



Regina Public Schools

Davin School

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December, 2015 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 26th and 27th. 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. 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.

We are looking forward to coming "**Home for Christmas**" this year with our Christmas celebration on **Monday December 14th**. With the large numbers of families that our school has, we cannot accommodate a concert in the gym so each classroom will be performing in their classrooms during the evening. We invite you to watch your child(ren) perform but then also take advantage of other activities that we will be sharing such as hot chocolate and cookies (for \$1.00); viewing our "gallery" of student art work, writing and decorations; writing Christmas cards; and, bidding at the SCC's Silent Auction. We know it will be a wonderful evening for everyone! Doors open at 6:15 with performances beginning at 6:30 pm. Please see the separate newsletter that gives all the information you will need for this evening.

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 10 - Sheldon Band Concert

December 14 - Christmas Celebration at Davin at 6:15 pm

December 17 - Christmas Integration Activity(am)/Christmas movie (pm)

December 18 - Last day of school before Christmas holidays begin (2:30 dismissal) - **PAJAMA DAY!** & Assembly at 9:00 am

January 4 - School resumes @ 8:53 am

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. Winning bidders will be announced at the end of the celebration. 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: Sylvia (Gr. 4); Abi (Gr. 4); Myra (Gr. 2); Ella (Gr. 6); Jaya (Gr. 7); Alexis (Gr. 1); Wakeen (Gr. 8); Marjan (Gr. 7); Liam (Gr. 6); Sophia (Gr. 8); Tiago (Gr. 1); Laiba (Gr. 2); Arshan (Gr. 1)

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class is working on a special project this winter that requires cleaned out, 4L milk jugs. If you could send them to school and drop them off in the Kindergarten room, it would be much appreciated! Thank-you for supporting our learning!

From Regina Public Schools...

Grade 1 Transportation for the 2016-2017 School Year

Regina Public Schools, effective with the 2016-17 school year, will be changing its transportation procedures for Grade 1 students. You will have been contacted directly by letter if this change applies to your family. If you did not receive a letter, but think this applies to you, please contact your school principal.

Here are some of the details of the changes, for your information. Starting with the 2016-17 school year, only Grade 1 students who reside or whose caregivers reside more than 1,200 metres from their designated school will be eligible for transportation. This is a change from previous years where the distance from school requirement was 600 metres.

Transportation eligibility is based on Regina Public Schools Administrative Procedure and guidelines, as outlined below:

- **Eligibility for Regular Program transportation includes the following:**
 - a. Students must reside inside the transportation services area for the designated school,
 - b. Students must be enrolled and attending their designated school,
 - c. Kindergarten students who reside 0.6 km or farther from the designated elementary school are eligible for transportation,
 - d. Other elementary school students who reside 1.2 km or farther from the designated elementary school are eligible for transportation.

Please be aware, however, that students may be eligible for an exception for transportation based on the guidelines listed below.

- a. Exceptions may be permitted on Regular Program school buses but not on Regular Program light vehicle transportation (cabs, vans),
- b. Exceptions may be permitted for students attending their designated school only if,
 - i. **The existing stop is more than 1,000 metres from the designated school,**
 - ii. **The student walks to an existing stop and there is room available on the school bus, and**
 - iii. **The student is in grade 1 to grade 5.**

Exceptions will only be granted if doing so will not affect the safety, economy or efficiency of the transportation service.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your principal.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

The last day of classes is Friday December 18th. Please note that dismissal on this day is at 2:30 p.m. Classes resume at 8:53 pm on Monday January 4, 2016.





DRESSING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Winter is (almost) 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...

Beware Thin Ice Conditions

Regina Fire & Protective Services reminds parents to caution children that ice surfaces are not safe.

**If you see people close to thin ice, call Regina Police at 306-777-6500.
In an emergency call 9-1-1.**

Stay Safe – Stay Away