



Regina Public Schools

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May 2016 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. After the snow melted, we have noticed a great deal of unpleasant 'leavings' that are not hygienic for our students.

If you have been in the school recently, you will have noticed workmen in our school. Regina Electric has been working in our school since the week of April 18 to install a new fire alarm system, new exit signs and new emergency lighting. This is a major renovation and will take until the end of June to complete. Several other schools within Regina Public Schools have already had this work done or are going through it as Davin is. Workers will be in the school during this time. They will try to work before/after school as much as possible but at times will have to be in the school during school hours. If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Schoepp know.

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. If you would like to volunteer to go on a

field trip, please ensure that you have your Police Information Check completed well in advance of your child's field trip.

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 are not allowed to wear apparel with inappropriate slogans/wording on them (ie - swear words, logos for alcohol or tobacco). Pants and tops are expected to be worn so undergarments are not showing. Tummies, the breast area, and buttocks are to be covered. Students may be asked to change or cover up if clothing choices are inappropriate. As well, all students must have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they are in the school and are in gym classes.

We will be having an information meeting for parents of Kindergarten students who will be attending Davin next year on May 26th at 9:30 am. If you have a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2016, 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. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

Circle of Courage Winners

Circle of Courage winners for the month of March in Kindergarten were John for Independence and Annie for Mastery.

Circle of Courage winners for the month of April are: Grade 1 - Liam, Swara (Mastery); Grade 6/7 - Daniel, Yuzuki; Grade 1/2 - Laiba, Lexie (Mastery); Grade 2 - Lucia, Thomas; Grade 7/8 - the entire class (Independence); Grade 4/5 - Wilson, Zoey; Kindergarten - Henry, Zoey; SLC - Abby - Belonging/Independence, Marcus - Independence/Generosity, Karson - Mastery, Bowien - Belonging, Brody - Independence, Kyron - Generosity, Declan - Belonging, Ryan - Belonging; Grade 2/3 Isabell, Layla

Playground Supervision

Playground supervision begins in the morning when the first school bus arrives or 15 minutes prior to the bell ringing, whichever is earlier. In addition, the grounds are supervised at recess breaks, during part of the noon hour, and after school for the supervision of transportation. Parents should be aware there is no outdoor supervision outside of these times.

What's in a Name?

Recently, there have been questions raised about the name of Davin School and whether or not this name should be changed. Nicholas Flood Davin, the school's namesake, has a colorful past that is being scrutinized for his participation in the development of residential schools. Regina Public Schools' Director of Education, Greg Enion and (now former) trustee Carla Beck, attended Davin's last SCC meeting held on March 9, 2016. They presented to the SCC a context for the request of the name change for Davin School and began the process for our school and community to start a conversation. Davin staff, along with all school staffs in Regina Public Schools, spent the morning on April 22 learning and exploring the history of indigenous peoples in Canada which includes residential schools and the impact they have had. While no one has all the answers, our staff does recognize that we have a lot of learning and growing to do and that we must look at including our students and community in this process - a process that will take time. If you have any thoughts on this topic, please let us know.

*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

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. The Help Desk is open to answer your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and on holidays.

From the Library

As the school year is nearing an end, we are beginning our search for missing library books. Please look for any overdue or missing books from Davin's library and return them to school as soon as possible. Thank-you!

Battle of the Books

Congratulations to all five of our Battle of the Books teams who read hard, worked hard, and battled hard over the last three and a half months. Teams TGI and The Cranium Cookies represented Davin at the semi-final tournament held at our school

on April 13th. The Cranium Cookies went on to place first in the South End Battle of the Books Final at Hawrylak School on April 21st. Congratulations Cranium Cookies!!! Second place went to the "Awesome Unicorns" from Massey and third place to the "Title Waves" from W. F. Ready. These teams were very well matched and the battle was intense!

Mrs. Thomas, Teacher-Librarian

In the Community. . .

Regina Public Schools Art Show

April 12 was the Art Show at Division Office which included art work from Davin School students. Congratulations to Kaylita (Gr. 1); Alexis (Gr. 1); Ava (Gr. 5) Khemissa (Gr. 6); and, Jaya (Gr. 7) for having their art work chosen for this show. It was wonderful seeing all the families at this exhibition!

Davin School Community Council (DSCC)

The next meeting of the Davin School Community Council (DSCC) will be held on **May 9th at 7:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Speech and Hearing

Ears are for Reading Too!



May is Speech and Hearing Month in Canada. Talking, reading, and playing with your child daily will promote healthy speech. These simple but important daily activities also help your child become a reader because oral language is the foundation of literacy. Children need strong vocabularies to help them understand what they read. Children need to learn how to rhyme and hear the individual sounds in words before they can learn to spell and read simple words.

Adequate hearing is necessary for the development of speech and language and important for learning at school. **Your child can't learn what they can't hear!** Delays in speech and language may be an indication that your child has a hearing problem. However, a mild hearing loss can easily go undetected and lead to delays in reading and school achievement. The ear is the "doorway" to the brain for sound. Hearing loss of any type blocks that doorway, preventing sound from reaching the brain. Ear

infections are common in young children and can impact hearing and therefore slow the development of speech, language, and early literacy skills.

One way to help your child's reading skills develop, is to have your child's hearing checked. Speak well. Hear well. Live well.

Families with questions or concerns about their child's speech and language are encouraged to contact the Speech-Language Pathologist through your School.

Free Hearing Screenings in May

In the month of May, Dr. Debbie Davis and the audiologists at Eastside Audiology are providing FREE hearing screenings to anyone under 18, including newborns.

Screenings will be held at the following Regina Public Libraries:

- Glen Elm Branch – Wednesday May 11th (5:30pm)
- Sunrise Branch – Saturday May 14th (noon)
- Connaught Branch – Wednesday May 18th (5:30pm)
- Regent Place Branch - Saturday May 21st (noon)

If you are unable to take advantage of one of the free screening clinics scheduled in May, contact The Hearing Aid Plan (306-766- 7555) or a similar agency to have your child's hearing checked.

Christine Bolen,

Speech Language Pathologist



TO ALL MOMS

Happy Mother's Day - May 8th

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.

DAVIN HOME TOUR 2016

On September 17th, 2016, the Davin School Home Tour will offer the opportunity to explore the interiors of beautiful and interesting homes in the Cathedral neighborhood. From noon to 4:30, we welcome you inside these lovely character homes so you can see for yourself how they are designed and decorated. ...And maybe even steal a few ideas for your own living space!

All proceeds go to improving the Davin School playground in the Cathedral Community.

Early tickets are \$25 until July 1st! Tickets are \$30 after the early pricing. Go online at ticketbud.com - search Davin School Home Tour

If you have any questions please e-mail davinhometours@hotmail.com