



**March
2025**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 7 – No School
(Collab day)**

March 12 – Hot Lunch

**March 14 – Power Awards
Assembly 2:15**

March 19&20 –

Parent/Teacher Interviews

**March 21 – No School
(Collab day)**

**March 24–28 Pound It Hip
Hop Studios at JDES**

March 25 – Hot Lunch

Coming Up...

**April 1–May 1 – Grade 2
Swimming**

**April 4 – Power Awards
Assembly 2:15**

April 9 – Hot Lunch

**April 18 – 27 – No School
Spring Break**

April 29 – Hot Lunch

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March is a busy month for teachers as they prepare for parent-teacher interviews. This is an important time for parents and teachers to connect about student progress, celebrate strengths, and discuss any support needed moving forward.

At Jessie Duncan Elementary School, our students receive high-quality classroom instruction every day from a dedicated team of skilled teachers and educational assistants. In addition to strong academics, we offer several programs to support students' social-emotional and developmental needs. Some of these supports include:

- Early Literacy Intervention and small group pull-out interventions
- Rehabilitation Assistance for speech, fine motor, and gross motor development
- Student Support Room to help students regulate their emotions
- Sensory Room to assist with sensory regulation
- Family School Wellness Workers and Social-Emotional Specialists through CESD
- Recess and Friendship Groups to help develop social skills
- YES Program from AHS to support social and emotional well-being

We are also excited to welcome Pound It Hip Hop Studio to JDES from March 24th to 28th for a week-long residency. Students will participate in daily lessons, culminating in a choreographed performance on Friday. Stay tuned for more details—we hope you can join us in celebrating our students!

A huge thank you to our Parent Council for organizing another fantastic Love Bug Dance! This event not only raises funds for our school but also provides a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together. Parent Council has also been instrumental in bringing Pound It Studio to JDES. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication!

Sincerely,
Kory Sholdice
Principal, Jessie Duncan Elementary School

PARENT
TEACHER
CONFERENCE

MARCH
19TH &
20TH

**Book some time
to connect with
your child's
teacher(s)**

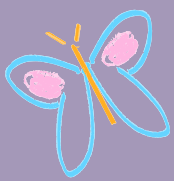
www.jessieduncan.ca/bookings

YOU ARE THE
best

**SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION WEEK
MONDAY, MARCH 10 -
FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025**

***WE WANT TO GIVE A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO ALL
OUR AMAZING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS! YOUR
ENERGY, CREATIVITY, AND FLEXIBILITY MAKE
OUR SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE. THANK YOU FOR
STEPPING IN AND BRINGING YOUR UNIQUE
FLAIR TO THE CLASSROOM. WE APPRECIATE YOU
MORE THAN YOU KNOW!***

welcome to
kindergarten



2025-2026



Kindergarten registration
for the 2025-2026 School
year is now open
Please check www.cesd73.ca
for more information

<https://www.cesd73.ca/programs/early-childhood-services>



Pre-Kindergarten builds children's strengths and skills in a playful, language-rich environment.

- Learn to express themselves, share, and problem-solve
- Improve communication and motor skills through specific intervention, exploration, and guided activities
- Build social skills and confidence in a playful and welcoming environment
- Discover new experiences, friends, and a love of learning

To learn more about our program please visit:
<https://www.jessieduncan.ca/about/pre-kindergarten-report>

**Please call the school if you wish to
apply for our Pre-K program
403-886-2233**

AT THE

pool

Grade 2 Swimming Lessons

**Apr 1, 3, 8, 10, 15,
17, 29 & May 1**

**2/3M- 10:30-11:15
2N - 11:15-12:00
2G - 1:00-1:45
2H- 1:45-2:30**

SIGN UP FOR THE 2025 SEASON

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
PLAYER LEVELS AGE 5 YEARS AND UP

DEADLINE TO REGISTER

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
AA/COMPETITIVE
FEB 28, 2025

