



Regina Public Schools

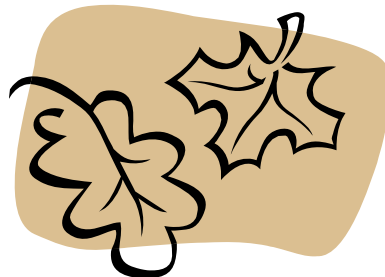
Davin School

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Principal's Ponderings

Welcome fall! It has certainly come upon us quickly! The leaves are changing, winter coats and mittens are starting to appear and our school year is well under way. Our Open House & Welcome Back BBQ was well attended and the weather cooperated with us! Thank you for your participation. It was wonderful to see so many families attending these events. A huge thank you to our School Community Council who organized and ran the BBQ! Your time and effort was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Terry Fox activities this year. Students were able to contribute to the Terry Fox Foundation by wearing a hat and then donating a toonie. A grand total of \$197.92 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation. A school-wide walk occurred on September 30 as a tribute to Terry Fox. Davin School staff wishes to thank all the students and their families for their contributions to this worthwhile cause. The entire school also wore orange shirts that day to recognize the harm done to generations of children by the Indian Residential Schools and is an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that **every child matters**.

We need your help- We still have agendas that have not been paid for and we are into October. If your family has not paid their agenda fee of \$4.00/ agenda, please do so this week. You are able to pay online (see information below). While

\$4.00 may not seem like a huge amount, when you begin to add up the number that have not been paid for, the amount can get large.

Lunch Room Information - Students are not allowed to leave the lunch room to pick up lunch from Safeway, a gas station or another other location. If your child is registered to be in a lunch room, they are expected to have their lunch with them. If your child goes home at lunch time, then they are expected to go home and return to the school at 12:30 when there is supervision available. We want our students to be able to learn to the best of their ability and this means that healthy, nutritious lunches and snacks should be provided. Junk food (chips, pop, candy, etc) are not allowed at school and are not appropriate as a lunch or as a snack.

If you have not sent **Student Information forms** back to school (contact information, media release, severe weather, etc), please do so this week as well. These forms were due on Monday September 28th.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or myself at 791-8574. Your input is always appreciated.

Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp
Principal



Celebrate progress

Suggest that our youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she/he has accomplished. Let her/him cover a container with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she/he can write each success ("I memorized my times tables") on a slip of paper and put it in the container. If she's/he's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

News from Regina Public Schools

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.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.

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, 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!

Value Added Assessments (VAA)

Our classroom teachers and students have been very busy assessing students. These pre-assessments begin during the second week in September and continue until mid-October. Post assessments for each will occur in May and June.

VAA is assessment *for* learning that focuses on individual achievement and growth as measured on a formative/diagnostic Pre-Assessment and on an equitable summative Post-Assessment. Tasks are explicitly tied to curriculum outcomes. Results of VAA are used to identify targeted intervention, inform instructional practice and create school Learning Improvement Plans. Regina Public Schools

administers pre-and post-assessments in mathematics (DNA), Reading (ORR, Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment & RAD).

Grades 1 – 3 Reading Benchmarks

Oral Reading Records are completed for all Grade 1 students

For Grade 2 the **Fountas & Pinnell** Benchmark Assessment will be utilized beginning September, 2015.

Grade 3 the **Fountas & Pinnell** Benchmark Assessment was implemented during the 2013-2014 school year.

Reading Assessment District 32 (RAD)

RPS administers this reading assessment in fall and spring to grades 4 – 9 students.

Diagnostic Numeracy Assessment (DNA)

This math assessment is administered in fall and spring to grades 1 – 8 students.

Canadian Achievement Test 4 (CAT4)

In November, 2015, CAT 4 will be administered to Grades 5 & 9.

Ministry of Education Assessment - Early Years Evaluation (EYE-TA)

EYE-TA is a teacher rating scale used by teachers during the school year to structure observations and informal assessment for children in kindergarten. Reports are generated for each child that show development in five domains associated with children's readiness to learn (awareness of self and environment, social skills and approaches to learning, cognitive skills, language and communication, physical development).

