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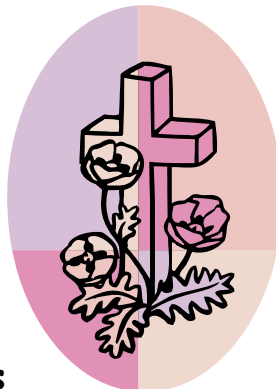
Davin School

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Davin Elementary School November 2014 Newsletter



Principal's Ponderings

I find it hard to believe that we are already two months into the school year. The time has flown by! We had many events occurring this month from the FCC Drive Away Hunger to volleyball to Education Week. We would like to thank our students and school community for the terrific response to our Drive Away Hunger project. We collected 314 pounds of food for the Food Bank. Great effort, everyone!

We have resumed our monthly *"Who Are We?"* assemblies as of October 28th. These *"Who Are We?"* assemblies focus on the wonderful diversity that makes Davin School such a culturally rich place to be. We were fortunate to learn about the Phillipines from Ms. Francisco who works in Ms. Jackson's Kindergarten classroom.

November 21 ends our first reporting period. Please look for your child's report card coming home on this day. We will have conferences all day on November 28th. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher(s) before this, please make arrangements to do so. This year, Kindergarten students will not be receiving a November report card. Kindergarten families will be discussing the EYE assessment was that completed earlier this fall.

With Halloween over and November already a few days in, the students and staff are will quickly turn their attention the Christmas concert. Please join us for our concert on Thursday December 18th at Sheldon Williams Collegiate.

Please keep communicating with us if you have any concerns about your child's academic progress or if you are pleased about progress you are seeing. We are working hard to meet the needs of all our students.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp
Principal



Remembrance Day Program

Parents, families and friends are asked to join the staff and students of Davin School for a **Remembrance Day ceremony this Friday November 7th beginning at 10:45 am**. It will be a short presentation that enables all of us to stop for a moment during our busy day and reflect on the sacrifices made during the past to ensure our freedom now and into the future. As it is a solemn occasion we request that applause be held for this gathering.

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

Volleyball

The girls' and boys' volleyball teams are wrapping up their season. The girls play their final game on Nov. 4 and the boys finish on Nov. 12.

Both teams were fortunate to play in a feeder tournament at Sheldon Williams on October 29. They played incredibly well and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Throughout the season, both teams experienced growth in skill, team work and enthusiasm for the game. We wish our grade 8's the best and hope to see them on a high school court!

Davin Education Week

Education Week activities at our school took place from October 20 - 24th. The junior and senior students enjoyed buddying up for a "Books and Bagels" activity to support and celebrate their success in reading. Guest readers, Lois Herridge (Superintendent), and Shelly Galloway (former School Librarian) also shared some of their favourite books by reading to our classes. Thank you to these volunteer readers for displaying their love of books and also for providing excellent role models! Finally, each class was invited to participate in a "Guess Who's Reading?" contest. Students tried to discover the identities of mystery staff members who were pictured with their faces concealed behind their favourite books.

Congratulations to the prize winners from each class. We hope these activities encouraged Davin students to think more about their personal book choices and to gain some great ideas for future reading!

Laura McIntosh/Phyllis Thomas

Supervision

Playground supervision begins at 8:38 am each morning. The first bell rings at 8:53 am to signal the beginning of our school day. Supervisors will be on the playground during the 10:30 am and 2:15 pm recesses, as well as at 12:30. We appreciate students arriving during these times unless it is to participate in activities initiated by school personnel.

The Staff Parking Lot is an out-of-bounds area for students at all times during the school day. We also want to remind parents/guardians to refrain from parking in front of driveways of homes that are near to the school. We want to ensure that we respect their property at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Band Program

The Christmas concert is on Dec. 10th at 7:00 in the Sheldon Auditorium.

Jazz Band has just started and practices are on Tuesdays at 4:15 - 5:15 at Sheldon for any interested grade 7 & 8 band students.

