



Regina Public Schools

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February 2016 Newsletter

Principal's Ponderings

When I look at the calendar, I am amazed that half of our school year is over. With that fact, I realize the number of things that our staff and students have accomplished already. We have already had conferences and report cards sent home. We are now into basketball season. Fall has changed into winter and sooner rather than later (I hope!) we will be looking forward to spring. To buffer the long winter our school division will be having its **Winter Break from February 15 to 19th**. We hope you and your family enjoy this holiday time!

We are in the process of registering new Kindergarten students for the 2016-17 school year. If you know of a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2016, please have them call and register with our school at 791-8574.

Report Card time is coming quickly. Term 2 report cards will be sent home on March 17. We will then be scheduling 3-Way Conferences for families on Thursday March 24. As always, we look forward to your continued support of your child(ren) in attending these conferences.

Please remember that **the staff parking lot is not for general use**. This is space that has been designated for staff use only and is not for general parking or for dropping off/picking up your children. As well, do not walk your child(ren) through

the parking lot as staff members can be leaving at various points throughout the day for meetings or workshops elsewhere. We want everyone to be safe at all times so please remind yourself and your child(ren) that the parking lot is out of bounds.

We also remind everyone that attendance at school and being on time both in the morning and at lunch time is very important for our students. We have noticed a number of students coming to school late (both in the morning and after lunch). **Please help your child to be at school on time.** We begin the school day at 8:53 am. After lunch we start again at 12:45. When your child comes in late they are interrupting the teacher, they are missing critical information for their own learning and are also disrupting others' learning as well. Your cooperation with this impacts each and every child in the classroom. If you are wondering if your child is getting to school on time, you can check online through the Parent Portal. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Your input and presence is not only valuable to us but, more importantly, valuable to your children. Thank you for taking the time to make your children a priority. If you have any questions, concerns or compliments, please feel free to call at 791-8574.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

Dates to Remember

January 29 - Staff Development Day (no school for students)

February 3 - Kindergarten Report Cards sent home

February 10 - Day 100

February 15 - 19 - Winter Holiday

February 24 - Red Cross Day of Pink

February 26 - Davin Carnival (pm)

February 29 - Winterball (K - Gr. 5)



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK - February 8 - 12

Our staff works very hard and often goes above and beyond at creating a wonderful learning environment for your children. Our staff includes teachers, educational assistants, our school secretary, our caretakers, consultants, school psychologist, and our school counsellor. If you would like to take the time to say 'thank you' to any or all of these hard working people at Davin, staff appreciation week would be a great time to do that.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank-you to the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild and its support from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund and SaskCulture for sponsoring our recent visit from storyteller Kevin MacKenzie. Kevin joined us on Wednesday January 27 for Family Literacy Day. We celebrated by having pajama day and hearing and reading wonderful stories!

-Phyllis Thomas, Teacher Librarian

FROM THE LUNCHROOM

At Davin School we have 6 lunchrooms. We ask that parents try to send nutritious lunches with your child(ren) who attend our lunchrooms (note: NO microwaves in the lunchrooms). It makes a difference with how our students feel and sets them up for learning. Steps towards better health and a healthy body weight include:

- Eating the recommended amount and types of food each day.
- Limiting foods and beverages high in calories, fat, sugar or salt (sodium).
- Being active every day.

For more information and to access a copy of Canada's Food Guide, go to www.hc-sc.gc.ca. Translatable versions of the Food Guide are available as well. Languages include: English, Tagalog, Tamil, Urdu, Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi (Persian), and Korean

From Our Kinders...

The Kindergarten class continues to collect 4L milk jugs. Please send them washed, and with the lids on. Thank you very much for your support of our creative learning process!

CIRCLE OF COURAGE WINNERS

The following students received recognition for demonstrating one of the four values recognized within the Circle of Courage - Belonging, Generosity, Mastery and Independence:

Havyk, Gr. 1; Saaj, Gr. 1; Aiden, Gr. 2; Owen, Gr. 2; Jesse, Kindergarten; Alexa, Kindergarten; Lilly, Gr. 4; Jr. Lawrence, Gr. 4; Rylee, Gr. 8; Hao, Gr. 2/3; Sana, Gr. 2/3; Seth, Gr. 4/5; Devon, Gr. 4/5; Varsha, Gr. 6/7; Amelie, Gr. 8; Zack, Gr. 4/5; Brody, SLC, Mikaela, Gr. 7; and Ella, Gr. 6



BASKETBALL

We are excited this year as we have both a boys' and girls' basketball teams. Thank you to coaches: Mr. Rosbrook, Ms. Castle, Mrs. Doobay, Ms. Forster. The Davin basketball teams have begun their seasons! The boys kicked the season off on Tuesday January 26th at Lakeview School - a game they had been looking forward to for a few weeks now! The boys have been up early for practices and have shown they are a team who is looking forward to the season. Mr. Rosbrook and Ms. Castle are excited to coach a great basketball season with the boys' Davin Dragon's basketball squad!

The girls have been working hard as well! Mrs. Doobay, Ms. Castle and Ms. Forster have been coaching a group of hardworking girls to ensure the girls were ready for their first game Wednesday January 27th at Davin.

For most games, the boys' team will be playing on Tuesdays and the girls' team will be playing on Wednesdays. Both teams will be competing in the Competitive 'B'

league, the Regina Public Schools competitive league for schools under 350 students. Come cheer our Dragons on!

Subsequent games will be:

Boys' Schedule

Jan. 26 - Davin @ Lakeview
Feb. 2 - Grant Road @ Davin
Feb. 9 - Davin @ Centennial
Feb. 23 - Jack McKenzie @ Davin
March 1 - Hunt @ Davin
March 8 - Davin @ Judge Bryant

Girls' Schedule

Jan. 27 - Pawson @ Davin
Feb. 3 - Davin @ Centennial
Feb. 10 - BYE week
Feb. 24 - Regina Christian School @ Davin
Feb. 29 - Wilfred Walker @ Davin
March 2 - Davin @ Harvest City
March 7 - Davin @ Elsie Mironuck

*What we have to do
is find a way to celebrate our diversity
and debate our differences
without fracturing our communities.*

-Hillary Rodham Clinton