in support of student success, despite any disruption that may occur as a result of student or staff absenteeism.

We are excited to have your children back in our schools. We do our best work in a face-to-face learning environment whenever that is possible.

Thanks again for your patience as we make our way forward.

Yours truly,

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

A Message from the Principal

Happy New Year!

It's great to see your children in our building this week!

Now more than ever it will be important for all of us to continue to follow the established Alberta Health Services COVID protocols around hand hygiene, masking and distancing and we appreciate your ongoing support in reinforcing this with your children and in following these important measures to keep them safe at our school.

Just a reminder to check the daily guidelines as set out by AHS and remember that if your child is feeling unwell and/or exhibiting any symptoms they should remain at home and follow the protocols as set out by these guidelines.

As highlighted in Mr. Sacher's letter from January 6, 2022, the Alberta government has assured us that by the end of this week at-home rapid tests and additional masks will be available to us to distribute to K-12 students.

On Friday we sent home a School Messenger letter with an online Google Form link that we asked you to fill out if you were interested in receiving rapid test kits and masks. If you have more than one child in our school we ask that you fill out a form for each student. If you choose not to receive test kits or masks then please do not fill out the form.

We will be handing out the kits/masks to your child to bring home once we receive them and get them distributed to each group.

We anticipate an additional shipment in upcoming weeks and will send out a different Google Form once we have received the second batch of materials in our school.

If you have any questions about this please contact the office.

Mr. Jeff Thompson, Principal
Mrs. Dawn Weststrate, Vice Principal



A reminder there is no school on Friday, January 14

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the [Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders](#) instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments. International travellers who become a case of COVID-19 after arrival in Alberta should follow isolation requirements outlined by the Government of Canada

If your child has received a message from Public Health indicating that they are a case⁴ of COVID-19 or if your child has tested positive on a [rapid test](#), they are required to isolate as per [Public Health instructions](#). For more information on isolation requirements after a positive rapid test, refer to the [Rapid Testing at Home website](#).

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Has your child been a household contact of a case⁴ of COVID-19 in the last 14 days? <i>A household contact: a person who lives in the same residence as the case OR who has been in frequent, long-duration, close-range interaction with a case of COVID-19. For example, someone who slept over, attended a birthday party or someone who was a play date with a case.</i>	YES	NO
If child answered "YES" AND they are NOT fully immunized⁵: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Child should stay home and NOT attend school, childcare and/or other activities for 14 days from the last day of exposure and monitor for symptoms If child answered "YES" and they are fully immunized⁵ proceed to question 2: If child answered "NO" to question 1, proceed to question 2			
2.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">If the child is fully immunized⁵ they are required to isolate for 5 days from onset of symptoms or until symptoms resolve³ whichever is longer. They must wear a mask for up to 5 days after their isolation period if you are outside of the home in a public place or otherwise in the company of other persons out of your household (no exceptions permitted) ORIf they are NOT fully immunized⁵, they must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or until they resolve³ whichever is longer ORUntil symptoms resolve³ if they receive a negative PCR COVID-19 test ORUntil symptoms resolve³ if they receive two negative rapid antigen tests, with at least 24 hours between tests			

³ Symptoms resolved means symptoms have improved and with no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

⁴ A lab-confirmed case OR a probable case as defined in the [Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline](#)

⁵ A child who has received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two dose series

- They can use an [at-home rapid test if available](#) or the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.

If the child answered “NO” to all of the symptoms in question 2, proceed to question 3.

3. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:		
Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
Headache Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO

If the child answered “YES” to ONE symptom in question 3:

- Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours and consider giving child an [at-home rapid test](#). If the test is positive or negative see below for further instructions.
- If [at-home rapid testing](#) is not done and the symptom is improving after 24 hours, your child can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go.
- If the symptom **does not improve or worsens** after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use an [at-home rapid test](#) if available or the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

If the child answered “YES” to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 3:

- Keep your child home
- Use an [at-home rapid test](#) if available or use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.

For at-home rapid testing result instructions for those without symptoms:

- If an [at-home rapid test](#) is done and is negative, they can return to school and activities as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- If [at-home rapid](#) test is positive, the child is required to isolate as outlined above for **question 2**.

If the child answered “NO” to all questions:

- Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities

Please note: If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative PCR COVID-19 test result or two negative rapid test results at least 24 hours apart **and** feel better.



[To access the original copy please click here:](#)

A Message from the Superintendent

Supporting the health and wellness of our students and staff

A message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we know that creating a positive social-emotional culture in our schools will significantly impact the well-being and achievement of both students and staff. We care deeply about this priority and the entire division is engaged in creating SEW supportive classrooms. Social Emotional Well-being (SEW) has been a key divisional goal for us for several years.

