



Regina Public Schools

## Davin School

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## May 2015 Newsletter



### Principal's Ponderings

We are pleased to not only have a change in the activities we will be doing at school during the next two months, but we are also excited about the change of weather. It is wonderful to not have the many layers of clothes to wear! I want to remind all students to take care during all outside activities. Be especially careful when riding bicycles or skateboards and be aware of traffic. I would also ask families that take advantage of our playground to remember to clean up after yourselves and your pets before you leave. With the snow melting, we have noticed a great deal of unpleasant 'leavings' that are not hygienic for our students.

During the next two months there will be lots of classroom field trips occurring. If you do not want to be scrambling to find change, please remember that these payments can be made online. See the School Cash Online information listed below if you have not yet utilized this option.

As the weather is getting warmer, I remind all students about appropriate clothing for school. This information is also located in the Davin Handbook. Students at Davin School are expected to dress appropriately for the learning environment. Students' stomachs and shoulders are expected to be covered by clothing at all times while attending Davin School. In addition, students are not allowed to wear low cut tops or apparel with inappropriate slogans on them. Pants and tops are expected to be worn so no undergarments are showing. Students wearing clothing which does not meet the school guidelines will be required to change clothing before entering their class. Unfortunately, in today's world people often make

judgments about others based on the way that they are dressed. We do want all of our students to be safe and to present a positive image of themselves.

In April we said our good-byes and good wishes to Ms. Juan (Francisco) from our Ms. Jackson's Kindergarten classroom as she began her maternity leave. Joining us in Ms. Jackson's Kindergarten class and the Gr. 3/4 classroom is Ms. Bonnie Wersta. We also had a new Head Facility Officer join us as well - Mr. Renato Regonas. Welcome, Bonnie and Renato!

Our staff would like to say THANK YOU to our Davin School Community Council for the lovely staff appreciation lunch they hosted for us in March. It is a very special thing for our staff when we are able to have lunch together and enjoy each other's company and conversation. We truly appreciate your kindness!

We will be having an information meeting for parents of Kindergarten students who will be attending Davin next year on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. If you have a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2015, please contact Mrs. Kirkness to register your child for Kindergarten for the fall.

If your child will be absent from school, please notify the school about this absence. You can call the school at 791-8574 and leave a message or feel free to email the information to [davin@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:davin@rbe.sk.ca). We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

*We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions  
to participate in the process of change.  
Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people,  
can transform the world.  
-Howard Zinn*

## Davin Dollar Winners

Davin Dollar winners for the month of April are: Isabell (Gr. 2); Dominic (Gr. 3); Tamara (Gr. 8); Chloe (Gr. 6); Sadia (Gr. 8); Abigail (Gr. 3); Katelin (Gr. 8); Devon (Gr. 4); Lexie (Gr. 1)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5 - Imagine No Bullying presentation - pm (Dan Clarke of the RoughRiders)  
May 6 - Japanese Culture After-School workshop (Gr. 3 - 5)  
May 7 - Kindergarten Mother's Day Celebration  
May 7 - Davin SCC Family Dance (6:30 - 8:30 pm)  
May 13 - Japanese Culture After-School workshop (Gr. 3 - 5)  
May 15 - Staff Meeting/PD Day (no school for students)  
May 20 - Gr. 7 Band Trip (performing at Davin @ 11:00 am)  
May 21 - Feeder Schools Band Concert @ Sheldon 7:00 pm  
May 22 - Fire Dept. presentations to K - Gr. 3/4  
May 22 - Japanese Culture After-School workshop (Gr. 3 - 5)  
May 25 - New Kindergarten Orientation/Parent meeting (9:30 - 10:30 am)  
May 26 - Gr. 8 Band Trip to Saskatoon  
May 29 - Grade 6 Band Day Trip  
May 29 - Japanese Culture After-School workshop (Gr. 3 - 5)  
June 18 - Gr. 8 Farewell at 6:30 pm  
June 25 - Last day for students (dismissal at 2:30)

## 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.schoolcashonline.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@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:Parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com). The Help Desk is open to answer your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and on holidays.*

### **From the Library**

Congratulations to Team TGI and the Word Nerds for their participation in the Battle of the Books tournament at Argyle School on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Both teams worked hard to read the battle books over the winter. They participated in many practice battles along the way and rose to the challenge of this question and answer competition!

*Mrs. Thomas, Teacher-Librarian*

### **Davin Japanese Culture After-School Workshop**

For the month of May, every Wednesday (May 6, 13, 22, 29), Mr. Parker (who spent 12 years in Japan) will be offering a Japanese Culture After School Workshop for students in grades 3 -5 from 3:40 - 4:15 pm. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Learn how to properly use chopsticks
- Learn to write their names in Japanese
- Learn to count in Japanese
- Learn a few phrases in Japanese
- Learn about traditional Japanese instruments
- Learn about traditional Japanese food

If your child is interested in attending these sessions, please sign the permission form that has been sent home and return it to Mr. Parker.

*Chad Parker, EAL Teacher*

## In the Community. . .

### Davin School Community Council (DSCC)

The next meeting of the Davin School Community Council (DSCC) will be held on **May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In the past three years, the Davin School Community Council has generously supported our school by providing funds to purchase the following: data projectors & smart boards in 4 of our classrooms that did not already have this technology; ipads; online programming to support literacy and numeracy (RAZ Kids and Mathletics); classroom funds for teachers to purchase items they require for their classrooms; specialized furniture, a levelled literacy kit, etc. We appreciate the SCC's continued support of our school and student learning.

### Speech and Hearing



#### May is 'Better Speech and Hearing' Month!

A team of Regina-based Speech-Language Pathologists are celebrating Better Speech and Hearing Month in May by offering **FREE Speech and Language Screenings** to children aged three-to-five years. The screenings will be held on May 23 and 30 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the George Bothwell Library (in the Southland Mall). There is no charge and no registration required. Screenings will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

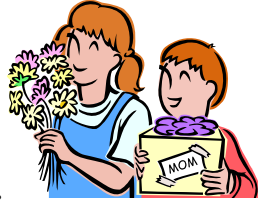


Debbie Davis, a Regina-based Audiologist will be offering **FREE Hearing Screenings** for children. Hearing screenings are available for all children at the following times and Regina Public Library branches:

May 2 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm @ George Bothwell Branch, Southland Mall  
Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm - 8:00pm @ Glen Elm Branch  
Saturday, May 9 from 12:00pm - 3:00pm @ Sherwood Village Branch  
Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 8:00pm @ Sunrise Branch

**Sharon Jordens, MSc., SLP (C)**  
**Speech-Language Pathologist**

**TO ALL MOMS . . .**



## **Happy Mother's Day - May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Happy Mother's Day means more  
Than have a happy day.  
Within those words lie lots of things  
We never get to say.

It means I love you first of all,  
Then thanks for all you do.  
It means you mean a lot to me,  
And that I honour you.

But most of all, I guess it means  
That I am thinking of  
Your happiness on this, your day,  
With pleasure and with love.