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CES Week at a Glance 2026-2027

Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18
Day 5 Grade 4 School Patrol Training at 12:20	Day 1 Hot Lunch orders Due Kindergarten Parent Meetings @ 2:00 (in person) and 7:00pm (virtual)	Day 2 Kindergarten Parent Meetings @ 2:00 (in person) School Council Meeting at 7:00 PM (In person or Virtual)	Day 3 Save the Date! We need your help... Join us for Tree Planting Day for our Outdoor Classroom on September 27 th	No School PL Day

Upcoming

- Sept 14 - Oct 2 - Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
- Sept 23 - 24 - School Pictures
- Sept 23 - Hot Lunch - K1-3, Gr 1 & 2
- Sept 24 - Hot Lunch - K2-4, Gr 3 & 4
- Sept 25 - Terry Fox Run
- Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School
- Oct 2 - Custodian Appreciation Day
- Oct 5 - World Teacher's Day

Friends Of CES Souto Farms Fundraiser!

Fresh Apples, Pears, Apple Juice and Apple Chips! Please submit your orders by Sept 28 2026. Pick up October 16 2026 at CES.
<https://go.dojiggy.io/friends-of-carstairs-elementary-school>

Terry Fox Run

Our Annual Terry Fox Run will be happening on Friday, September 25th. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact their classroom teacher. To make a donation, please visit:
<https://schools.terryfox.ca/137373>

Partnering for Kindergarten Success: Principal Discussions

In alignment with the Education Act, we recognize that education is a shared responsibility—a true partnership between home, school, and community.

Children thrive when families and educators work together to support their learning, well-being, and growth right from the start.

To build this strong foundation, our Principal is hosting dedicated Kindergarten Discussions (available both in-person and online) to dive into all things Kindergarten.

We strongly encourage at least one parent or guardian from every family to attend. Your presence is crucial in setting your child up for a fantastic year ahead.

Event Details:

In-Person Options: September 14th at 2:00pm and September 15th at 2:00pm

Online Option: September 14th @ 7:00 PM via Google Meet - Joining Code: Kinder Parent Night Orientation -Virtual

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sti-duxw-htg>

We look forward to connecting and collaborating with you!

SAFE Pickup and Drop Off - Parking

Please use the EAST parking lot to drop off or pick up your child. The BUS LANE is CLOSED to passenger vehicles and open to **buses only** during the following times:

BUS LANE, BUSES ONLY : School days from 8:00 to 8:45 AM, and 2:30 to 3:00 PM.

Please use the utmost caution when driving near our school and slow down to watch carefully for students.

- Please do not walk through the bus lane or staff parking lots. Use the sidewalks to ensure everyone's safety.
- Do not stop on Scarlett Ranch Boulevard to drop off your child. You must use the EAST parking lot to drop off your child.
- There is a new sidewalk entrance and crosswalk at the North entrance on Ranch Road. Please do not use the alley to pick up and drop off your child.



Annual Re-enrollment and Consents for 2026-2027

Chinook's Edge has sent out Annual re-enrollment forms and consents.

You should have received an email in the last few days with a notification that you have forms to update in the PowerSchool parent portal.

(please ensure you check your JUNK/SPAM folder).

You will need to sign into your Powerschool parent portal account to complete these forms.

The forms must be completed and submitted **as soon as possible** to ensure your child can participate in field trips, use technology, and have their media and POPA consents updated.

If you are having troubles with your username or password, please contact the school office at 403-337-8670 for assistance to sign in.

Please sign into the link below to ensure your username and password are working. <https://powerschool.cesd73.ca/public/home.html>

A photograph of a whole pizza with a single slice removed. The pizza is topped with melted cheese and pepperoni. The removed slice is placed next to the main pizza.

Thursday September 24th
Grade 3 & 4 /K2 & K4



[Order Hot Lunch Here](#)

We would appreciate any help from any parent volunteers!

A promotional graphic for Souto Farms' Apple & Pear Fundraiser. At the top, the Souto Farms logo is on the left, and the text 'APPLE & PEAR FUNDRAISER' is in the center. Below this, three red apples are arranged horizontally. Each apple has a green leaf and a small tag. The first apple is labeled 'Apples & Pears \$10.00 per bushel'. The second apple is labeled 'Pears \$10.00 for a case of 12 cases'. The third apple is labeled 'Apple Cider \$10.00 per case'. At the bottom, a brown banner contains the text 'Help Support FRIENDS OF CARSTAIRS'.

Please sign up at the link below if you are able to help
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CABA829A0F8C34-65788940-cestree>

Please note children are not allowed for safety purposes.

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We are looking for Substitute EA's At Carstairs Elementary School.
If you know someone or would be interested in being an a substitute EA please contact the office at
carstairs.elem@cesd73.ca.

CESD Cell Phone/Smart Watch Policy- K-8 Schools:

We want to remind parents and guardians about the Division Cell Phone Policy. While we acknowledge that these devices are fun and provide many useful ways to stay connected with your child, our policy states that students in Grades K-8 should not have cellphones or personal mobile/electronic devices at school.



The definition of a cell phone or personal mobile device refers to any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as a **cell phone, tablet or smartwatch**.

In addition, some devices have video or audio recording capability, which is concerning for the privacy of everyone in our school. We recommend all devices remain at home.

If students are seen using devices at school, we will follow the policy's enforcement guidelines.