Under the direction of Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, Chinook's Edge has developed a series of training sessions for school leaders, teachers and support staff. The focus of these sessions is to promote universal social emotional strategies, such as focusing on the classroom environment and using visuals to support classroom routines. The training also focuses on the importance of developing emotional vocabulary and self awareness. The strategies are being shared through training to all division staff who work directly with students: teachers, educational assistants and school administrators. A highlight of the training sessions was recognizing key characteristics which capture the most impactful social emotional classroom environment.

This determined focus, to bring social emotional well-being supports to life in every school, will help students and staff reach their full potential. When everyone in our school communities are met each morning knowing they are welcome, safe, cared for and respected, they are more open to learning, leading and succeeding.

We would like to hear from you about this priority through a brief survey on our website: [Let's Talk Social Emotional Well-being](#). (link to website button when it's live)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Central Office Leadership Team, we wish each of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year! Here is the latest [Board eNews](#), and please visit our website for more Trustee Updates.

**Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools**

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning on January 10, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2022 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Please visit our website for [registration information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/Casual

Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader Winners!



Congratulations to Kobie Marshall and Tyce Maas for being our Accelerated Reader prize winners in December!

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PARENTING THRU SEPARATION AND DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

JAN 31, 2022 | 7 - 8 PM
FEB 23, 2022 | 7 - 8 PM
MAR 30, 2022 | 7 - 8 PM

Join us monthly for this online support group offering connection, education, skill-building, and sharing to parents preparing to or going thru a divorce/ relationship ending. Let's talk about hard things, build support, share resources and learn valuable skills to navigate thru this life transition. Registration is required, zoom access is also required. Accommodations can be made for those unable to access zoom.



Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks

REGISTER AT WW.MVFRN.CA OR EMAIL INFO@MVFRN.CA

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

MONEY AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

MONEY MENTORS WORKSHOP (AGES 9-11)

JANUARY 12, 2022 | 6:30 - 7:15PM

- LEARN THE HISTORY OF MONEY, CHARACTERISTICS AND FUNCTION
- GET INTRODUCED TO PAYMENT OPTIONS, SUCH AS CASH, DEBIT, GIFTCARDS
- EXPLORE ALL THE PROS AND CONS OF USING THESE PAYMENT OPTIONS



REGISTER AT

WWW.MVFRN.CA OR

INFO@MVFRN.CA

Registration deadline January 11, 2022

PROJECT GETTING ENOUGH

SLEEP

JANUARY 17, 2022 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM

THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP, HOW TO GET BETTER SLEEP AND WHAT CAN AFFECT IT.

YOU WILL LEAVE WITH GREAT TOOLS AND TIPS FOR A BETTER NIGHTS REST!



ONLINE VIA ZOOM

[AGES 13 - 17]



REGISTER AT WWW.MVFRN.CA OR EMAIL US AT INFO@MVFRN.CA

TOOLS FOR YOUTH COPING WITH STRESS

Online via Zoom

Register at www.mvfrn.ca or email info@mvfrn.ca



Tuesday, January 11
7:00 - 8:00 pm



Join Provisional Psychologist, Melissa Kroker, to explore stress management and coping strategies for youth.



Ready, Set, Go!

Welcome to Kindergarten

**Online Kindergarten
Registration for the
2022-2023 school year
begins on January 10!**



Literacy Education



Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Last year, we had incredible characters come to life in the halls of BGS! We hope all staff and students can join us again this year in dressing as their favorite book character on January 19th.



Picture books are like little guides on what it means to be human. They're for everyone, and we hope you found a few great reads in 2021 that made you feel the world around you. Cheers to new stories - the ones we read and the ones that we create - in 2022!

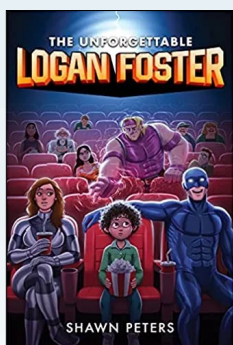
Throughout the year, we will share some great NEW releases, and some MUST have books for your reading repertoire.

New Books Being Released:

New Picture Book for Winter 2022

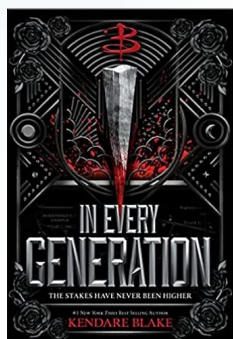
Everything Will be Ok by Anna Dewdney and illus. by Judy Schachner– February 15, 2022

The bestselling creators of Llama Llama and Skippyjon Jones bring warmth and humor to a story with a comforting message we could all use when times are tough: everything will be OK.



