



Regina Public Schools

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January 2015 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 2015! And with the beginning of a new year, we begin thinking about new Kindergarten students for the 2015-16 school year. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 before December 31, 2015, he/she is eligible to join us for Kindergarten next year. To register, give us a call at 791-8574.

Another reminder about Kindergarten - this year, current Kindergarten students will be receiving their first report card on January 28. 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 concert. We had a wonderful turn out for both the afternoon and evening performances! Sheldon Williams Collegiate was able to accommodate our growing numbers. Our Christmas concert committee did a wonderful job of putting together a terrific show for all of us to enjoy! We truly appreciate the amount of time and effort they 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

Davin Dollar Winners

Davin Dollar Winners for December were: Liam (Gr. 6), Kaysia (Gr. 3), Max (Gr. 6), Ella (Gr. 3), Sofia (Gr. 7), Lily (Gr. 2), and Rylee (Gr. 7).



Upcoming Events

January 26 - Assembly @ 9:30 am

January 28 - Kindergarten report card coming home

January 30 - PD Day (No School for students)

January 29 - Board of Education AGM 7:00 @ Seven Stones Community School

February 5 - Davin SCC Meeting @ 7:00 pm

February 16- 20 - Family Day/Winter Break (No School)

February 26 - Assembly @ 1:00 pm

March 5 - PD Day (No school for students)

March 6 - Teachers' Convention (No school for students)

March 20 - Report Cards sent home

March 27 - 3-Way Conferences

News from Regina Public Schools

New Cold Weather Transportation Procedures

Regina Public Schools transportation has implemented a new cold weather procedure effective in 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 toonies!



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 school family.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. Williams, Mr. Rosbrook and Mr. Parker are excited to coach and have a great basketball season with the Davin Dragons Basketball squad!

The boys' Davin Dragons are: Kaelen, Joel, Nick, Aidan, Sanjed, Ayub, Brant, Alvee, Matthew, and Liam.

Coaches for our girls' basketball team are Ms. Castle and Ms. Kerster. 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

Battle of the Books

Team practices for Battle of the Books begin January 7th at lunch in the Library. We meet over the noon hour every Day 3 during January, February, and March in preparation for the "Big Battle" between other Regina schools sometime in April.

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is celebrated across Canada on January 27th. The purpose is to raise awareness about the importance of reading and participating in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to learn as a family is crucial to a child's development. Just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There will be no Davin SCC meeting in January.

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: Yens Pedersen, Maria Spinarski, Margaret-Anne Hodges, , Meaghan Merrick, Lynda Argue, Ryan Dorey, Tina Getz, Sara Kuziak, Jeff Grehan, Edward Willett, Leopold's Tavern, Coda Clothing, Boomtime Services, Cathedral Village Freehouse, Body Fuel Organics, Multi-Fauceted Plumbing & Heating, Regina YMCA, Colorburst Paint, The Mercury Café, Thai Garden Restaurant, City of Regina , Golden Apple Theatre, La Bodega, The Chimney Restaurant, Olson Goldsmith, A Balanced Approach Therapy Centre, The Hotel Saskatchewan, YWCA Regina, Regina Lyric Musical Theatre, The Creek Bistro, QCK Gymnastics, Slow Pub Regina, Paradise Leisurescapes, Fat Badger Public House, My City Bees, and Saskatchewan Express.

