



Regina Public Schools

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January 2016 Newsletter



Principal's Ponderings

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful holiday with family and friends. It seems so strange to think that it is now 2016! And with the beginning of a new year, we begin thinking about new Kindergarten students for the 2016-17 school year. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 before December 31, 2016, he/she is eligible to join us for Kindergarten next year. To register, give us a call at 791-8574.

Another reminder about Kindergarten -current Kindergarten students will be receiving their first report card on February 3. Please be looking for this in your child's backpack when your child comes home on that day.

Thank you to all families who attended our Christmas celebration. We had a wonderful turn out! We appreciated the many, many positive comments we received about the new format. Our Christmas celebration committee and staff did a wonderful job of putting together a terrific evening for all of us to enjoy! We truly appreciate the amount of time and effort put into this endeavor. We also want to

thank the Davin School Community Council for having another successful silent auction. Well done!

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.

Remember if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call. Your input is always valuable.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

From Our Kinders...

Our Kindergarteners are still collecting 4L milk jugs. Please send yours to school - washed, and with the lid on!

Mrs. Jackson



Upcoming Events

January 25 - Assembly @ 1:45 pm

January 26 - Board of Education AGM 7:00 pm @ Martin Collegiate

January 27 - Family Literacy Day

January 29 - PD Day (No School for students)

February 15- 19 - Family Day/Winter Break (No School)

March 10 - PD Day (No school for students)

March 11 - Teachers' Convention (No school for students)

March 18 - Report Cards sent home

March 24 - 3-Way Conferences

News from Regina Public Schools

New Cold Weather Transportation Procedures

Regina Public Schools transportation has implemented a cold weather procedure which began during the 2014-2015 school year.

If the wind chill is -45°C or higher at 7:00 a.m., all student transportation will be cancelled.

If the wind chill is -40°C or higher at 7:00 a.m., transportation for students requiring vehicles equipped with lifts (for students in wheelchairs) will be cancelled.

All schools will remain open, unless otherwise notified.

School Cash Online: Safe, convenient online payments!



Regina Public Schools parents and guardians can now pay for a variety of school based fees directly online. This saves the hassle of writing checks and eliminates the need for students to carry cash or cheques to school.

Please take five minutes of your time to register to the secure site. Sign up is as easy as:

1. Go to the Regina Public Schools *School Cash Online* website: <https://rbe.schoolcashionline.com>
2. Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" button and follow the steps
3. After you receive a confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login and add each of your children (if more than one) to your household account.

Please Note: If you have any questions during the registration process, or while paying fees online, please select the SUPPORT button. You can also access the School Cash Online-Parent Help Desk by calling toll free 1-866-961-1803, or by email at Parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com. The Help Desk is open to answer your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and on holidays.

Davin School encourages all families to use the online payment system. We prefer you pay online rather than sending cash to school to pay for buses, field trips, etc. If you have not done so, please go online and set up your account. It takes less than 5 minutes and saves you from hunting for loonies and twonies!



TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE

The following tips are from the book *Positive Discipline in the Classroom* by Nelsen, Lott and Glenn:

1. Use choices as a way to help children take responsibility for their actions. However, make the choices specific. For example: say, "You may sit at this table or that table to do your homework." Or "Would you prefer to wear the green or red outfit?" The power of choice does so much for children, but they need guidance.
2. Assign jobs as a responsibility. Children need to develop the sense that everyone in the family contributes to the running of the household. Do not bribe or pay children for their chores.
3. Give our children lots of positive praise for completing tasks successfully. There is nothing more powerful than a positive word from mom or dad. We underestimate how much it means to please our parents.

Going on a Holiday?

If you are planning an extended holiday (2 weeks or longer) for you and your family during a time that school is still in session, there are some items that we would like parents to remember:

- 1) Please inform the office and your child's teacher of your child's absence from school (the days they will be away)
- 2) If you would like your child to be working on school work during your holiday, it is difficult for teachers to be able to plan for long durations. We encourage all students to read and write during their time away. This can take the form of writing in a journal; writing a postcard each day and sending it back home so children have a record of what they have done on their holiday; reading signs/labels, menus; or, taking a novel along (if your child is older).
- 3) Check websites like schoolfamily.com for educational activities children can do in the car, on the plane and at your destination.

Please remember that taking a holiday during a school time is a choice that you are making as a family. If you would like your child engaged in learning activities it is your responsibility to also plan for educational activities that you would like your child to do.



BASKETBALL

The Davin boys' basketball team is looking forward to the upcoming season! The boys have already been up early for practices with games beginning in January. We will be playing in the Small Schools Competitive League. Mr. Rosbrook, Ms. Castle, Mrs. Doobay and Ms. Forster are excited to coach and have a great basketball season with the Davin Dragons Basketball squad! If your child is on a basketball

team, please ensure that you know when the boys' or girls' practices are being held. Parents will be needed to drive players to games. If you are able to assist, please make sure you contact the coaches.

Library News

Family Literacy Day

Please check out the link from the national website for Family Literacy Day on January 27:

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/sites/default/files/ABC-matte-story-flid2016.pdf>
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*A moment spent reading to a child before bed
is a joy forever young.
-Noah benShea*

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thank you to all of the people who took the time to bid on items at the silent auction this year. The event was a great success!

Special thanks go to the volunteers and donors who made the event possible: Meaghan Merrick, Tina Getz, Lynda Argue, Brenda Meyer, Jennylyn Spinarski, Maria Spinarski, Marianne Walsh, Hilberg and Berk, The Fat Badger Public House, Leopold's Tavern, The Mercury Café, Metro Pet Market, YMCA, YWCA, City of Regina, Regina Flying Club, Paradise Leisurescapes, Body Fuel Organics, Hotel Saskatchewan, Colorburst Paint and Wallpaper.

The Board of Education of the Regina
School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan
invites the public to attend its

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Martin Collegiate
1100 McIntosh Street

Copies of the *2014-15 Annual Report* and the
2014-15 Audited Financial Statements can be viewed at www.rbe.sk.ca/board-education/board-documents, where more
information about
Regina Public Schools is also available.



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