



# October Tidbits

## Spooky Season is upon us!

Halloween is such a fun time of year to be at Ross Ford. Our Halloween tradition includes a costume parade that involves each of our classes marching through the school, showing off their costumes to their fellow classes and eventually gathering in the gym for a spooky sing-along! Please do not dress up your child in the morning that day. Students will get into their costumes after lunch and the parade begins at 1:00pm. We ask that no weapons (fake or otherwise) be included with the costume, and no blood or gore to scare the littles! Remember, you might want to leave the smaller accessories at home so they do not get misplaced!



## Snack Program

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of local families and businesses, as well as a Nutrition grant from the province, we are once again providing students access to healthy snacks (apple sauce, yogurt, cheese strings, granola bars, etc.). These snacks will be made available to students once they have finished what was provided from home. If you do not want your child to have access to these snacks, please let their teacher know.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Thursday, October 10:**

2:30pm - Conscience Assembly

**Thursday, October 17:**

2:00pm - Cross Country Run

**Monday, October 21:**

7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting

**Wednesday, October 30:**

Picture Retakes

**Thursday, October 31:**

Halloween

1:00 - Costume Parade



**Kindergarten Fridays:**

October 4th - K1 M/W

October 18th - K1 M/W

**No School Days:**

Friday, Oct. 11

Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving

Friday, Oct. 25th

**Looking ahead!**

No School - Friday, Nov. 8

Monday, Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day

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# Around the school



## **Chinook's Edge adopts new safety 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.

Starting in September 2024, Chinook's Edge has adopted the use of 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, Hour-Zero'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. Also, on the Chinook's Edge website [here](#), there is a video summary of what you can expect.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal or vice-principal.



## **Retakes**

You should have received your child's proofs and ordering information from Edge Imaging. Our Retake Day is on October 30th. If your child requires a retake, please contact the office so we can add them to our Retake list.



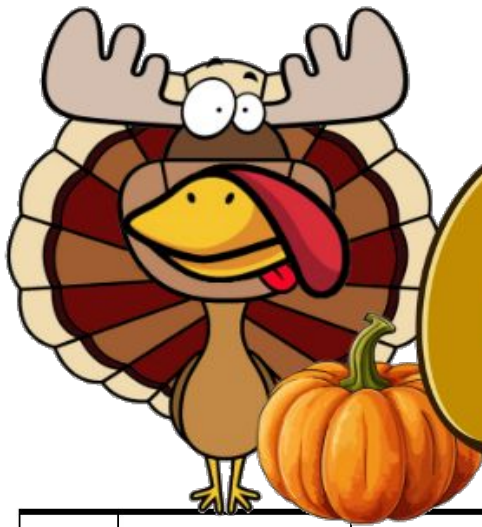
## **Birth Certificate Letters**

Recently we sent letters home to families requesting that they provide birth certificates for their children if we do not already have one on file. Thank you to all those who have already responded! If you have not yet brought in your child's birth certificate, please do so as soon as possible. Alberta Learning requires that all students provide proof of Canadian citizenship or residency, which proves their right to an education.







## **Science & Education Fair**

Ross Ford will be hosting our Science & Education Fair on Friday, February 7th. If students are interested and want to get an early start use [this link](#) to register.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Swimming Lessons</b> Grade 3.1 - 9:00-9:40 Grade 3.2 - 9:40-10:20 Grade 3/4- 10:20-11:00	2 <b>Swimming Lessons</b> Grade 4.1 - 9:00-9:40 Grade 4.2 - 9:40-10:20 Grade 4.3- 10:20-11:00		K1(M/W)	
6	7	8	9	10 <b>Fall Colours Dress Up Day</b> 2:30 - Conscience Assembly 	11 No Student Attendance	12
13	14  <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>	15	16	17 2:00pm - Cross Country Run	18 K1(M/W)	19 
20 	21 7pm - Parent Council Meeting	22	23	24	25 No Student Attendance	26
27	28	29	30 Picture Retakes 	31 <b>Halloween</b> Parade @ 1pm 