



Regina Public Schools

## Davin School

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### March 2015 Newsletter

#### Principal's Ponderings

March is Nutrition Month. This year, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and Regina Education and Action on Child Hunger (REACH) invite teachers, students and families to participate in the Litter-less Lunches and Snacks Contest. Litter-less lunches and snacks are packed to provide less waste and packaging and often cost less too! These types of lunches and snacks are rising in popularity because they are usually healthier, environmentally friendly and less expensive than pre-packaged lunches and snacks. The goal is to engage children and their families to create strategies to packing healthy lunches and snacks. Davin School's Litter-less Lunch and Snack day will be held on Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

And speaking about lunches, our staff would like to thank the Davin SCC for a wonderful staff appreciation lunch that was held on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>. We not only appreciate the wonderful meal but also the time that we are able to spend together.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> report cards will be sent home with your child(ren). Three-way conferences will be held during the day on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in becoming a Davin Dynamo, we are always looking for volunteers in our school. Remember a Personal Information Check (formerly Criminal Record Check) must be done before anyone is able to volunteer.

Please remember that **the staff parking lot is not for general use**. This space 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.

Please remember that supervision is available beginning at 8:37 am. Please do not drop your children off before this. Students will not be allowed in the school until 8:53 unless the temperature outside is below -25C.

Every member of our school team appreciates your input. As always, if you have any questions, compliments or concerns, please contact us at 791-8574.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

## **DO YOU KNOW A KINDERGARTEN STUDENT FOR NEXT FALL?**

If you know of a child who is 5 or will be 5 years old by December 31, 2015, please don't wait to register. Register now. We would be happy to give parents a tour of our school and discuss our programs. Please call our office at (306) 791-8574.

## **More ways to succeed in high school!**

Regina Public Schools is implementing a new High School Strategy for the 2015/16 school year. The goal of this strategy is to create more equity of opportunities for all high school students in Regina Public Schools through a student's neighbourhood high school, as well as providing access to Campus Regina Public programming.

This change is important to you and to students because it will more closely align elementary schools with their neighbourhood high schools and provide much greater access to curricular and extra-curricular programming for all students, regardless of where they live in the city of Regina. It will mean a much clearer and

successful transition from elementary school to high school. This change comes after consultation with parents, students, staff and the community.

The benefits to all high school students will be:

- Access to a diverse set of quality courses and extracurricular programs at all neighbourhood high schools.
- Access to more specialized programming for French Immersion, and enriched programming, including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate.
- Students will also benefit from programming at Martin Academy, as well as specific programs for students with intensive support needs.
- All Grades 11 and 12 students will have access to Campus Regina Public courses, regardless of which high school they attend.

All Grade 8 students received a brochure detailing the changes and will also have had the opportunity to learn more at their neighbourhood high school open houses in February and March. We invite you to find out more. To find out more, Please contact your school principal and for more detailed information, please visit:

<http://www.rbe.sk.ca/our-schools/high-schools/high-school-strategy>.

## **BASKETBALL**

While winning a game may be the first success that comes to mind, I see greater success with the development of basketball skills, team work and leadership.

Congratulations to these students in Gr. 6, 7 and 8 who played on the girls' or boys' basketball teams. We also appreciate the time, effort and commitment that the coaches have given during this basketball season.

## **DAVIN DOLLAR Winners for February**

The winners were: Carter (Gr. 7); Marjan (Gr. 6); Ben (Gr. 5); Josh (Gr. 4); Ella (Gr. 1); Anne (Gr. 8); Georgie (Gr. 1)

## **Davin Choir March News**

On Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> the Davin School Choir will be heading off to Luther College High School where the students will be working with Ms. Melissa Morgan, senior choir director and Doctoral candidate with the University of Toronto in choral studies. Ms. Morgan is a Regina native who travels extensively with her senior

choirs from Luther. She has had to turn down many requests from other schools to work with their choirs. Davin is excited and fortunate to have the opportunity not only to learn from such a wonderful choral expert, but to also perform with the Luther College senior.

Next month the choir will be performing in the Regina Music Festival. Please come out and watch us perform in the afternoon of Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Because of this, the choir will be holding extra rehearsals throughout March and April. The choir will still meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch, but will now meet on Wednesdays as well beginning on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We want our choir to sound spectacular in their performance at the Festival.

Mrs. Smith & Mr. Engen

### **In the Library**

Don't miss the excitement of this month's book fair! Students will have the opportunity to *preview* this year's book selection during school hours beginning on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The fair will be open on conference day (Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>) for students to come with their families and make a purchase. Proceeds earned from the book fair will do directly towards new library books for Davin's resource centre.

