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Dear IMS Parent(s),

It has been an amazing June so far at IMS, from blistering heat to rain days—just Alberta weather at its finest. The last month of school is an interesting month for students, the weather is getting nicer, the sun (and the kids) stay up later, and summer vacation is just around the corner. At the school we still have an important curriculum to work through even though we always seem to find time for a little year end fun. Currently, Covid restrictions will take a bit of the fun out of normal year end activities. We are still working hard at keeping our cohorts together and teachers will still do their best to make it a memorable June for their homerooms.

Over the last year we have seen a considerable increase in the use of technology across our classrooms. It has been encouraging to see just how proficient students have become on their devices and how learning can be enhanced. As we move forward our plans are to begin utilizing technology more often and would like to offer your child the opportunity to bring their own device to school starting this fall. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is quickly becoming the norm for many classrooms across the province as well as in our school division. Allowing personal devices into our classrooms helps personalize and enhance learning for our students and they also start to develop a stronger sense of digital citizenship sooner.

Participation in BYOD *is optional*, and although we are strongly encouraging students to bring their own device, we recognize that some students may choose not to bring a device to school and by no means mandatory. For learning that requires the use of technology, school-owned devices will be made available. It is important to note that the security, charging and care of the device will be the responsibility of the student.

We are asking that if you are considering purchasing a device for your child, please explore the school division's website ([CESD BYOD LINK](#)) as they provide all the necessary information for you to be sure that you are buying a device that is compatible and appropriate for use on our school network.

If you have questions or concerns about how the device may be used, please talk to the classroom teacher. Thank you for considering BYOD as a way to support your child's learning here at IMS.

We are still diligently following COVID protocols and appreciate your help in keeping our school community safe and healthy. If your child is sick or not feeling well we appreciate you keeping your child home until they are feeling better.

We are looking forward to the rest of June here at IMS.

Take care,

Clark Peters

Principal of IMS

Dana Schafer

Vice Principal of IMS

Connect Better with Your Kids

DATE: Tuesday, June 15th

TIME: 12:15pm - 1:00pm

LOCATION: Zoom Session

How to build your
relationship with
your child.
FREE parent
workshop!



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Important Dates

June

June 21—National Indigenous
People's Day School Wide Activity

June 29—Last Day of School
Noon Dismissal



**We are excited to have our teaching roster filled out
for next year's IMS team!**

Grade 5 Homeroom Team: Mrs. Chadwick,
Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Klymyk, Mrs. Grant

Grade 6 Homeroom Team: Miss Greenwood,
Miss Nimchuk, Mr. Pivert, Mrs. Grant

Grade 7 Homeroom Team: Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Strand,
Mr. Adamuik

Grade 8 Homeroom Team: Mrs. Oslund,
Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Stones

Mr. Adams (PE), Mr. Bushell(Music, Band),
Mrs. Nielson (Alternative Learning),
Mrs. Schafer (Vice Principal), Mr. Peters (Principal)

Article

Four things you can do to support your teen's mental health

Show your teenager love and care, while looking after yourself.



Reflecting with gratitude on an exceptional year

A message from the Superintendent

As the end of this school year draws to a close, the Board of Trustees and Central Office team would like to express their gratitude for the level of success that has been achieved across the division. Everyone in Chinook's Edge has worked to ensure meaningful learning has taken place, knowing it required a significant amount of flexibility and grit throughout the year.

Moving learning forward during the pandemic has required dedication from every corner. We are particularly appreciative of the amazing perseverance shown by our students and their parents. Chinook's Edge has retained positive momentum, with a sharp focus on the social emotional wellbeing of our students. Our staff have worked so hard, often during challenging pauses from in-school learning, to support over 11,000 children and youth.

Thank you to our students and staff for their hard work and dedication, and to our parents and community partners who have engaged in learning alongside us throughout one of the most challenging years in our history. We take tremendous pride in knowing that our extra efforts still made a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Please enjoy a safe and joyful summer.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools

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