



Regina Public Schools

## Davin School

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## April 2015 Newsletter

### Principal's Ponderings



We are pleased to not only have a change in the activities we will be doing at school during the next few months, but we are also excited about the prospect of a change in the weather. After this long winter I am sure I am not the only person hoping for the sun to shine and the snow to melt.

I would like to thank all parents who made the time to attend 3-way conferences held on March 26th (for our Kindergarten students) and 27th (for K- 8) . Parental involvement is a significant factor in your child's academic growth. When students see that parents value education this message becomes internalized by students. As teachers, we appreciate your support.

In most schools, the increase in the temperature brings about a corresponding increase in activity. The school year seems to go in cycles and as a staff, we notice that it's the time of year for reminders to continue a respectful attitude and a commitment to good work habits. During the second term, we have noticed many students arriving late both in the morning and after lunch. I want to remind all families that school hours begin at 8:53 am and 12:45 pm. This tardiness has an

impact on student learning - both of the student who is arriving late but also of the other students in the classroom as it is disruptive.

I also want to remind families that students must have indoor shoes at school. As a staff we give regular reminders to our students about the importance of not only having indoor shoes but also wearing their indoor shoes. We never know when an incident will occur where we must evacuate the school building. By wearing indoor shoes at all times, students are ready for fire drills, a real fire and/or any incidents that force us to leave the school building unexpectedly. Please reinforce these positive behaviors with your child by having regular conversations at home about the importance of being on time and wearing indoor shoes.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

## “What should I do?”

### Building decision-making skills



Most kids could use a little guidance from time to time when it comes to making decisions. How can you help your youngster make good choices?

Share this three-step process that he can apply to almost any situation. Suppose, for instance, that your child can pick only one after-school activity but is torn between several choices.

1. **Make a list.** Encourage your youngster to write down his choices on a piece of paper. Putting his options in writing will help him narrow them to two or three of his favorites. *Example:* computer club, karate, art.
2. **Consider the pros and cons.** Suggest that he consider both the positive and negatives sides to each choice. *Example:* Computer club - really like playing games; not a fast typist. Karate - like being on a team; practices take too much time on weekends. Art - love painting; not really interested in sculpture.
3. **Think ahead.** If your child is still having trouble making a final decision, have him think about the long-term results. *Example:* Joining the computer

club will give him skills he can use in school and at home. Taking karate could eventually lead to participating in competitions. Art classes will help him decide if being an artist is a goal he'd like to pursue.

*Dr. Seuss said it best - "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go!"*

### **DAVIN DOLLAR WINNERS for March**

Marli (Gr. 4), Ava (Gr. 4)

### **CHOIR**

The Davin School Choir has been working very hard these past few months and will be performing in the Regina Music Festival Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Knox Met from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Please come on down and support our choir in the Festival.

### **FROM THE LIBRARY**

Thank-you to everyone who was able to come out and support our book fair on March 27th. We raised a total of \$2280.75!!! This is a fantastic amount, fifty percent of which goes directly to purchasing new resources for Davin's library!

Good luck to our two Battle of the Books teams, TGI and the Word Nerds, who will participate in a Battle of the Books tournament at Argyle School on April 15th!  
Mrs. Thomas, Teacher-Librarian

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 3 - Good Friday (no school)

April 6 - 12 - Easter Holidays (no school)

April 14 - Art Show Open House at Regina Public Schools Division Office

April 14 - Davin SCC meeting (7:00 pm)

April 15 - Battle of the Books @ Argyle School (interschool battle)

April 16 - Grade 8 Farewell pictures (am)

April 21 - Battle of the Books (final battle)

April 22 - Choir at Music Festival - Knox Metropolitan (1:30 - 3:00 pm)

April 29 - Assembly @ 9:00 am

May 15 - PD day for staff (no school for students)

June 18 - Grade 8 Farwell @ 6:30 pm

***"In the final analysis it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings."***

**-Ann Landers**