

# CHCS ROUNDUP

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## Miracles Do Happen!

As we begin this new year I am thrilled to be the God's spokesperson for a miracle story with one of our very own CHCS families. I was able to introduce to our grade 2 and 5 classes today, Oleksii Biglenko, who is the father of Mariia and Platon (grade 2 and 5 students at CHCS). It is truly a complete miracle that this family was reunited here in Canada, just last Tuesday after being separated from each other for over two year.

Many of you may know Nataliia and her kids (Mariia and Platon) as they joined our community last school year when Mariia and Platon entered grade 1 and 5. This is one of our many amazing Ukrainian families who have joined our school.

February 28, 2022 was the last day this family was together before Nataliia took her two children to the Czech Republic to prepare travel documents in order for them to flee to Canada. At the time, Oleksii was not permitted to leave the Ukraine and the family made the tough decision to separate in order to keep their children safe.

It wasn't until Nataliia and the children entered Canada that they learned further details that it was "impossible" for Oleksii to leave the Ukraine. I can only imagine how difficult this must have been for this family. Yet, this family leaned on our God and Saviour to find a way.

After many years of prayers, including the prayers of Platon and Mariia's classmates and teachers, God found a way for this family to be together again.

Oleksii had to travel through 6 countries to escape out of Europe, and just over a week ago, he landed safely in the Calgary airport.

Nataliia would like to share this news with all of you, as an encouragement to hold onto your faith in our great God. "Praise Him for his mighty works. Praise him according to his excellent greatness." - Ps. 150:2



Steve Gabrys, Principal

### School Board Meeting:

The next meeting will be on  
Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:30  
pm.



*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

### Dateline:

#### January

- 18 Jr High Ski Day at Nakiska Ski Resort
- 18 All School Skate - 1:30-3:15 pm
- 19 **No School**

#### February

- 14 Elementary Ski Day at Canyon Ski Resort
- 15 ECS to Painted Earth
- 16 **No School**
- 19 **No School**
- 26 **Jr High Students Only - No School-Reading Day**
- 29 School Pancake Breakfast
- 29 Anti Bullying Day / Pink T-shirt Day

## Grade 4-6 Craft Club - Tuesdays

First Tuesday of the Craft Club, grade 4's on January 16.



CHCS is pleased to welcome the following new students:

Emily Pillai (ECS), Lennon Saxton (grade 4),  
Presley Saxton (grade 7)  
and  
Kendall Wallace (grade 8)





Happy  
Birthday!

We wish a Happy Birthday to the  
following students who are  
celebrating their January birthday:

Jade Fell, Jacqueline Hollsworth,

Anja Huether,

Sofiia Khrushchelova,

Bentley Livadney,

Uliana Matsiuk, Ava Nelson,

Samuel Pule, Zack Schafer,

Ian Werner, Lucas Wilton

&

Oliver Wilton



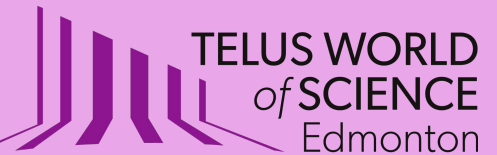


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## CODING SCHOOL

**THINK BIG** – come up with a Big Idea for coding, technology, and/or project design for your class. Then your class's ideas come to life with the help of the Northern Coding Academy team.

