

Dates to Remember •

- April 7: Good Friday, No School
- April 10: Easter Monday, No School
- April 11-14: Spring Break, No School
- April 19: Athletic Society Meeting 6:30pm
- April 19: Quarter 4 Begins
- May 4: Parent Teacher Interviews 5-8pm

Dear parents and Guardians,

Just as April is a transition month in terms of seasons, it is also a transition in school planning. We are beginning to look at budgets and timetables for next year while at the same time preparing for the last quarter of the current school year that begins on Wednesday after our break. Thank you to those parents who completed the <u>parent survey</u>. It is still open if you haven't had the opportunity to complete it. This data is helpful to celebrate successes as well as identifying areas of growth that we need to focus on in setting out plans for next year.

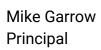
Yesterday in Connect, students in grades 9-11 registered for the courses that they were interested in taking next year. If you have any questions regarding next year's course selections for your child, please email your child's current grade Vice Principal (Ms. Lambert Gr. 9/10, and Ms. Schaab Gr. 11/12).

HJC athletics are continuing to excel and provide opportunities for our students to participate in extracurricular activities. Boys and girls soccer is just getting started and our badminton season is in full swing. Beginning after the spring break track and field sign-up sheets will be posted and we will begin training shortly after. If you would like to receive more information about any of these activities please send an email to Darcy Marshall who is our athletic director dmarshall@cesd73.ca.

On behalf of HJ Cody, I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter weekend and a well deserved spring break. Thank you for all that you do to support École HJ Cody. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,







#### **Parent Council Meeting**

Parents and guardians are invited to join our next school council meeting on April 20th at 7 pm where guest presenter Joanne Marcotte from Alberta Health Services will share information about teen vaping and cannabis use.

... for parents and guardians



#### Dual credit is a powerful program for students

-A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Did you know... A student who enrolls in a dual credit course is almost 100% guaranteed to graduate?

As Chinook's Edge looked back over the last decade of students who participated in dual credit opportunities, our records show that almost all of these students graduated. We knew dual credit was going well, but when we discovered this data we were thrilled!

#### What is dual credit?

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in a course through a post-secondary institution and receive credit for that course "dually": at the post secondary level and at high school. Dual Credit programming provides career pathway experiences as students explore various career learning through these courses. We offer:

- Various skilled trades experiences with early introduction to trades courses
- Pre-employment Certification in Welding and Heavy Equipment Technician
- Student career training in the area of animal sciences with the offering of the Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate
- Dual credit single course experiences: exploration of careers in business, sports management, animal sciences, horticulture, health care, hospitality, and agriculture technology

The goal of dual credit is to provide students with skills and experience necessary to transition successfully to post-secondary learning for their career of choice learning. We want students to leave high school engaging in the career pathway that they are passionate about. About 490 Chinook's Edge students enrolled in dual credit this year.



Veterinary Tech - dual credit students

Why does dual credit have an impact on graduation? There are two main reasons this program is having such a positive impact:

- 1. We have found that students who participate in dual credit **gain motivation**. They might hear, for instance, from a post-secondary
  instructor that a certain mark or a specific course is needed to
  progress in a career. Students are telling us this direct connection to
  careers makes their schooling more purposeful to them. As well,
  students find that their overall high school achievement increases as
  they better understand how important the skills of math, science and
  communication are for them in their future career.
- 2. Direct support from a caring adult. The structure of the dual credit program means a staff member will directly support individual students through advising and coaching to ensure the experience is successful. The influence of these staff members in a 'shepherding' type of role contributes significantly to student success.

In Chinook's Edge "Career Connections" is one of our three major priorities. Dual credit is just one high leverage strategy to help students transition into future careers. Please connect with your school for more information.

Kurt Sacher

#### **Summer Job Internships through CAREERS/The Next Generation**

It's that time of year when spring is finally coming and students begin to think about jobs for the summer. H J Cody has an amazing partnership with CAREERS/The Next Generation, which helps students find jobs. These internships are in the career pathways of trades, Information Communication and Technology and jobs in Agriculture related fields like landscaping and summer food production. NOVA partners with CAREERS/The Next Generation to offer exploration internships to high school students interested in becoming Millwrights, Instrument Tech, Occupational Health & Safety including Environmental, Safety & Hygiene, Electrician, Power Engineer and Materials & Logistics Support. There are already postings up for positions for Heavy Equipment Technicians, Welder, Plumber, Automotive Service Technician, Parts Technician, Landscape Horticulture Internships and Food Production. Plan to meet with Mrs. Bell after spring break if you are interested in registering with CAREERS.

#### **Pop Tab Collection**

Please continue to collect pop tabs for the Lion's Club. We will collect until May 26.



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HJ CODY'S SCIENCE DEPARTMENT IS RAISING RAINBOW TROUT RIGHT NOW!

MS. ROUND'S BIO3OS HAVE 44 CURRENTLY THRIVING IN ROOM 136!



Raise to Release Program



RELEASE DATE: ON JUNE 2ND THE BIO3OS WILL TRAVEL TO HANSEN'S RESERVOIR TO SAY FAREWELL!



**44 LIL' RAINBOW TROUT!** 



### The Olds College Broncos 2023 Sport Camps

Broncos All Skills Volleyball Camp

Broncos High Performance Volleyball Camp

Olds College Broncos All Skills Basketball Camp

Olds College Mini Broncos Basketball Camp

# Do you Know Your Blood Type? Up for Donating?! HJ Cody Blood Drive April & May Code: **HJC0000405**

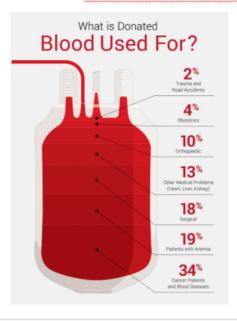
IT IS IN YOU TO GIVE Canadian Blood Services is looking for Blood Donors. You must be 17 or older to donate. HJ Cody is Partners with Canadian Blood Services. You can book at time and sign up with HJ Cody. Our ID is HJCO000405 (4 letters, 6 numbers) We will do a blood drive in April & May when the weather warms up. If you have questions, please see Ms Round





BLOOD PLASMA STEM CELLS ORGANS & TISSUES





#### Nova Chemicals is hiring students this summer!!

Use the QR code or visit <u>Careers The Next Generation -</u>
<u>Careers The Next Generation (careersnextgen.ca)</u> to start
your
application!

