

Chinook's Edge celebrates strong survey results

Chinook's Edge School Division is pleased to see growth in the satisfaction of students, staff and parents in the experiences that students have in our schools.

Chinook's Edge recently tabulated the results of its own satisfaction survey, which is in its second year. The survey is used in combination with provincial satisfaction surveys to understand the experience of students. The Chinook's Edge survey goes out to all staff and parents, and to students in grades 4 to 12, while the provincial survey is not sent out as widely.

"First, thanks to everyone who participated in the survey. Second, we are thrilled with the results," said Kurt Sacher, Superintendent, Chinook's Edge. "The high levels of satisfaction of our students, parents and staff is significant. Thank you to staff and students, and to families as well, for your collective efforts to make our schools supportive and welcoming, and places where students are cared for individually."

Chinook's Edge is especially pleased to see the increase in the satisfaction of parents with their involvement in their child's education, which increased more than 10 percent from last year.

Sacher said, "We would like to thank our school staff who we know have been intentional about connecting with families during the 2022-23 school year. Their effort to welcome families into our schools is greatly appreciated."

Chinook's Edge leaders note that for parents who are concerned about student attendance, anxiety is a top issue.

"This will be a continued area of focus for Chinook's Edge," said Sacher. "Having students in the classroom and ready to learn is important for their experience and long-term success. We continue to talk about what we can do to help families and, in particular, our students."

Chinook's Edge survey results 2023



Satisfaction with support for students to be academically successful at school

- Parents - 93%
- Students - 83%
- Staff - 96%



Parents - 91%
Students - 83%



Staff - 96%

Learning environment is welcoming, caring, respectful, & safe

Each student connected to at least one adult in school

- Parents - 88%
- Students - 80%
- Staff - 98%



Satisfaction with level of parent involvement in child's education

- Parents - 93%
- Students - 88%
- Staff - 86%

Opportunities to explore post-secondary education and career pathways



- Parents - 64%
- Students - 72%
- Staff - 80%



- Parents - 91%
- Students - 84%
- Staff - 96%

Level of student engagement at school

76% of parents said student attendance is not an issue. Of the 24% who listed it, 84% pointed to anxiety as a concern.



Chinook's Edge extends career learning to young women

One of the three main priorities in Chinook's Edge is "Career Connections". Schools of the past once focused on helping students graduate from high school. Now, that goal has extended to include helping students make connections that will help them transition into post-secondary learning and / or meaningful work experiences after high school.

While that work takes in a wide range of opportunities for students, Chinook's Edge has also been focused on specific areas of interest including attracting more women to careers in skilled trades.

Chinook's Edge sent almost 200 students to Edmonton to the Skills Canada Alberta event in April. There young women attendees were invited to an event designed for them. They heard from, and got to interact with women in a variety of skilled trades.

Also, CAREERS: the Next Generation, hosted a "Young Women in Trades & Technology" camp on May 10 at Olds College. Students from four CESD schools attended. Participants learned about landscape horticulture, welding, and agricultural & heavy equipment skilled trades, and experienced a "try-a-trade" activity.



Young women from all over Alberta, including Chinook's Edge students, who attended Skills Canada

Cremona student captures bronze at Canada wide science fair

Chinook's Edge sends a big congratulations to Claire Friesen, a Grade 7 student at Cremona School, for receiving bronze at the Canada wide science fair in Edmonton last week.

Claire's mother, who attended with her daughter, said there were 120 students in the Grade 7-8 category. Of those students, 10 received a bronze standing, 10 received a silver standing, and 7 students received a gold standing.

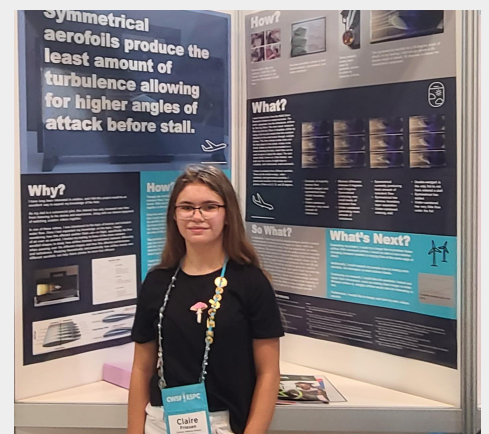
"It was a fantastic experience! I met a lot of wonderful people!" says Claire Friesen, and that she "absolutely" plans to participate in the science fair again. "I am looking at doing a more complicated experiment in hopes of furthering my chances of getting a gold medal next year - and also, next year's Canada wide fair is in Ottawa and I'd love to go there!"



Young Women in Trades & Technology camp - May 11, 2023 at Olds College Campus

"The skilled trades in Canada is a predominantly male-dominated field. Getting women into the trades is critical," said Jackie Taylor, Director, Community Learning Campus.

Taylor said, "Supporting our young women in understanding the career choices available within skilled trades is an important part of our division's career work. As more young girls are taught that the skilled trades are a viable career option, fewer girls will dismiss the career choice as not for them. It is important events such as these that Chinook's Edge and CAREERS organize that will confidently connect more of our young women to choosing these skilled trades careers for themselves."



Claire Friesen at the Canada wide Science Fair in Edmonton, May 2023.