# Coding School

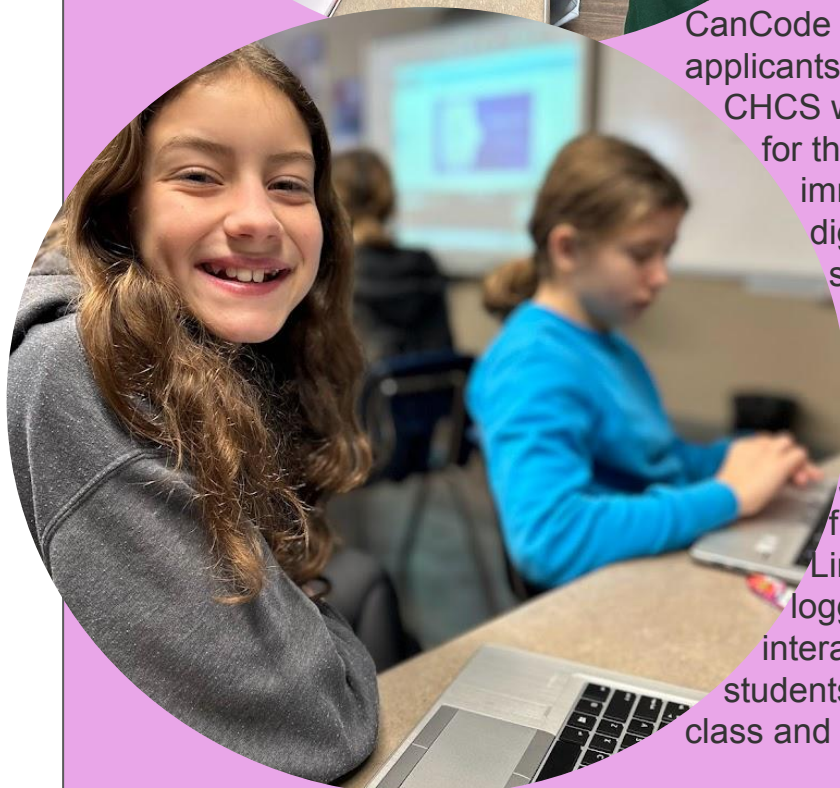
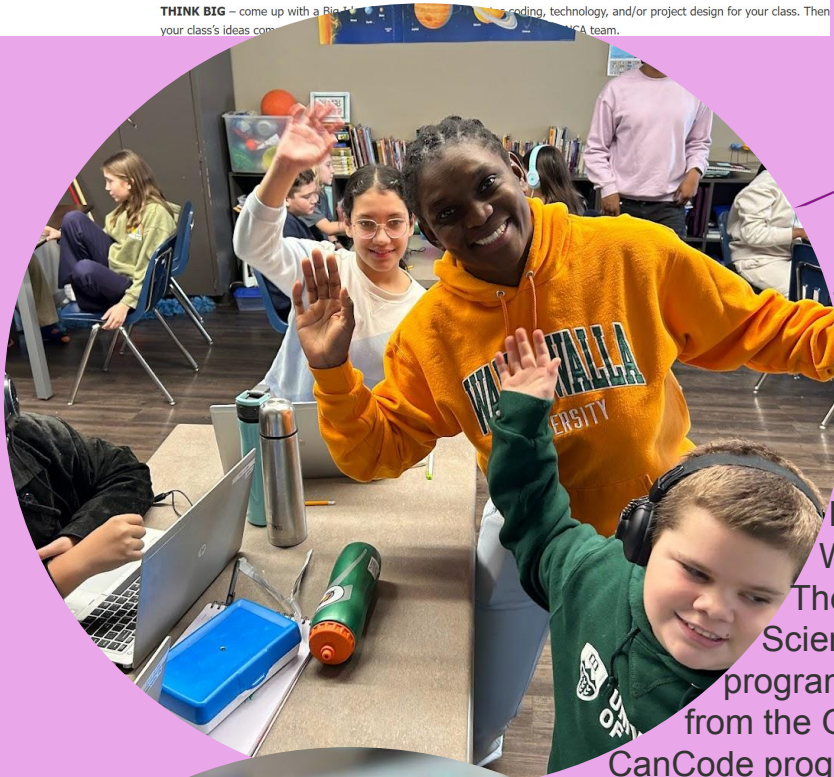


This past August, Mrs. Gumedede, filled out an application for the Coding School program offered by the Northern Coding Academy Program through the Telus World of Science, Edmonton.

The (NCA) at TELUS World of Science - Edmonton is selection of programs made possible with funding from the Government of Canada's CanCode program. Out of the many applicants our very own grade 6 class from CHCS was one of the classes selected to for this program. This focused,

immersive exploration of coding and digital literacy will be brought to our students through 15.5 hours of virtual instruction from one of the amazing Education specialists working at TELUS World of Science - Edmonton.

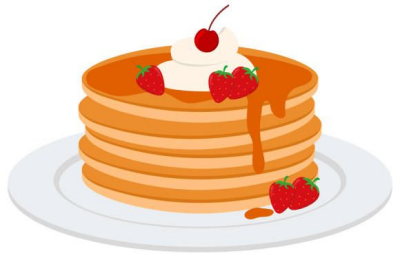
Just today, our grade 6's had their first lesson, led by the amazing Lindsey Lester, where the students logging into their learning platform, and interacted with their instructor. The students had a great time during their first class and are really excited to learn more.





# Coding School





**All School Pancake Breakfast**

**Thursday, February 29**



**Anti Bullying Day**

## **Term 2 Options Jr High Hockey**

Thursdays  
12:30-2:30pm

Jan 25

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29



## **CHCS CRAFTS CLUB**

## **GRADES 4-6**

Mrs. Thorne has had an overwhelming response to the Tuesday afternoon Crafts Club! With so many students, the classes had to be divided into alternating Tuesdays, see schedule below:

### **Grade 4 students will attend on the following dates:**

January 16 & 30

February 13 & 27

March 12

### **Grade 5 & 6 students will attend on the following dates:**

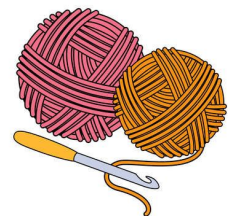
January 23

February 6 & 20

March 5 & 19

**Tuesdays: 3:30 - 5 pm**

**Mrs. Sheri Thorne - Gr 3 Classroom**





**2024-2025**

**school  
registration**

**Coming soon!**

**Mid  
February!**

# No School Days

ECS Students have a  
4 day week, no  
classes on Friday.

**Friday, February 16**

**Monday, February 19**

**\*\* Monday, February 26 - (Gr 7, 8 & 9 only, Reading Day)**

**Thursday, March 7** *(morning classes only, 12:30 pm dismissal)*

**Friday, March 8**

**Thursday, March 21** *(morning classes only, 12:30 pm dismissal, parent teacher conferences in the afternoon)*

**Friday, March 22**

**March 25 - March 30 (spring break)**

**Monday, April 1**

**Friday, April 12**

**Friday, May 3**

**Friday, May 17**

**Monday, May 20**

**Friday, June 14**



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