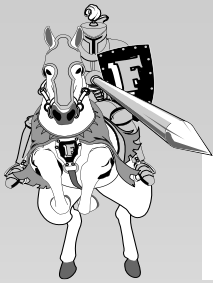


FAIRVIEW SCHOOL

January 2024

No School for Students on Wednesday, January 31, For Report Card / Semester Turn Around Day



First Term Report Cards - Available January 31st

On Wednesday, January 31st, we will be publishing first term report cards for all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students. We are requesting that you try logging in to your account **PRIOR to January 24th**, to allow us time to fix any login errors prior to report cards being published. Please note, you will not see a published report card before January 31st.

Please login at <https://myschoolsask.ca/aspden/logon.do>

Once there, you will use the Login ID that was provided to you.

Need help resetting your password?

[Check out this video](#)

Parents with Kindergarten children or new to the Chinook School Division, you would have received an e-mail from MySchoolSask in mid November, with your username & temporary password.

If this is the **FIRST TIME** you are logging in to the MSS Family Portal, when changing your password you **must** use a **desktop or laptop computer!**

If you do not remember your Login ID, please connect with Mrs. McKenna for support.

If you do not remember your **PASSWORD**, PLEASE use the "I forgot my password" option to ensure that you do not get locked out of your account for trying incorrectly too many times.

If your password needs to be reset please use the following criteria:

- minimum length is 8
- at least one number
- at least one capital and lowercase letter
- at least one symbol that isn't a letter or number

Passwords cannot contain 'password', login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id, or only sequential letters or numbers.

**The Winter Break will take place from
February 19th to Friday, February 23rd.
When students return Monday, February 26th, it will be a Day 3.**

From Mr. Boss' Desk:

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. I hope everyone had a great Christmas break and the opportunity to relax and spend some time with family. Although it wasn't a "White Christmas," I do think many of us enjoyed the milder weather. It would seem that the return to school has brought with it the colder temperatures. Time to bundle up and settle in for some typical Saskatchewan winter weather.

Our goal these first couple of weeks back will be to settle into our academics and review our routines and expectations. The virtue we are promoting for the month of January is Perseverance.

Report Cards season is almost upon us. Parents will be receiving an email at the end of the month, once the reports are finalized and accessible. Parents with students in grades 6, 7 and 8, you should be able to access your child's marks, using your username and password for the portal.

At the school, we work very hard to ensure that the best academic programming is in place for every child at Fairview and that students continue to make gains, both socially and academically. We do our very best to make Fairview School an inviting and engaging place for students to come each day. Thank you for your continued support!

Dress for the Weather! Parents—please discuss with your child the importance of wearing suitable winter wear now that winter temperatures have arrived, and it is expected to be very cold over the next few weeks. Students should wear suitable winter jackets, (snow pants for younger grades) boots, hand and ear protection while coming to and from school and for going out at lunch and recess.

Morning Emergency -

Bussing Back-Up Plan

It is important to develop a back-up plan, in the event your child's bus does not pick them up or is late, especially in the event of stormy or cold weather. If parents are not at home, does your child have access to their home and would they know who to call? Is there a neighbor at home to help them out if need be? Please take some time to put a plan in place and share it with your child/children.

Chinook City Schools Severe Weather Policy



In the event of extreme cold temperatures, or adverse road conditions, it may be necessary to cancel bussing. The **Swift Current City School busses** will not run when the morning when the *temperature is -40 degrees Celsius, or when the wind chill is -45 degrees below, based on Environment Canada*.

Bus cancellations will be communicated to parents, by the school division, using the **School Messenger** system. We also encourage you to keep an eye on the weather conditions for the potential of bus cancellations during the day, where you might have to pick up your child after school.

In the event of division wide bus cancellations, Chinook will announce this information using the local radio stations also,. Please note **only** the busses will be cancelled, **city schools will remain open**, including the Comp High School. Parents always have the right to keep their children home during severe weather conditions, if they feel their child's safety may be in jeopardy.

The Sports Scene



Basketball season has begun!. This year's coaches are:

Senior Knights Girls - Ms. Caswell & Mrs. Collier

Senior Knights Boys - Mr. Bell

Intermediate Boys - Mr. Boss

Intermediate Girls - Mrs. Banman & Mrs. McKenna

Weekly game schedules are posted on our web-page in Announcements. *Senior playoffs will be held during the 2nd week in March.*

There are no playoffs for the intermediate leagues Good luck Fairview teams!