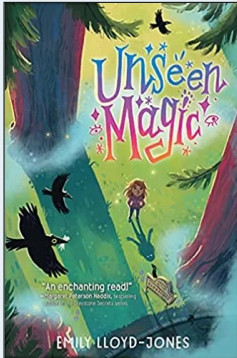
Unforgettable Logan Foster by Shawn Peters– January 4, 2022

Packed with superheroes, supervillains, and epic showdowns between good and evil, The Unforgettable Logan Foster from debut author Shawn Peter shows that sometimes being a hero is just about being yourself.



In Every Generation by Kendare Blake– January 4, 2022

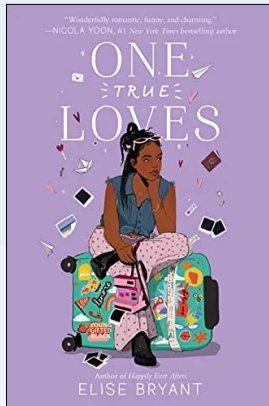
The first in an all-new series by New York Times best-selling author Kendare Blake continues the world of Buffy the Vampire Slayer featuring the next generation of Scoobies and Slayers who must defeat a powerful new evil. A new Slayer for a new generation...



Unseen Magic by Emily Lloyd-Jones– February 22, 2022

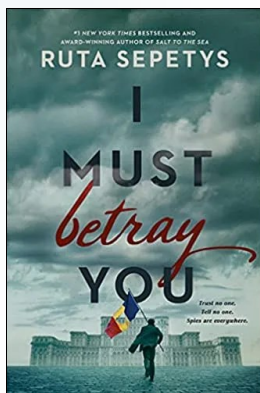
The trick to all magic is: you can only see it if you know where to look.

The magic-infused town of Aldermere is the first place eleven-year-old Fin has ever felt safe—and she'll do whatever it takes to save her home when she accidentally unleashes a shadow self who wreaks havoc everywhere she goes. Emily Lloyd-Jones's middle grade debut is an enchanting exploration of self-discovery and finding the place you truly belong. Unseen Magic is for fans of *A Wish in the Dark* and *A Tangle of Knots*.



One True Loves by Elise Bryant– January 4, 2022

From the author of *Happily Ever Afters* comes another irresistible YA romantic comedy full of self-discovery and Black love—and a dreamy European cruise. Perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon, Jenny Han, and Stephanie Perkins, with cross-over appeal for readers of Jasmine Guillory and Talia Hibbert romances.



I Must Betray You by Ruth Sepetys– February 1, 2022

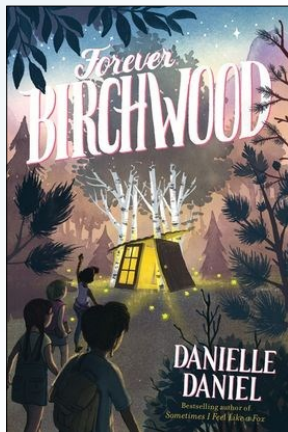
A gut-wrenching, startling window into communist Romania and the citizen spy network that devastated a nation, from the #1 New York Times bestselling, award-winning author of *Salt to the Sea* and *Between Shades of Gray*.

Indigenous Education



You may have read a little post we did last year about artist Jason Carter. Jason Carter is a proud contemporary Indigenous artist from Little Red River Cree Nation currently based in beautiful Alberta, Canada. He is a sculptor, painter, illustrator, public artist and graphic designer, and his work can be seen worldwide. Jason's art work certainly received more national attention this year when his hockey sticks, all 150 hand painted ones, were created to be awarded to this year's IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship "player of the game" awards, as well as to dignitaries for the sporting event. With the last minute cancellation of the games, mid tournament, what will happen with these sticks?

Perhaps you may see a few at Carter's studio in Canmore. To learn more about this incredible artist, visit: <http://www.jasoncarter.ca/> or peek at his studio space: <https://www.carter-ryan.com/>
<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/cree-artist-paints-mvp-sticks-for-2022-world-juniors/>



DANIELLE DANIEL is a writer, an award-winning children's book author and illustrator. She was born and raised in the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, also known as Sudbury, Ontario. This beautifully rugged and resilient landscape has greatly shaped and inspired her work.

She was once an elementary school teacher, but now writes for both children and adults, and illustrates stories in her tiny studio. She earned an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia, a B.Ed. from Laurentian University and a B.Arts/Women Studies from Ottawa University. She recently moved to Mnidoo Mnis (Manitoulin Island) with her family.

Forever Birchwood

On Sale: 01/18/2022

Adventurous, trail-blazing Wolf lives in a northern mining town and spends her days exploring the mountains and wilderness with her three best friends Penny, Ann and Brandi. The girls' secret refuge is their tree-house hideaway, Birchwood, Wolf's favorite place on earth. When her beloved grandmother tells her that she is the great-granddaughter of a tree talker, Wolf knows that she is destined to protect the birch trees and wildlife that surround her.