

Davin Elementary School

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Principal's Message

I am thrilled to have joined the Davin team and am looking forward to a fantastic 2016-2017 year.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome all students back to school and extend a special welcome to students who are new to Davin School. It was a pleasure meeting parents on September 1st. We will work hard to ensure that your children have a wonderful year at our school. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to give me a call or drop in and chat with me. Our doors are always open.

Our staff wants to remind parents that at Davin Elementary School we will focus on academic achievement as well as appropriate behavior and attitude within the classroom and in our school. Classrooms that are free of interruptions and inappropriate behavior will foster optimum learning. We trust that all parents will support us in maintaining a safe learning environment and promoting a positive image of our school. Please review the Davin School Handbook that will be sent home for families.

We do want to remind everyone of our school division's starting and ending times for each day. We will **begin school at 8:53 am and end the day at 3:37 pm**. Our

recess (10:30 am and 2:15 pm) and lunch hour (11:45 – 12:45) times have not changed.

As part of Regina Public School's strategic plan (2014-17), "improving student attendance and credit attainment as a means of increasing graduation rates" is a priority. Davin School would like to see a significant drop in the number of students showing up late for school. We encourage parents to be diligent in ensuring that your child is at school on time so they are not missing critical learning time.

We do ask **all parents and visitors to our school to always check in at the office** when you come into the school. If you are dropping off lunch for your child, picking up a child for an appointment, or needing to relay a message, come to the office and Mrs. Kirkness or I will call your child to the office. We want to ensure that classroom teachers and students are not interrupted and can focus on teaching and learning.

Thank you for ensuring Davin remains the best school in Regina!

Mrs. J. Bussiere - Principal

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." Chinese Proverb

Dates to Remember:

- Labour Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—September 5th
- SCC Meeting—September 8th (7:00-8:00)
- Davin Open House & BBQ—September 15th (4:00-6:00)
- Davin Home Tours—September 17th
- QSP Assembly—September 21st
- School Photos—September 28th
- Orange Shirt Day—September 30th
- Professional Development Day for Teachers—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—October 7th



We invite you to a **Welcome Back to School Open House & BBQ** on Thursday, **September 15th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**.

Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to meet parents and discuss their learning agenda for the year from **4:00 to 5:00 pm**. From **5:00 to 6:00 pm**, we invite everyone to enjoy a **BBQ** outside hosted by the Davin School Community Council. We thank the Davin SCC for their efforts.



Introducing the 2016-17 Davin Elementary School Staff

Principal	Jillian Bussiere
Administrative Assistant	Rhonda Kirkness
Structured Learning	Kyle Rosbrook
Structured Learning	Erin Doobay
Kindergarten (am & pm)	Lindsay Jackson
Educational Assistant	Kendra Embury
Grade 1A	Tracy Cullins
Intern	Bryn Angus
Grade 1B	Laura McIntosh
Educational Assistant	Marilou Martes
Intern	Jacqui Easton
Grade 2	Teresa LaPlante
Educational Assistant	Deanna Matchullis
Intern	Brooke Kemp
Grade 2/3	Hilary Forster
Educational Assistant	Shannon Heinemann
Grade 3/4	Lyndsie Wilson
Educational Assistant	Faiza Jaffer
Grade 4/5	Fraser Robinson
Grade 5/6	Hillary Mayer
Educational Assistant	Jodi Houlden
Grade 6/7	Lisa Mitchell
Grade 7/8	Natalie Schapansky
Learning Resource Teacher	Gene Button
EAL Teacher	Loretta Paoli
Teacher Librarian	Phyllis Thomas
Arts Education Specialist	Julie Cornwall
Core French Specialist/Itinerant	Lauren Palmer
Maintenance	Gregg Engele
Maintenance	Dallendyshe Myrta



If your child rides the bus and you have a question or concern, please contact Warner Transportation. Their contact information is:

Warner Transportation Services Ltd.

Address: 301 A 1st Avenue, Regina SK S4N 4Z1

Phone (306) 546-4022

Fax (306) 546-4023

dispatch@rbe.sk.ca

Newsletters

Our monthly newsletter will be sent to families electronically for the remainder of the school year. This will begin with our October newsletter. Classroom teachers will be asking parents for email addresses to create distribution lists. If you do not have an email address, please inform your child's classroom teacher that you will require a paper copy and we will gladly send one home.

Division Office Support Team

Superintendent	Lois Herridge
Speech Pathologist	Orenda Pelzer
School Counsellor	Sarah Fuchs
School Psychologist	Cindy Ford-A



Universal Lunch Program

Background Information

On December 14, 2015, the Regina Public Schools Board of Trustees approved a plan for universal lunchroom supervision.

[From 2008 to present], anecdotally schools have reported a substantial increased workload associated with organizing and maintaining the free lunch hour supervision program. Additionally, schools have reported an increase of pressure on school staffs. Finally, the associated costs with funding a free universal elementary lunch hour supervision program have increased.