January In Motion Commotion

To help your family make good healthy choices, why not join the 10th annual Wellness Challenge. The challenge runs from January 22 to February 18 with a chance to win prizes. For more info or to register, email v.choofoo@swiftcurrent.ca

Why not sign up for the Welcome to Recreation program in the New Year? Youth ages 7-14 will learn a variety of sports and recreation programs at no cost! Welcome to Recreation will have new clinics each month. Pre-Register to get your spot by emailing k.caswell@swiftcurrent.ca.

Fairview Web page: <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/fairview/>

Grade 6-7-8 Winter Activity Day Thursday, February 15th.

Grade 6-7-8 Winter Activity Day, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15th. The two choices are: skiing at Hidden Valley Ski Resort (Elkwater, Alberta) or Curling in the morning and participating in an Amazing Race activity at Fairview School in the afternoon.

Students were given an initial letter asking what activity they would choose to participate in, requiring parent signatures. Parents, please sign the form and return it to the school by Jan. 16th. A more detailed information/permission letter will sent home the week of January 22nd. If parents have any questions regarding either event, please contact Mrs. McKenna.

Dates to Remember:

Thurs., Jan 25	Burger King Elementary Lunch Day
Wed., Jan 31	No School for Students - Turn Around Day/ Report Card Day
Thurs., Feb 15	Gr. 6-7-8 Winter Activity Day
February 19 - 23	Winter Break

PERSEVERANCE

Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL
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Perseverance Overview

This month is all about Perseverance. One way to think about Perseverance is "pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles." We all experience challenges in our lives. We all have moments when we feel like we can't do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up. How might you practice Perseverance as a family this month?

Perseverance is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Strong**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what it means to have Perseverance?
- When working towards goals, how does Perseverance help us to reach them?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Perseverance. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1

Consistency is hard. Have each person in the family commit to 1 thing they will do each day this week. Maybe it is flossing, drinking a certain amount of water, getting to bed at a certain time, limiting screen time, or exercising. Create a place where each person can tally their progress and see who can keep their streak going the longest!



#2

Review Perseverance as a family! Remember that Perseverance is pushing yourself to work through challenges and obstacles.
Here's a fun challenge: Can you fit your whole body through an index card? While it sounds impossible, with the correct folding and cutting technique, you can make it happen! Give each family member a 4x6 index card and a pair of scissors. Ready for the answer? You can find the directions and solution online by searching: "Fit Your Body Through an Index Card."

Get to Know Your Chinook Trustee!

Chinook Board members answered a series of questions so Chinook families and communities can get to know their local trustees better! To read about all ten trustees, visit the [Chinook website](#).



DIANNE HAHN

1. What do you feel you bring to the Board table as a trustee?

I feel I bring a willingness to listen and a strong understanding of governance, in part due to my own personal career. Plus, I have gained valuable knowledge of Chinook School Division, what the challenges are and what the successes have been since being on the board.

2. What do you feel is one of the most important issues facing rural education today?

I feel that one of the most important issues facing education today is student well-being. Because there is more than one important issue, I also want to comment on the financial challenges the school division faces as a result of not being adequately funded by the provincial government. Without sufficient funding, it is very difficult to tackle the issues.

3. Which of Chinook School Division's VALUES is most important to you and why?

(Care, Commitment, Integrity, Respect, Trust, Empathy, Excellence, Loyalty, Honesty)

This is a very difficult question to answer as all our values are so crucial for a school division to have, so I will focus on two of them. To Care, you must be dedicated to students and staff, supporting programming and their needs. This is necessary for the health, welfare, and protection of students and their families, staff and the division as a whole. Integrity is crucial as it requires honesty, reliability and strong moral principles, while respecting the feelings, wishes and traditions of students, families and staff.

4. What do you think needs to happen in the Education sector to ensure a bright future for students in southwest Saskatchewan?

Students need to have their social, emotional and physical needs met. They need to be given the opportunity to form long lasting relationships among both their peers and students of other ages as well as teachers and other staff while being educated. This allows students to grow and learn, to discover their passions, to problem solve things that they will face in life, to develop social and emotional skills and to develop skills to work together or to work independently. Students need to be encouraged to implement critical thinking and problem solving. This is a lifelong skill that is needed.

5. What is your most memorable school event or activity you have been a part of?

Another tough question as there are many to choose from! If I was to choose just one, I would pick the Welcome Back Muffin morning at École Centennial School. It was so much fun to experience the level of energy and excitement there was from students and staff as families had a muffin with coffee/juice together while seeing their new classrooms for the year.