



Regina Public Schools

## Davin School

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## December, 2014 Newsletter



### Principal's Ponderings

We have had a fantastic fall and I am proud of your children and the efforts we have made to 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 are awesome.

Before we go forward with all the excitement of the Christmas season, the staff at Davin School would like to thank you for all your support and assistance during the first reporting period. Thank you to all who participated in the 3-Way Conferences held on November 27th and 28th. Remember that regular communication is essential. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Nothing is more effective than 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 make the difference between your child doing their best and getting the most from what our school can offer. We have experienced positive growth by working consistently together. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

One area that we do need your support with is student tardiness and student 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. In November, during a one week period, we had an **average of 25 students who arrived late at school in the morning**. 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 your child(ren) arrive at school **on time**. **School begins every day at 8:53 am for all students** in Kindergarten to Grade 8. We look forward to your support with this matter.

While November was a terrific month for our school, we are excited about December and the wonderful opportunities it brings for our school. This year our school will be doing a play "The Littlest Christmas Tree". Students have already been working hard on their parts in preparation for the concert. Our concert this year will be held on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be bussing our students (afternoon Kindergarten to Gr. 8) to Sheldon Williams for the 1:30 pm performance. Parents, as always, will be responsible to bring their children for the evening performance. We ask families that you bring your child(ren) to Sheldon Williams at 6:15 pm to be ready for the 6:30 performance.

As we approach this festive season, I wish you and your family all the best for Christmas and may the New Year bring good things to your family.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

### **Upcoming Dates**

December 18 - Christmas Concert @ Sheldon Williams (1:30 pm & 6:30 pm)

December 19 - Last day of school before Christmas holidays begin (2:30 dismissal) - **PAJAMA DAY!**

December 19 - Assembly @ 11:00 am

January 5 - School resumes @ 8:53 am



## ***The Littlest Christmas Tree***

***Thursday December 18th***

***1:30 & 6:30 P.M.***

*We invite you to attend our Christmas program. Our afternoon performance will be held at 1:30 p.m. The evening performance will be held at 6:30 p.m. Parents/guardians, and grandparents are invited to attend either performance. Both performances will be held at Sheldon Williams Collegiate (2601 Coronation St.)*

### **SILENT AUCTION AT THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**

The Davin School Community Council is having a silent auction at this year's Christmas concert to benefit Davin School. Make sure you arrive early so you can bid on silent auction items. The auction is only open prior to the evening concert as winning bidders will be announced at the end of the concert.

Here are some of the great things that are available:

- ❖ 2 X \$25 at the Cathedral Village Freehouse
- ❖ 2 X \$30 from Coda Clothing,
- ❖ 2X \$25 for Leopold's tavern
- ❖ \$50 for LaBodega,
- ❖ 2 X \$100 plumbing services with Multi Fauceted Plumbing and Heating
- ❖ Barbecue accessories gift bag from Paradise Leisurescapes
- ❖ \$100 renovation services from Boomtime Services
- ❖ \$100 in rooftop snow removal
- ❖ 2 Sets of 2 Sunday Brunches at The Chimney
- ❖ \$100 at Benjamin Moore Paints
- ❖ 1 Month Family Pass for City of Regina Recreation facilities
- ❖ Gift Basket from Body Fuel Organics
- ❖ 2 X \$30 to Fat Badger Pub
- ❖ Wine Making Experience at The Wine Cellar (includes 30 bottles of wine)
- ❖ Gift Certificate to The Creek Bistro

- ❖ 2 X 1 month trial passes to YMCA
- ❖ Body and Bath Gift Basket
- ❖ \$100 Gift Certificate for a Kids Birthday at Queen City Kinsmen Gymnastics
- ❖ Heavenly Spirit Gin brewed by Slow Pub.
- ❖ Kenmore jacket from Coast Wholesale appliances.
- ❖ Art by local artist.
- ❖ Young adult novels by Edward Willett
- ❖ \$20 at Thai Garden Restaurant.
- ❖ 2 Sunday brunches at Hotel Saskatchewan
- ❖ Coupon from Saskatchewan Express.
- ❖ Free Pedicure at All About Faces.
- ❖ 1 Month pass to YWCA
- ❖ Baking and more!

Get something for yourself or a gift for someone else, as there are plenty of wonderful things to choose from!

### **Davin Dollar Winners**

The following students received Davin Dollars at our November assembly: Owen (Gr. 1); Carl (Gr. 7); Marcus (SLC); Dylan (Gr. 1); Gurjot (Gr. 2); Pereleth (Gr. 1); Hunter (Gr. 6)

### **Student Activity Council**

#### **Santa Store**

This year the Davin School Student Activity Council will be supporting Seven Stones Community School in hosting a Santa Store. The Santa Store provides students, from Kindergarten to grade 8, with an opportunity to give family members a gift on Christmas Day. In support, we will be collecting new or gently used items (ie. toys, books, small household items, etc.) that the students of can give as gifts to their siblings, parents, and grandparents. If you have any items you are willing to donate, please send it to the school by **Friday December 5th**. Let's help the students of Seven Stones Community School experience the joy of giving.

## **In the Library**

### **Battle of the Books**

Once again Davin students will have the opportunity to join a number of other Regina schools in a fun reading competition called ***Battle of the Books***. Students create teams with their friends consisting of any students from grades five to eight. Teams are limited to a maximum of four members. Each team reads all of the books from the titles chosen for this year's battle, and then competes in a Jeopardy style quizzing game. In March or April our top two Battle teams will meet for the Big Battle against other schools. Watch for more details coming soon!

### **Overdrive - Our Digital Library**

Beginning in early December, Davin students in Grades 6-8 will have access to e-books from our digital library using their personal electronic devices. Students will be provided with login information over the next two weeks. The following web address provides an introductory video on accessing the school's digital collection using the Overdrive application:

<http://help.overdrive.com/#videos?slwo>

## **CHRISTMAS VACATION**

The last day of classes is Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note that dismissal on this day is at 2:30 p.m. Classes resume at 8:53 pm on Monday January 5, 2015.



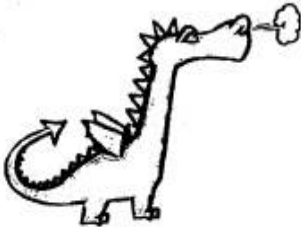


## DRESSING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Winter is upon us! This brings to mind not only thoughts of cold temperatures but also frostbite. To prevent frostbite or any other ailment brought on by the cold, the best remedy is to be dressed for the weather. Winter boots, hats, scarves and mittens are essential. Bundle up and enjoy winter!

**Reminder:** Please **LABEL** your child's boots, mitts, scarves, etc. Many of the children's winter items look the same and are much easier to identify if they are labeled.

## In the Community



**The Dragon's Den Child Care Inc.**  
(located in Davin School)

The philosophy behind **The Dragon's Den Play School** is based on a program that focuses on the whole child and is designed to support and nurture the following areas of development: social, physical, cognitive, creative, emotional and spiritual.

**Open to children 4 years old by September 1, 2014.**

**Must be able to use the bathroom facilities independently.**

**The Play School is offered:**

2 days/week (Tuesday & Wednesday) @ \$120.00 /month 1:00-3:00 pm (Except non-school days)

Start Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014

**Spaces are limited.**

For more information or registration please contact Josely or Joanne @ 306-791-8683.