Davin School Upcoming Dates

October 5 - FCC Drive Away Hunger Campaign begins at Davin

October 8 - School Pictures will be sent home

October 16 - QSP orders were due Oct 9 but has been extended to Oct 16

October 9 - Staff Professional Development (**no school for students**)

October 12 - Happy Thanksgiving! (**no school**)

October 20 - School Photo Orders will be due

October 22 - Last day to donate food for FCC Drive Away Hunger Campaign

October 27 - School Retakes

October 28 - Assembly (1:45 pm)

October 29 - RSO Chamber Players to perform @ 10:45 am

November 10 - Remembrance Day program (10:45 am)

November 6 - Staff Professional Development Day (**no school for students**)

November 11 - Remembrance Day holiday

November 20 - Report Cards are sent home

November 27 - 3-Way Conferences (all day)

SUPERVISION & SAFETY

Playground supervision begins at 8:38 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. For any parents who do pick up their children, **please refrain from parking in the parking lot**. Please remind your children **NOT to run out from between parked cars**. We want all students to be safe while they are at school and as they move to and from school. Your cooperation is appreciated.



COLD WEATHER

Clothing

With winter around the corner, 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.

Bussing

As the cold weather approaches the Regina Public School Board wants to ensure that school bus routes are running on time, and that students are safe. Student delays at stops affect students waiting further into the route.

1. Ensure their child is at the stop location and is ready for boarding five minutes prior to the stated departure time.
2. Ensure, as necessary, that there is a responsible individual available to meet the vehicle after school.
3. Have alternate arrangements in place for those times when the vehicle is delayed.

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.

301 A 1st Avenue, Regina SK S4N 4Z1
Phone (306) 546-4022 Fax (306) 546-4023
dispatch@rbe.sk.ca

THANKS TO ALL

Many staff members and students are hard at work organizing activities for the school. Thanks to:

Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Forster, Miss Sotropa- Cross Country Running

Thank you to all of the students who participated in Cross Country Running this season. It is always so nice to see new faces come out for a run. We had several students enter the Cross Country Meet at Douglas Park on September 23th. Everyone put out a great effort. We had 3 students move on to the city finals on Wednesday September 30th. Congratulations Liam, Ben and Emma!

Mrs. Smith & Miss Sotropa- Choir

The Davin School Choir has started again. This year we welcomed back old experienced members and an influx of new and eager choristers. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch. As the choir is a full year commitment, both Ms. Smith and Miss Sotropa are very proud of our singers as they dedicate themselves to hard work, the beauty of creating music together, and the happiness

of collaborating with each other musically while showing up for every single rehearsal. The end result of this work is undeniably a joyful and meaningful experience for all involved.

Mrs. Laplante, Mrs. Schoepp & Mr. Engen - Student Activity Council (SAC)

The Davin Student Activity Council is up and running for the school year! Mrs. Laplante, Mrs. Schoepp, and Mr. Engen are very excited to have such a diverse group of Grades 6 - 8 students willing to serve on the council for the betterment of the Davin community. This year we are going to focus on three areas: Announcements/Assemblies, Service Projects and Fundraising. All students in the SAC will be able to work on each area for one term during the school year so by the end of the year, they will have experienced all 3 aspects of SAC. We are looking forward to being engaged, giving of ourselves to help others and having fun!

Mr. Rosbrook, Ms. Castle, Mrs. Doobay & Ms. Camalari - Volleyball

The Davin Volleyball teams are off to an amazing start! The boys kicked the season off on Monday, September 28th at McVeety School - a game they had been looking forward to for a few weeks now! The boys have been up early for practices, and have shown they are a team who is looking forward to the season. Mr. Rosbrook and Ms. Castle are excited to coach a great volleyball season with the boys Davin Dragons volleyball squad.

The Boys' Davin Dragons: Carl, Carter, Stephan, Ethan R, Haris, Ben, Alex, Hamim, and Ethan W.

The girls have been working hard as well! Mrs. Doobay and Ms. Camalari have been coaching a group of hard working girls to ensure the girls are ready for their first game at McVeety on Tuesday, September 29th.

Girls' Davin Dragons: Roda, Mikaela, Khemissa, Chloe, Jaya, Cythial, Aneiki, Karleigh, Rylee, Marjan, and Jessica.