Students need to remember to bring their instruments on Day 1 and Day 3 for band.

Bev Brander, Band Teacher

Davin Dollar Winners for October

The following students demonstrated the values of I respect/I want to know/I belong/I am responsible: Molly (Gr. 1), Hailey (Gr. 7), Brazil (Gr. 2), Myra (Gr. 1), Julian (Gr. 1), Leif (Gr. 2), Alex (Gr. 1), Aubrey (Gr. 1), Elliot (Gr. 2)



Reminder from our Lunch Rooms

Please send nutritious lunches to school with your child. One piece of Halloween candy in your child's lunch as dessert is fine. We encourage you not to send more than that. We are also a nut-free school as many of our students do have nut allergies.

United Way

During the first two weeks of October, Davin staff and students participated in the annual United Way campaign. Our students had so much fun dressing up for Formal Day, as well as donating for a Candy Guess! The staff at Davin also ran a Silent Auction for staff members. The grand total raised for the United Way was just over \$900.00! Amazing! Thank-you for supporting charitable events in our school!

Mrs. Cullins, Ms. McIntosh & Mrs. Jackson

Cross Country

Our Cross Country team had a successful end to our season. Several of our students qualified to run in the city finals at Douglas Park. Each of the students worked very hard. It is quite an accomplishment to make it that far. A special mention goes out to Max Polischuk in Grade 6. He finished first in his age group. Great work, team! Thank you to all of the coaches for a terrific cross country season!



COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

Now that winter has arrived, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for outdoor weather. Generally speaking if the wind chill factor is 25 below or colder, an announcement will be made to all students and we will have an indoor recess. However, students are to be dressed for going outside. Recess is a time for students to get some fresh air, activity and socializing. We expect them to go outside. **If students are well enough to come to school, they are well enough to go outside for recess.** If you are not sure of the weather, phone 780-5744: Environment Canada Weather Information.

Student Activity Council

Mr. Engen, Mrs. Cullins, Ms. Castle and Ms. D'Aoust are the teacher advisors for the SAC for this school year. We look forward to the many fun and community building events that the SAC will be hosting and participating in. Our next assembly will be on Nov. 25 at 2:30 pm.



School Resource Officer Program

The Regina Police Service School Resource Officer program combines education, investigation, law enforcement, counseling, crime prevention and community relations to meet the diverse needs of the students, teachers, and staff in the school community. At Davin Elementary School, our School Resource Officer is Cst. Blair Randall. He is a member of our team that works to make our school a safe place to be.

A message from your School Resource Officer Cst. Randall:

As the winter months approach, our school zone is extra busy with parents dropping off their kids. Please remember you must park legally when dropping your children off at school. It is also illegal to do a U-turn in a school zone. These sections below will be enforced by your School Resource Officer.

- Section 35(3) of the Traffic Safety Act: Parked where prohibited \$70.00
- Section 17(1)(a) bylaw 9900: Performing a U-turn in a school zone \$230.00

Please also ensure that you are not using the staff parking lot as a pickup or drop off area for your child. These are designated for teacher parking only. This may require that you park legally near the school and walk your child to the school grounds.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety of our children.

Upcoming Dates

November 5 - Gr. 6 curling (am)

November 6 - Gr. 6 - 8 students @ Rob Nash presentation (pm) @ Sheldon

November 7 - Remembrance Day program 10:45 am

November 10 - Professional Development Day (no school for students)

November 11 - Remembrance Day holiday

November 13 - Gr. 6 curling (am)

November 18 - Gr. 6 curling (am)

November 21 - Report Cards are sent home

November 25 - Assembly @2:30 pm

November 28 - 3-Way Conferences (all day)

December 18 - Christmas Celebration @ Sheldon Williams Collegiate

December 19 - Last day of school before Christmas holidays begin

January 5 - School resumes @ 8:53 am