Save the dates! Battle of the Books will be hosted at Argyle School this year on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Top Teams from the tournament will complete at a final battle at another city school on Tuesday, April 21.

### **Davin SAC March News**

The Davin SAC is excited to present for the entire school The Tornado Hunters featuring Chris Chittick and Ricky Forbes. This live presentation will take place on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the gym. To prepare for this exciting presentation, the SAC will be hosting a "Dress like a Tornado" day on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. We need all of the Davin Community to find their best way to dress like a tornado to help welcome our special guests.

The SAC will also be bringing out the "Irish" in all of us Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Davin School community is invited to get their green on! Let's celebrate a wonderful tradition of going a little Irish for one day!

Ms. Cullins & Mr. Engen

## **BAND NEWS**

The Optimist Festival is our next performance. The next couple of weeks is our home stretch for preparing for our adjudicated performance at the Conexus Arts Centre.

The week of the festival students will have their regular scheduled full band on Monday Day 3 as well as their performance day. There will be no sectionals that week.

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

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- Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> - Day 3 Regular Full Band Day (note that Day 3 is now on Monday)
- Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> - Day 3 Regular Full Band Day- Last rehearsal before the Festival

### **Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Band performs at the Festival - performance time 1:15**

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Students will be picked up at their home schools at 11:30, they will need to bring a bag lunch (no microwaves available) with them as we will be eating at the Conexus Arts Centre. We perform at 1:15. Students will be bused back to school at 2:15.

### **Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> - Grade 7 Band performs at the Festival - performance time 10:00**

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Parents must arrange or provide for transportation to the Centre. Drop off your child at 8:30 am at the front door of the Centre we will meet in the foyer as a group before we proceed to our warm-up room We perform at 10:00am. Students will be bused back to school at 11:00. If they eat lunch at school don't forget to pack that with you as you arrive back at school just before lunch. Don't forget to bring your instrument home from school the night before.

### **Thursday March 19<sup>st</sup> - Grade 8 Band performs at the Festival - performance time 3:15**

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Grade 8 students will be picked up by bus at their home schools at 1:45. Students perform at 3:15. *Students will need to be picked up at the front doors of the Conexus Arts Centre by their parents between 4:30 and 5:00 after our clinic and pictures are finished.*

Bev Brander

Sheldon Area Band Teacher

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 5 - PD Day for Staff (no school for students)

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

March 11 - Tornado Hunter presentation (K - 8) @ 1:00 pm

March 13 - Blastball for Grades 1 & 2

March 20 - Report Cards sent home  
March 23 - Litter-Less Lunch & Snack Day  
March 25 - Assembly @ 10:00 am  
March 25 - Book Fair *Preview*  
March 27 - 3-Way Conferences (all day)  
March 27 - Book Fair purchases  
March 31 - Kids on the Block Puppet Show (K - 8) @ 9:15 am  
April 3 - Good Friday  
April 4- 12- Easter Holidays  
April 15 - Battle of the Books  
April 16 - Grade 8 Farewell Pictures  
April 23 - Davin SCC Family Dance (6:30 - 8:30 pm)  
May 15 - PD Day for Staff (no school for students)

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

The Davin School Community Council (DSCC) will be joining Sheldon Williams feeder schools for a joint SCC meeting on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next Davin SCC meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The DSCC will be hosting a family dance on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30



pm. Bring your family and have some fun dancing!

## **March is Nutrition Month**

**Plan - Shop -Cook - Enjoy!**

*Ideas for Involving Your Kids*



Preparing food is educational for kids, and will encourage healthy eating as well as teach life skills.

Below are some examples of tasks for different ages. Kids will need to be taught how to do these tasks safely and be expected to wash their hands before they start.

- 3-4 year old - mash potatoes; remove egg shells from hard boiled eggs; pour from a measuring cup
- 4-6 years old - make trail mix; stir ingredients; slice soft foods like cooked vegetables and soft fruit with a plastic knife, set the table.
- 6-8 years old- use a grater, toaster; toss a salad; make wraps
- 8-11 years old - make their own lunch; make vegetables or fruit platters for supper

More ideas can be found at:

<http://www.eatrightontario.ca/en/Articles/Child-Toddler-Nutrition/Cooking-with-Kids.aspx>

## **ENJOY!**

There is a link between eating together and better health and school grades. So turn off the TV and mobile devices. A set mealtime at the kitchen table provides a chance to talk to your child about the days' events.

Remember... adults determine what and when food is served.

Kids determine how much food to eat. Let your children's body tell them when they have eaten enough.