The policy is attached to this email for your reference.
Please click on the following link to view the policy. [Use of Cell Phones & Personal Electronic Devices](#)

Hour-Zero Program

While schools are considered to be one of the safest places in our communities, in reality emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time. Chinook's Edge takes seriously the responsibility to maintain readiness to respond to emergencies, and prioritize student and staff safety in our buildings.

Chinook's Edge schools use Hour-Zero, which is a school emergency program, used by agencies throughout North America.

While we have always had safety plans in place, through Hour-Zero we have access to the same language used by emergency responders in our community. Also, HourZero's ongoing staff training and support are valuable tools for us. Each school has an on-site emergency response team, which is supported by the division emergency response team. Staff is trained on emergency protocols with drills being practiced at each school to ensure students and staff are prepared to act quickly and to minimize confusion and fear in a real emergency.

We invite you to take a moment to review [this guide](#) for parents / guardians, which outlines protocols and language we will use in emergency situations, as well as how we will communicate with you.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Carstairs Elementary School at 403-337-8670.



Sensitive Topics and Opting-In for Parents

Alberta Education requires that all school divisions notify parents about instruction related to subject matter dealing primarily or explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.

CES Parent Reminders

Please call the school office at 403-337-8670 if your child will be absent for the day. Leave a message on the answering machine if you call after school hours.

There are sensitive topics in the Grade 3 and 4 Physical Education and Wellness curriculum that teachers have typically covered in May or June each year.

Prior to teaching these topics, teachers will send a form to parents/guardians that is required to be completed with the option to 'opt in' your child for instruction related to the subject matter.

Please visit the Chinook's Edge website, to see the grade level and curricular topics that require you to "opt in".

Remember to communicate with your child's teacher with a note in the school agenda, call the school office at 403-337-8670 and inform your bus driver of changes in busing plans for dismissal.

Please arrange a safe meeting spot with your child.

Options include the front foyer, a bench at the front, at a certain piece of playground equipment or at the flagpoles. Also please make a "Plan B" with your child. This will help them deal with something out of the normal routine. "Plan B" for us is always to come inside to the office where students will be safe, we can call parents, page a sibling, etc.

Milk Program

Our milk program will be available on

Tuesday September 15 2026

Students and families can purchase milk tickets at the office.

Milk tickets are \$1.00.

You can purchase individual tickets, or booklets of 5 & 10.

Carstairs Elementary Website at

www.carstairs elementary.ca, is updated daily with important events, dates, reminders and general information.

Class newsletters are posted on the website monthly and will be sent to you by email.

Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 messaging system is called School Messenger. We will send weekly information to you by email and cell.

To allow our School Messenger system to send you text messages to your cell phone, parents need to Optin to this option by texting "Y" or "YES" to 724665.

If you are new to Carstairs Elementary or if you are not receiving text/email messages please contact the school at 403-337-8670.

Swimming for Grades 1 - 4 this year

This year, we have once again planned swimming lessons at the Didsbury Pool for all of our Grades 1 - 4 students. will be sent by your child's teacher, but we wanted you to mark your calendars early!



Please let the bus driver, teacher and office know if you will not be on the bus.

Yes all 3 please.

Please call or email the office at
carstairs.elem@cesd73.ca
403 337 8670



October 26 - November 16 (M/W)
3A, 3B

October 27 - November 17 (Tu/Th)
3C, 3D/4D, 4E

November 23 - December 9 (M/W)
4A, 4B, 4C

March 1- March 17 (M/W)
1A, 1B

March 2- March 18 (Tu/Th)
1C, 1D/2D

March 22 - April 12 (M/W)
2A,2B,2C



Chinooks Edge School Division and Carstairs Elementary School are in no way affiliated with the following out of school organization or activities. Please contact the programs directly for any questions or concerns.

Alberta
Association
of Optometrists



**Eye See...
Eye Learn!**

How Well Can Your Child See?

Your Optometrist Knows
the Answer!

Eye See...Eye Learn™

is a program that ensures children starting kindergarten have the vision they need. The Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) provides partial coverage towards an annual eye exam for children under the age of 19. If required, kindergarten-aged students can also receive a free pair of eyeglasses through the Eye See...Eye Learn™ program.

How kindergarten-aged students participate

STEP 1

Parents can find a participating optometrist at optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and check the box for Eye See...Eye Learn™, then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. Call or go online to book an appointment.

STEP 2

See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready. Through Alberta Health Care, there is partial coverage towards your child's annual eye exam up to the age of 19.

STEP 3

If required, kindergarten-aged students will receive a free pair of eyeglasses. Ask to see the frame selection available. The optometrist will order your glasses for you.

**KINDERGARTEN
STUDENTS
FREE
GLASSES**





To learn more about the program and to find an optometrist in your area, go to optometrists.ab.ca/ESEL.

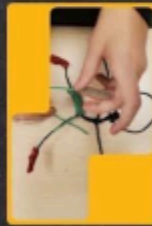
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NO SCHOOL DAYS!

**Ages 5-12
Drop In 1:00pm-2:30pm**

September 18	Board Games
October 9	Fall Craft
November 13	Movie Day
November 27	S.T.E.A.M Challenge
December 11	Santa's Workshop

School Aged



MAZE CRAZE DAY TRIP

**Fri Sept 18
Ages 5 - 11**

Saddle up for a whirlwind adventure at Kroys Family Farm! Spin on the Horse Carousel, bounce on the Giant See Saw, challenge your pals with Yard Games, say hi to the Farm Animals, cruise on Trikes, and don't miss getting lost in their legendary corn maze!

**\$45
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Have a great weekend!

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