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
A/COMMUNITY
APRIL 15, 2025

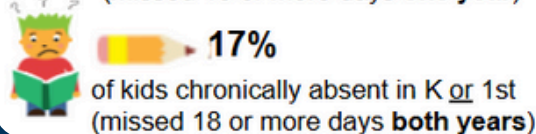
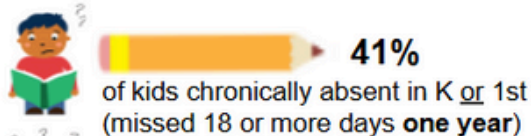
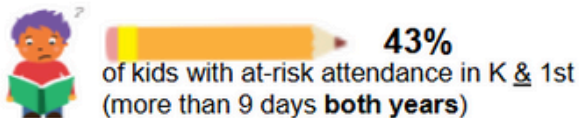
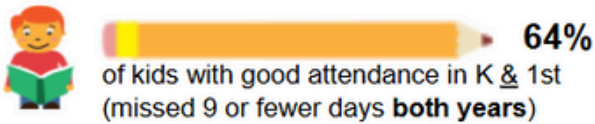


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Why It Matters

- Children who don't attend school regularly miss out on fundamental reading and math skills, and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.
- Children who are chronically absent in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of Grade 3 and beyond.

Who Can Read at Grade Level After Grade 3?



CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION

Make School Attendance a Priority

- **Monitor your child's attendance** and participation, and contact your teacher to address any concerns.
- **Post your child's class schedule** and log in information on the fridge or your child's homework area.
- **Log in to Powerschool** to receive updates about your child's grades (grades 5-12) and/or attendance.
- **Find out if your child feels safe.** If there are problems, contact the school team to find a solution.
- **If your child seems bored or anxious** about school, talk to their teacher, Family School Wellness, or other parents for advice on how to make your child feel safe and excited about learning.
- **Ask for help when you need it.** School staff, community agencies, or other parents are available to help families access supports when needed.
- **Contact your school team** if you need help to support your child and make school a great place to learn and grow.

COUNCIL CORNER

Jessie Duncan Parent Society

Happy

St. Patrick's Day

Parent Council

NEXT MEETING
MARCH 19TH @ 6PM

School Council Meeting Followed
By Parent Society Board Meeting

ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

March



WANT TO STAY
INFORMED?

IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO RECEIVE
THE MONTHLY
MEETING
PACKAGES FOR
OUR PARENT
COUNCIL
MEETINGS, PLEASE
SEND AN EMAIL
TO:

JDSCHOOLCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS



Penhold Elementary Schools (PES & JDES) are doing a fundraiser this winter in support of the new Waskasoo Middle School Playground!

DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER



\$20/CARD- TONS OF SAVINGS!

The card has many reuseable offers that can be used throughout the year! Plus there are 19 break off coupons that offer extreme discounts!

**LAST DAY TO ORDER DISCOUNT CARDS IS:
FRIDAY MARCH 7th, 2025**

Jessie Duncan Parent Society

**ADDITIONAL
ORDER
FORMS
AVAILABLE
@ THE OFFICE**

Reminder:

- Order forms must be submitted with your payment!
- Please send ONE payment per order form

Jessie Duncan Parent Society

Meat Draw Volunteers Needed!

April 4th, 2025

MEAT DRAWS ARE ON FRIDAYS
@ THE PENHOLDER TAVERN
4 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EACH DRAW
HOURS 6:45 PM- 8:45PM

Please contact
jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com
FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP

MEAT DRAW PROCEEDS
GO TOWARDS JDES
IMPROVEMENTS &
STUDENT ENRICHMENT
ACTIVITIES

2024 Poinsettia Fundraiser Proceeds:

- Previously the Grade 2 wing of the school at JDES had no Air Conditioning, making those classrooms very hot in the Summer months
- Air Cooler/ Humidifiers were purchased by the Jessie Duncan Parent Society for each of the classrooms in the Grade 2 wing at a cost of \$1975.65 dollars
- The 2024 Poinsettia Fundraiser generated \$2047.45 dollars
- The Loan taken from CESD for the cost of the Humidifiers was paid off with the proceeds from the 2024 Poinsettia Fundraiser

*Thank you to everyone that supported our
Poinsettia Fundraiser!*