



C.P. Blakely School September 2025 Newsletter

Welcome back! We are delighted to see all our students and families!
We look forward to a wonderful year together learning, growing and having fun.

Top things you need to know about C.P. Blakely for September:

- 1. A big welcome to our new and returning families at C.P. Blakely School!**
- 2. School Start Up: Grades 1-6** start school on **Tuesday, September 2** for a full, regular school day. **Kindergarten** has a staggered entry- please look for an email from Mrs. Condratow if you have a kindergarten student registered.
- 3. Hours of Instruction/Supervision:** Our school day starts with a bell at 8:30 am and dismissal is at 3:05 pm. Outside supervision begins at 8:25 until 8:35 am. Please have your child(ren) on time!
- 4. Drop off and Pick up Routine - Please keep your child in your car until supervision starts at 8:25 am. At 8:25 when the supervisors are outside, students can walk to the playground using the sidewalks.** Please note: there is **NO** walking through the parking lot at any time. Please make arrangements ahead of time with your child's teacher for pick up at the end of the day. Your child **MUST** use the crosswalk when crossing the street. After 8:40, all outside doors with the exception of the main entrance are locked. This is to ensure safety is maximized for our students. When coming to the school throughout the day, please check in at the office.
- 5. Animals on the Playground** - Please continue to keep your pets off of the playground for the safety of your pet and others.
- 6. Absent or Late** - If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the office at 403-887-3570.
- 7. Open House** - We will be hosting an Open House/Popsicles with the Principals on Friday, Aug. 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We invite you to stop in and meet your child's teacher and the CP staff.
- 8. 2025/2026 Re-Enrollment Forms** - In the summer, you were emailed a time sensitive re-enrollment form filled out prior to Sept 2. If you are having issues signing into PowerSchool Parent Portal account contact the school office. This includes walking field trip forms, technology use and FOIP/ MEDIA. Please be sure to fill out immediately so your child can participate in the Terry Fox Walk and other special events at the start of the school year. This will be emailed to you.
- 9. Hot Lunch** - Watch your email for hot lunches.
- 10. Communication-** Please note your child's teacher's form of communication whether it is the REMIND APP, email or newsletters. If you know your child is being picked up early or not riding the bus, let your child's teacher know at the start of the school day to avoid last minute schedules. If it's a last minute change, please call the office.
- 11. Contact Hours** - Chinook's Edge School Division has a policy called Weekdays 'til 6. This prohibits non-emergency emails being sent and or responded to after 6:00 pm and prior to 6:00 am on weekdays, to honor the personal time of families and staff. This approach to wellness is making a difference and we thank you for your support.
- 12. C.P. Blakely School Spirit Days** -On Fridays, we encourage students to wear their CP Blakely gear.
- 13. School Council AGM** - Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM on Sept. 25 at 6pm. Note: this is for adults only.
- 14. There are changes to the way we engage with parents when sensitive topics are taught in classrooms**
Starting in September 2025, Alberta Education is requiring that all school divisions including Chinook's Edge School Division notify parents about instruction related to subject matter dealing primarily or explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality. You can expect that your child's school will provide you with a form appropriate to your child's grade level. This notification provides parents with the option to 'opt in' their child for instruction related to the subject matter. Please visit the Chinook's Edge website, [here](#), to see the grade level and curricular topics that require you to "opt in".

Dates to Remember:

Aug 29 - Open House and Popsicles with the Principals
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Sept 2 - First Day of School grades 1-6

Sept 5 - Spirit Day - wear your CP gear if you
have it, if not, wear orange, black & white!

Sept 18 - Terry Fox Run

Sept 19 - Common Professional Learning Day - no school
for students

Sept 25 - AGM for School Council at 6:00

Sept. 29- Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
No school for students

Oct 1- September Assembly

Oct 10 - Non Instructional Day - No School

Oct 13 - Thanksgiving - Gobble, Gobble! No School

Cell phones/Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media

Starting the first day of school, Chinook's Edge School Division will align with the Alberta government's Ministerial Order on Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in School. ***In accordance with the government's new standards students will not be permitted to use cellphones/personal mobile devices (Personal mobile devices include: cellphones, smartwatches, and tablets) and social media during instructional time. Student access to social media will not be permitted on Chinook's Edge networks.*** These guidelines will ensure our students' learning environments are free from distractions, allowing our teachers to deepen engagement and learning. These restrictions will differ slightly by grade and school configuration:



Kindergarten to Grade 8: Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices at school and or during school hours.

Support documents, literature and research related to cellphones/social media:

Reference documents:

[Government communication regarding cellphone use in schools](#)

[Ministerial Order - June 20, 2024](#)

Literature/research on the topic of cellphone use:

[Anxious Generation](#) - [Digital Minimalism](#) - [iGen](#) - [2022 OECD PISA Study](#) -

[2023 UNESCO Study on Technology in Education](#) - [2024 Norwegian Study on Middle School cellphone bans](#)

[The case for cellphone free schools](#)

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on Friday, Aug. 29!