

École Fox Run School



September 2011

Message from the Superintendent

Beginnings

Welcome to another wonderful year in Chinook's Edge!

Over this past year, we have worked very hard to revisit our motto, our mission statement, and our vision for the future. I am proud to say that our motto, Where Students Come First, was strongly affirmed as the way we will continue to make decisions in this school division. Our mission and vision statements were reworded to reflect new research and to honor the priorities of the many people we engaged across Chinook's Edge. Our vision statement is designed to stretch all of us over the next few years to achieve student success that goes above and beyond anything we have accomplished in the past.

To achieve this, we need to not only support our teachers in their professional learning, but we also need to support our school based administrators as they focus on enhancing their instructional leadership skills. To this end, we are very fortunate to have Dr. David Townsend and Dr. Pamela Adams from the University of Lethbridge who will be working with all of our school based administrators and our central office leaders as we commit to a year-long focus on instructional leadership. Dr. Townsend and Dr. Adams are very highly regarded across Alberta for their expertise as educational leaders and researchers.

Ultimately, we are striving to provide learning opportunities that are designed to set our students up for a lifetime of success. We want all our students to feel safe at school, to be engaged in their learning, and to arrive each day looking forward to the time they will spend with their caring and committed teachers.

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We wish everyone a meaningful year of growing and achieving in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Vision:

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and students,

Welcome to another action-packed, learning-filled, exciting year at École Fox Run School! The staff have already planned months of fun learning activities, field trips, and Renaissance events. Our first Renaissance Spirit Rally will be Thursday (Sept. 8) at 2:00pm in the gym. It will be an amazing way to start the year!



At École Fox Run School we have designed our school around a core set of values: **D**eveloping life-long learners; **R**espectful, responsible citizens; **E**xcellence in mind, body and character; **A**ctive and engaged learning; **M**eaningful experiences – D.R.E.A.M.! Please take some time to read about these beliefs and much, much more about Fox Run on our website or in your child's agenda when they come home the first day of school.

Please note that the Canteen (ie – Commercial Kitchen) will not be open for students to buy their lunches until Tuesday, September 6. Also, it will only be open Tuesday through Friday each week. We are working hard to make sure that lunches are tasty, healthy, filling, and affordable! Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions to help guide us as we strive to make our students healthy.

We hope that you enjoy a great start to this school year and we hope to see you around our school soon. We are always looking for parent volunteers! The first school council meeting, the AGM, will be Wednesday (Sept. 21) at 4:00pm in the Technology Lab. Please join us!

The staff at École Fox Run School work hard to ensure that every student feels safe and welcome at Fox Run and that every student is dedicated and enthusiastic about their learning. Please feel free to contact us at anytime throughout this school year if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Don Rattray
Principal

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Working together for students

Our service-oriented staff at Division Office are there to support schools throughout Chinook's Edge. To facilitate this support, Liaison Superintendents have been assigned to each of our 42 schools. If you have any concerns regarding your child, we invite you to first contact your child's Teacher, and if you need further assistance your school's Principal. If you need to go beyond the school level for a solution feel free to contact your school's Liaison Superintendent (**Dr. Lissa Steele**). From there, if necessary, please feel free to contact Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools.

The Chinook's Edge Leadership Team
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Kurt Sacher (Superintendent of Schools)

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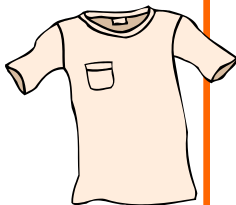
Allan Tarnoczi (Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services)

School Fees

The school fees for the 2011-2012 school year are \$60.00 for grade 6 students and \$75.00 for grade 7 and 8 students. We accept cash or cheques. Please make cheques payable to École Fox Run School. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Thurston in the office.

Clothing Orders

Clothing order forms are now available. Pick one up at the office from Miss Seely or from Ms. Sandham at the gym.



Attendance

Please make sure you let your child's teacher or the office know if they are going to be away from school. Thank you!

Newsletter Online

École Fox Run School's Monthly Newsletters and Calendars will be available online at **www.foxrunschool.ca** the last week of every month. Please go to our website and sign up for our email list. If you wish to have a paper copy, please let Miss Seely in the office know.