(Review of Universal Lunchroom Supervision Program and Implementation Plan for the 2016-17 School Year, December 2015)

Implementation Plan

Parents of all Grades 1 to 8 students staying at noon **who do not qualify for transportation by the division** will be required to pay a registration fee at the beginning of the school year.

Parents of Grades 1 to 8 students whose child will stay at noon must complete a lunchroom registration form for each child who will be using the lunchroom services of the school.

Parents will identify the following:

- Transported or qualify for transportation by the school division (bus/cab), **or**
- Not transported by the school division, full-time usage of lunchroom, **or**
- Not transported by the school division, part-time usage of lunchroom.

Full-time is defined as 51% or more usage; part-time is defined as 50% or less usage.

In the event that a student is not transported or does not qualify for transportation by the school division, the fee rate will be as follows:

- Full-time - \$100 per year per child
- Part-time - \$50 per year per child

Students registered at a Regina Public school after January 31st, will pay the pro-rated rate of \$50/\$25 per child for that school year.

Fees will be paid one time through the school office. A receipt of payment of noon-hour supervision fees will be provided to parents. Parents will be encouraged to pay in full at the beginning of the school year. To support families who may have financial need, there is the option of splitting the payments, half in September and half in February.

If a family moves from one Regina Public school to another, the fee is transferable but is non-refundable.

Where there is financial need, families may contact their school principal.

The maximum paid by one family to supervise all of their children will be \$200. This applies to both full-time and part-time usage, as well as registrations after Jan. 31st.





Library News: Help Wanted!!!

There are many ways in which YOU can become involved in our school library. Please contact teacher librarian, Phyllis Thomas (phyllis.thomas@rbe.sk.ca), if you are interested in helping out this year. Possible jobs include shelving, labelling, and taping books in our library.

SCC News

Our **School Community Council (SCC)** is a group of staff, caregivers, and community members, who meet monthly to discuss ways to support the school. We provide events for families, resources and supplies for students, and share a few laughs! Please consider joining us for our monthly meetings. Our first meeting will be held on **September 8th @ 7:00 pm**. All parents/caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Davin Dragons Cross Country Running (Grades 4-8)



Run Date: September 21st

Practice Dates: Noon hour (must have running shoes and a lunch)

Tuesday, September 6th

Thursday, September 8th

Tuesday, September 13th

Tuesday, September 15th

Tuesday, September 20th

Coaches: Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Button, Ms. Forster, Ms. Kemp



Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis's account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



On September 30th, along with numerous other schools from Regina Public and Regina Catholic School Divisions, Davin School will participate in Orange Shirt Day. We would like to encourage students to wear orange that day.

Volleyball

We are looking forward to welcoming returning and new players to the volleyball teams this fall. Volleyball will start in the middle of September, and we will be looking for both boys and girls in grades 6-8 who are interested in playing or learning about the game of volleyball. Please listen and watch for upcoming news on the boys and girls teams.

We look forward to seeing you on the court!

Coaches: Girls: Ms. Wilson & Ms. Kemp, and Boys: Ms. Forster & Ms. Angus

Davin School's Reading Philosophy and Core Beliefs About Reading

Our Reading Philosophy: Reading is the foundation of learning throughout all subjects and is a part of all instruction. The goal of reading is to make meaning of text and then apply what is read to real-world experiences. Acquiring reading skills and strategies is developmental and influenced by students' individual experiences and their motivation. This is best achieved through a balanced literacy program that supports the development of students' oral language and communication skills through reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing.

Our Core Reading Beliefs:

- ◆ We believe that all students can learn to read.
- ◆ We believe that reading is about making meaning from text.
- ◆ We believe that access to books that students want to read is critical to reading success and motivation.
- ◆ We believe that choice in what students read and how much they read influences motivation and achievement.



DAVIN SCHOOL HOME TOUR

Do you enjoy flipping through Style at Home with a cup of coffee, dreaming about how you're going to incorporate the latest ideas into your own home? If so, we can offer something even better!

On September 17th the Davin School Home Tour will offer the opportunity to explore the interiors of beautiful and interesting homes in the Cathedral neighbourhood. From noon to 4:30 p.m. 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.

Tickets are \$30 and are available at:

- Groovy Mama
- Simply Spoiled Boutique
- Magpies Kitchen
- online at ticketbud.com – search Davin School Home Tour



The tour is both walk-able and bike-able and makes a great afternoon date!

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



School Fees

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Other than Universal Lunchroom fees (see page 3), the only other fees that we expect to collect this year are for your child's agenda (\$4.00) and any trips (cost of transportation /admission costs) that they take during the school year. These trip fees will be collected by your child's teacher when a trip is planned. We ask that the Universal Lunchroom Fee, the agenda fee, and any other classroom fees (for class trips, etc) be paid online. **If you have not done this before, go to the Davin School website and click on "Online Payments"**. Directions will follow. It is quick, easy and secure.



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:

- Go to the Regina Public Schools *School Cash Online* website: <https://rbe.schoolcashionline.com>
- Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" button and follow the steps.
- 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, swimming, 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!