For the most part, boys' games will fall on Mondays and girls' on Tuesdays. Come cheer our Dragons on!

Volleyball Schedule

Boys	Girls
Monday, Sept. 28 th - Davin at McVeety	Tuesday, Sept. 29 th - Davin at McVeety
Monday, Oct. 5- Argyle at Davin	Tuesday, Oct. 6 th - Argyle at Davin
Wednesday, Oct. 14 th Davin at Perry	Tuesday, Oct. 13 th Davin at Perry
Monday Oct. 19 th McVeety at Davin	Tuesday, Oct. 20 th McVeety at Davin
Monday Oct 26 Davin at Argyle	Tuesday, Oct. 27 th Davin at Argyle
Monday Nov. 2 nd Perry at Argyle	Tuesday, Nov. 3 rd Perry at Argyle

Mrs. Thomas - From the Library...

October is a busy month in the library!

- Thanks to student volunteers from Grades 4-8 who have begun training as library assistants. Duties include: shelving books and magazines, tidying in the library, stamping books, and various other tasks. Students, your eagerness to help is greatly appreciated!!
- *Many new books are being processed for our library. We are seeking adult volunteers to tape books so that they may be placed on shelves for students to borrow. Training will be provided. If you have an hour or two to volunteer please contact Mrs. Thomas (phyllis.thomas@rbe.sk.ca).*
- **October 18 - 24 is Education Week and Saskatchewan Library Week.** Special events, contests and displays include:
 - Books & Bagels** - Older and younger students are grouped together as reading buddies. Together they read books and eat bagels.

Davin Reads Contest - Read a book! Write a review! Win a prize! Davin's library is full of great books! Students are invited to read a book--new or old, write a review of it, and give it a rating of 1 to 5 stars. Each completed review earns an entry in one of the following grade categories: K-2, 3-5, or 6-8. In each category, two \$10 Scholastic Book Club vouchers will be awarded. The contest begins on Oct. 1st and ends on Oct. 23rd. Prizes will be announced on Monday, October 26th.

Read lots and enter often! Entry forms are available at the library and from classroom teachers. Drop off completed entries at the library. Watch for highlighted book recommendations in our front entrance display cabinets!

Book Spine Poetry Contest - The Saskatchewan Library Association invites participants of *all ages* to submit an entry into their Book Spine Poetry contest. For great examples and contest details, visit: <https://bookspinepoetrycontest.wordpress.com/>



Education Week October 18 - 24, 2015
"Celebrating Each Child"

Staff and students at Davin School will be celebrating **Education Week** with the theme "Celebrating Each Child".

In the Community



Drive Away Hunger

In recognition of World Food Day on October 16, Davin School has decided to participate, again, in the FCC Drive Away Hunger program by collecting donations of food for people who are hungry in our area.

By participating in this program, FCC will include our school in a draw for a \$500 donation to be used to make improvements at the winning schools.

We are seeking donations of food items. **If you are able to contribute, please send food items with your child from October 5th to 22nd in support of this program.**

Below is a list of most needed food items according to Food Banks Canada:

- Pasta (canned or dry) and pasta sauces
- Canned meats and fish
- Meat alternatives (peanut butter, soy, assorted packaged nuts)
- Canned goods (beans, soups, and stews)
- Dairy (canned and powdered milk)
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Whole grain cereals
- Infant foods and baby formula
- Rice
- Flour



For more information on FCC Drive Away Hunger, visit www.fccdriveawayhunger.ca.

Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region – Update

Population and Public Health is responsible for the immunization of children in grade 1, 6 and 8 as well as follow-up when there is a case of a vaccine preventable disease in a classroom or school. To do their work, public health staff review student immunization records and enter vaccines given in school into the electronic provincial immunization registry called Panorama. Panorama is a secure electronic health record system designed to store and record immunization related information. Confidential immunization information is only available to authorized health care workers such as members of the public health team, nurse practitioners and physicians across the province using secure networks. To learn more about Protecting the Privacy of Your Immunization Record [click on name of document for link to electronic copy] or visit

www.ehealthsask.ca/services/panorama or call Population and Public Health at 306-766-7904.