

Davin Elementary School

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Principal's Message

We have had a fantastic fall and are proud of your children and the efforts they have made to help us create the best school environment possible. I am thankful to be principal of such a wonderful school. The contributions of the staff, students, and families have been amazing.

Before we go forward with all the excitement of the season, the staff at Davin School would like to thank you for all of your support and assistance thus far. Thank you to everyone who participated in the 3-Way Conferences held on November 9th. We feel that regular communication is essential. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher at any time. Nothing is more effective than having the home and school working together. Being consistent with expectations regarding homework, grades, and behavior is most important. In the end, it is your involvement that will help your child strive to do his/her best and get the most out of what school can offer. We have experienced positive growth from consistently working together. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

One area that we do need your support with is student tardiness and attendance at school. Over the past few years, we have noticed a marked increase in students who are arriving late at school or who have missed a great deal of school. This tardiness not only affects the learning of these students, but it also disrupts the learning of every other student in the class. Please support your child's education by

ensuring that he/she arrives at school on time. **School begins every day at 8:53 am for all students** from Kindergarten to Grade 8. We look forward to your support with this matter.

We are looking forward to our Winter Celebration on **Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:00 PM**. With the large numbers of families that our school has, we cannot accommodate a concert in the gym so we have rented **Westminster United Church, located at 3025 13th Avenue**. We chose this location due to its proximity to Davin, and for its space. The doors of the church will open at **5:30**, and the concert will start at **6:00 pm**. Please make sure that your child arrives by 5:45, so that we can start on time. When you arrive, **your child's teacher will be waiting for them in the back of the church** where there is a gym and a multipurpose room that the students will be staying in during the concert. This is where you can pick your child up when the concert has finished.

At the concert, we will also be holding a **Silent Auction**. All items will be on display in the foyer of the church. This is a great opportunity for you to purchase a gift for yourself or a family member, and support the school.

As we approach this holiday season, I wish you and your family all the best. May the New Year bring joy to you and your family.

Mrs. J. Bussiere - Principal

Dates to Remember:

- **Collecting Santa Store Items—December 5th to December 9th**
- **Collecting Silent Auction Items—December 5th to December 12th**
- **Band Concert @ Sheldon—December 13th @ 7:00 PM**
- **Davin's Winter Concert—December 14th @ 6:00 PM**
- **December Assembly—December 16th @ 2:30**
- **Integration Day—December 20th (AM)**
- **PJ/Movie Day—December 20th (PM)**
- **Last Day of Classes— December 21st (2:30 Dismissal)**
- **Students/Staff Return to School—January 5th**

Silent Auction Items/Services

On Wednesday, December 14th @ the Winter Concert, we will be holding a **Silent Auction**. If you have any items/services that you are able to donate, please send them with your child to the office or contact Mrs. Bussiere (or your child's teacher) directly on or before December 12th. Pictures of the items will be posted on Facebook the day before.

The auction will officially close 15-20 minutes after the concert ends and winning bids will be announced. **We would ask winning bidders to please pay for their items and take their items home that evening.**

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will be going towards the purchase of a community sign!



If your child rides the bus and you have a question or concern, please contact Warner Transportation. Their contact information is:

Warner Transportation Services Ltd.

Address: 301 A 1st Avenue, Regina SK S4N 4Z1

Phone (306) 546-4022

Fax (306) 546-4023

dispatch@rbe.sk.ca

SANTA STORE DETAILS.....

For the fourth year in a row, Davin School will be helping Seven Stones School gather items for their annual Santa Store. We will be collecting these items from **December 5th to December 9th.**

Seven Stones Community School runs a Santa Store each year for their students. Students have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family members for a very small fee, and in some cases, no fee at all. This gives the students the opportunity to experience the joy of giving. Any funds raised through the Santa Store are used to purchase gift wrapping supplies.

We are looking for donations of small gift items. Gift wrapping supplies would also be appreciated. Please keep in mind that students should be able to carry these gifts home and/or fit them in their backpacks. Items needed are toys for boys and girls of all ages, and gifts for moms and dads. Don't forget about brothers/sisters and grandmas/grandpas, too!! Please do not send candles, stuffed animals, or used clothing items.

If you have any questions, please contact the school @ 306-791-8574.

Thank you in advance for helping us make the season special for our Seven Stones kiddos and their families!!



Newsletters

Our monthly newsletter will be sent to families electronically for the remainder of the school year. Classroom teachers have asked parents for email addresses to create distribution lists. If you do not have an email address, please inform your child's classroom teacher that you will require a paper copy and we will gladly send one home.

School Clothing Orders

Our school clothing order has been submitted to Silverscreen and it is our understanding that the items will arrive in the store at the beginning of January and will be crested right away. As soon as the order is complete, it will be sent to the school and distributed to the students in their classrooms.

QSP Festival Orders

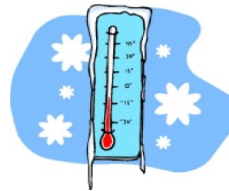
These items have arrived. SCC members will be set up in the school's foyer on Monday, December 5th and Wednesday, December 7th from 3:30-5:15 PM. If you wish to have your child bring home your order, please contact his/her teacher.

ACT Conference

On Thursday, November 3rd, a small group of Grade seven and eight students participated in the Anti-Racist, Cross-Cultural, Team Development conference run by students from Balfour Collegiate. Our students from Davin travelled to Arcola school, and spent the day with students from 3 other elementary schools. They participated in activities that promoted friendship, leadership, community, belonging, and acceptance. In the afternoon, all of the students were very fortunate to participate in The Blanket Exercise which was again led by the ACT Team from Balfour. The Blanket Exercise is a teaching tool that shares the historic and contemporary relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in Canada. It was a great day that helped increase awareness and empathy, as well as developed friendships amongst students from a variety of schools!



COLDER WEATHER AHEAD



Dressing Warm

With winter around the corner, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for outdoor weather.

Generally speaking, if the wind chill factor is -25 below or colder, an announcement will be made to all students and we will have an indoor recess. However, students are to be dressed for going outside.

Recess is a time for students to get some fresh air and socialize with their peers. We expect them to go outside. **If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess.** If you are not sure of the weather, phone 780-5744: Environment Canada Weather Information.

Integration Day @ Davin School—Friday, December 20th

On Friday, December 20th, ALL Davin students will participate in an integration day. In the morning, there will be a variety of activities that students will rotate through. Our senior students will lead the groups and run the stations. It is a great opportunity for them to hone their leadership skills.

In the afternoon, students are encouraged to wear their PJs, as they will all head to the gymnasium to watch a movie.

SCC News

Our **School Community Council (SCC)** is a group of staff, caregivers, and community members, who meet monthly to discuss ways to support the school. We provide events for families, resources and supplies for students, and share a few laughs! Please consider joining us for our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 19th @ 6:30 pm**. All parents/caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend!