

## Ready, Set, Go!

### Chinook's Edge staff have worked hard over the summer to ensure everyone is ready for back to school

As most of us were enjoying our break, staff from the Facilities Department rolled up their sleeves to scour desks, re-wax gym floors, conduct maintenance projects, beautify grounds and multiple other projects in schools throughout the division. Also, our work experience students were busy gaining #CESDCareerConnections at their summer employment placements. We were happy to share photos and stories about this important work and you were happy to see it! Chinook's Edge enjoyed a great deal of attention on Facebook over the summer months and we wanted to provide a recap. We applaud the efforts of work experience students and our teammates, but also want to show the impact of social media. If you are part of the online community, thank you for liking and sharing our division posts. You are an important part of our reach!



**First Rider kindergarten bus safety**, and start-up of the Transportation Dept, are always popular posts and this year was no exception! These two posts from last week had a reach of over 80,000 which is awesome in itself. But the reminder for parents to register their children for bus service was vital, and we were grateful this information made it into so many Chinook's Edge homes.

### What a busy summer! In addition to the 2 popular transportation posts, the 10 most-viewed posts from July & August include:

- Two Chinook's Edge students from Sundre High and Innisfail High, complete the [Dual Credit Meat Processing Certificate](#) program at the Community Learning Campus.
- Arnold Begeman, who has been a bus driver for Chinook's Edge since 2021, [made the news](#) for [moving an airplane](#) onto his rural property.
- Michelle Leffler, [custodian at Spruce View School](#), helped to prepare for the arrival of new hallway flooring.
- Ryder Istace, who just finished Grade 10 at Penhold Crossing Secondary School, at his [work experience placement](#).
- Jayce Pols, a plumber with the Chinook's Edge Facilities department, was [part of the crew upgrading](#) the entrance washrooms at Bowden Grandview School.
- Paige Dyer, an Innisfail High School student, is working at Sunset Manor as part of the [work experience program](#).
- Chinook's Edge [grass crews](#) have been busy all summer long, including Corbynn Fujimoto and Keyla Schaedeli who were working at École H.J. School.
- The official sign was erected to announce the future home of [Penhold Waskasoo Middle School](#).
- Thanks to crews who have been busy [resurfacing the student washrooms](#) as part of renovation projects at Poplar Ridge School this summer.
- Rick Fallowka is among [the many custodians](#) who are ensuring our school environments are sparkling clean and ready for students and learning in the fall.

**Chinook's Edge has a growing community on Facebook! Be sure to join us.**



# Busy learning and preparing!

In days leading up to the start of school, we have been busy learning and preparing in our teams! A sincere thank you to each staff member for your efforts to ensure students are welcome and cared for. Here are a few highlights of some of the work that's been happening, and an acknowledgement to the often quiet, behind-the-scenes efforts as well. We appreciate your hard work. You are making a difference for students. **Thank you!**



**Bus drivers** (above left) gathered August 28 in Innisfail. We are grateful for their focus on safety! **School Administrative Assistants** (above right) gathered August 24 in Innisfail. These are valued staff members who help to keep schools organized, and are key in welcoming students and families!



**Social Emotional support teams** met August 24 - Family School Wellness Workers, Social Emotional Specialists, and Mental Health Transition Consultants met with the purpose of connecting with colleagues who work in the same geographic areas, strengthening processes and communication, and collaboration. Alicia Kay, a Social Emotional Specialist, said of August 24 meeting, "I really enjoyed connecting with all my support teams. It allowed us to ensure we can wrap around our kids and not duplicate supports."

**New principals and vice principals** received a warm welcome at a planning day (August 25) with all school based administrators. On August 24, those who are new to the role received specific training - which will continue in sessions throughout the year. "As a new administrator, I am most appreciative of the Developing Leaders program offered by Chinook's Edge. Having the first meeting this early has given timely support to help me ensure a strong start to the year for my staff," said Erin Machell, Principal of Reed Ranch School (near Olds).



**Teachers who are new to the profession** have a great opportunity in Chinook's Edge to work with a mentor. At [New Teacher Orientation](#) last week, new teachers got to meet their mentors, the start of a support system that will last all year. Thanks to mentors for sharing your wisdom! Cory Read, a Science teacher at Didsbury High School and mentor, said he appreciated the chance to be mentored as a new teacher and, "now as a mentor, I hope to offer that same level of assistance to my proteges. It's a fantastic opportunity."