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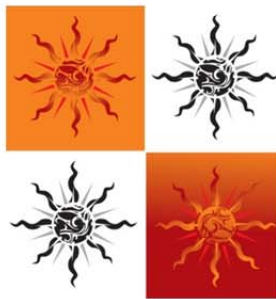
Davin School

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June 2015 Newsletter



Principal's Ponderings

This is our final month of school for the 2014-15 school year. What a year it has been! We have accomplished so much in what seems like a very short amount of time. I feel like I have blinked and the year is almost over! We had our final student-centered assembly on May 28th and it was a wonderful way to acknowledge our students who have demonstrated the values of I respect, I belong, I want to know and I am responsible. Our final assembly of the year will occur on **June 24th at 9:15 am**. This assembly focuses on our fantastic Davin staff and the many wonderful volunteers who have participated at Davin during the school year. We ask that if you have volunteered during the year, to please join us for this assembly.

If you are moving or not planning to have your child attend Davin next year, would you please let us know as soon as possible. We are well under way for planning for next year, and would appreciate this information. Please call our office or let your child's teacher know as soon as you have this information.

We have a few staff changes at Davin School for the 2015-16 school year. We will be saying goodbye and good luck to: Mr. Parker, Mrs. Hammett, Ms. Kerster, and Ms. Fiorante. We will be welcoming Ms. Whaley and Ms. Paoli to Davin for the 2015-16 school year.

I would also like to welcome our new Kindergarten students for the 2015-16 school year: Davey, Benjamin, Bronwyn, Ethan, Perla, Krisha, Amani, Abhigyan, Sahil, Holly, Kaiya, Jakeb, Kenya, Maxwell, Presley, Kaiden, Michael, Maddox, Serenity, Samantha, Kymari, Annie, Henry, John, Sarah, Zoe, Jesse, Roady, Grady, Rowan, Hannah and Anushka.

Teachers will be sending home classroom newsletters with the many events and activities that they will be doing with their classes in June. Please make sure that you read these newsletters and remember to send permission slips and money that may be required for class outings. I encourage you to use the online payment option when paying for these field trips.

To help you plan for next year, we will, again, be offering parents the ability to purchase school supplies. You will be able to view and purchase grade specific supply lists online from School Start. Your child's package will then arrive at Davin for the beginning of the school year ready to be used. For every package ordered, our school earns 10% of the sales. So, if you would like a quick, easy way to order school supplies without the hassle of going to stores in August, you may want to take advantage of this opportunity.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

THANK-YOU!

Mrs. Jackson's Kindergarten class would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to the students, staff and community for their generous contributions to our 'pie in the face' fundraiser for Nepal. Our school raised an amazing \$1,144.00 to donate the the Red Cross in just one week! We are so grateful that Davin students and families care about our world and want to help those in need. Mr. Barber, Mr. Engen, Mrs. Schoepp and Mrs. Jackson were the recipients of the pie in the face at the assembly on May 8th and our entire student population was thrilled with this event! Thank-you again for your support.

Library News

The final day for student book exchanges this year is Friday, June 5th. During the first two weeks of June students will be provided with a list of overdue books and/or lost books. Lost books will have a charge included. All books must be returned to the school library by Monday, June 15th. The first class to have all books and/or charges cleared from their record wins an ice cream treat!

Summer Reading

Be sure to enjoy reading during the summer months! The Regina Public Library offers a great summer reading program for children, teens, and adults beginning June 12th through August 31st. Visit the following web address to view contest details http://www.reginalibrary.ca/summer_reading/. There are many fabulous prizes to be won for all ages!!

Volunteers Needed

We require many volunteers for track and field at Douglas Park on June 22nd. If you are able to help out for a half day or for the full-day, would you please let us know. Your assistance would be appreciated. Please remember, you must have a current Police Information Check before volunteering for any school activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 - Davin SCC Annual General Meeting (AGM) @ 7:00 pm in the library

June 4 - Track & Field @ Sheldon for Gr. 4 - 8

June 9 - Rain day for track & field

-pm - Puppet Show for Kindergarten to Gr. 3/4

June 11 - EYES (engineering) presentations all day for Gr. 1 - Gr. 8

June 12 - Staff Meeting/Professional Development (**no school for students**)

June 15 - All library books must be returned

June 18 - Grade 8 Farewell @ 6:30 pm

June 22 - Track & Field @ Douglas Park (all day)

June 23 - Primary playday (K - Gr. 3) in the morning; movie afternoon

June 24 - June assembly @ 9:15 am - Parents who have volunteered are asked to join us!

June 25 - Last day of school for students (2:30 dismissal time)

DAVIN DOLLAR Winners

Congratulations to our Davin Dollar winners for May: Sai (Gr. 3); Zoie (Gr. 5); Sylvia (Gr. 2); Cythial (Gr. 6); Zoe (Gr. 8); Ella (Gr. 1); Jack (Gr. 1); Mohaime (Gr. 2); Chloe (Gr. 6); Bryony (Gr. 1); Jessica Lynn (Gr. 1); Annika (Gr. 1); Jack M (Gr. 1); Daniel (Gr. 3); CJ (Gr. 2); Liam (Gr. 2)

Band News

Band Scholarships

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to award four band scholarships. We have three to award from the Mossing School of Music, and we have one to award from the Saskatchewan Band Association.

The Mossing School of music runs from July 21st-July 24th, or students can go to the second camp being held from August 4th-7th. This camp gives students the opportunity to try different instruments and is ideal for beginner band students, or students that might like to learn a second instrument for jazz band. I cannot find a website for this camp but I would be happy to email a copy of the brochure to any families that are interested.

The SBA Camp (Saskatchewan Band Association) information can be found at:

<http://saskband.org/bandcamp/>

The SBA camp places students in the group they are suited for based on a short, stress-free audition and caters to students from Grade 6 right up through Grade 12. They will have full band rehearsals, private lessons, sectionals and masterclasses. They will also participate in many social activities.

The priority will be given to students that are able to demonstrate financial need, and of course these requests will be on a confidential basis. We will also consider attendance, attitude, rehearsal contribution, continued involvement with the band program, etc.

Even if your child is not awarded with a scholarship, these are very worthwhile activities to keep your kids busy during the summer.

Please contact me ASAP if you would like for your child to be considered for a scholarship, and let us know which dates work the best for you.

What Do I Do With My Child's Instrument??

If your instrument was provided to you by the school board (tuba, bass clarinet, baritone, French Horn, bari sax or any instrument that we loaned to a student for any reason, like jazz band for instance), it should be either left after the band concert, or we can pick it up from your child's elementary school so it can be taken in to the shop for servicing and cleaning (this is part of what your rental fee pays for).

If your child wishes to keep the instrument over the summer and it is in good working order, please just send us an email so we can document that for you. If your child keeps the instrument over the summer it is the expectation that they are returning to the band program.

If you are renting your own instrument, you should take it in to get cleaned and serviced to preserve the quality of the instrument.

If your child is renting an instrument that they have not been happy with due to its function or need for repairs, **DON'T CONTINUE TO RENT AN INSTRUMENT THAT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM!** We can help to recommend a good reliable brand name for you so that your child can experience the highest level of success.

If your child has expressed an interest in learning another instrument for jazz band, please send me an email. If your child is truly dedicated to taking on this challenge, I would love to give them a head-start on the instrument over the summer and if you are not in a position to provide your own rental, I can see if I can pull some strings to get your child what they need. I really hope to expand the jazz program next year and part of that is having non-jazz-instrument musicians learn a jazz instrument. Please email me if you would like more information or a recommendation on what they might play. Jazz is most likely to start in mid-October but information will be provided in the fall.

Registration for 2015-2016 Band

We will be coming around to students within the month of June to give them registration forms and letters. As final details are confirmed we will email parents a copy as well. We hope to have as many students return to band as possible.

New next year will be the addition of a SWAMP (Sheldon Willams Area Music Parents) fee. This fee will be used to cover uniforms, clinics, incentives, awards, etc. This is to ensure that the viability of different activities continues, and is not at the expense of the high school band program. This fee will be \$25 and can be paid by cheque or cash. There will be information in the handouts provided to students. This fee is due upon registration. This is the only fee that is due immediately upon registration.

The Regina Public Schools Transportation Fee will continue to be \$50 and is **NOT TO BE PAID UNTIL THE FALL!!** This fee is meant to be paid online the same as all other fees paid for school. If paying online is not an option for you, we will accept cash and cheques but please post-date the cheques to September.

***We will surely get to our destination
if we join hands.***

-Aung San Suu Kyi





Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your teachers at **Davin Elementary School** are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase your school supplies through School Start for the 2015/2016 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

There are a few simple steps to ensure your child will receive standardized brand name products (specified by each teacher).

Your school is eligible to receive \$5/kit back!

- 1.) We will be sending you a specific grade level supply list.
- 2.) This order form has a Starter Package (consumable items) as well as a list of other Required Items. The Required Items are **mandatory** by each teacher; they include items such as pencil cases, sharpeners, and calculators. These products do not need to be purchased on a year to year basis if you already have them.
- 3.) You can place your order online at www.schoolstart.ca . Visa, MasterCard, and PayPal are accepted.

Place your order online in June and you will automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$1000 cash draw!

- 4.) Late orders will be accepted online until September 16, 2015 (a \$5 late fee will be applied after the August long weekend)
- 5.) Delivery options:

Deliver kit directly to your home (online order only) Here are the benefits for Home Delivery:

- i. You can pre-label your child's supplies
- ii. You can add supplies to your order for your child in another school
- iii. If you spend \$40 or more on additional items over and above the kit (s) at the schoolstart.ca store, you will receive free shipping!

If you have any questions, please contact **School Start**

info@schoolstart.ca or Ph: 1-800-580-1868