



Regina Public Schools

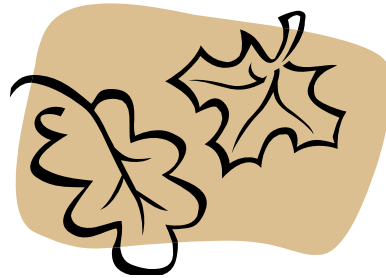
## Davin School

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# OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



### 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 \$300.85 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation. A school-wide walk occurred on Friday September 26 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.

Our classroom teachers and students have been very busy with assessing students. These assessments include: the EYE in Kindergarten; Oral Reading Records (ORR) in Grades 1 and 2; Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessment in Gr. 3; RAD in Gr. 4 - 8;

as well as a numeracy assessment (DNA) for Gr. 1 - 8. These are all pre-assessments. Post-assessments for each will occur in May and June.

We would like to welcome Darian Kerster to our school. Ms. Kerster started teaching Kindergarten at Davin two weeks ago. With 55 Kindergarten students registered this year, we were able to add a third Kindergarten class at Davin. Mrs. Jackson is teaching a morning Kindergarten class and an afternoon Kindergarten class and Ms. Kerster is teaching a morning Kindergarten class as well. Our Educational Facilities department is continuing to make improvements to our school. The new Kindergarten classroom will have a washroom built into the classroom along with a classroom sink and water fountain to make things easier for our little people. This will be the fourth renovation project that will be worked on in our school during the past few months. Other spaces included a renovated EAL room, Speech & Language/Counsellor room, and a new kitchen/laundry room.

**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.

If you have not sent forms back to school (contact information, media release, severe weather, etc), please do so this week as well.

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

## 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.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.*

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!

### Pearson Saskatchewan Portal

<http://pearsoned.ca/school/product/skresources/index.html>

Regina Public Schools would like to announce the purchase of e-text resources available through Pearson Saskatchewan Portal as a support for Grades 4-9 students. E-Text resources are easy-to-use and available anytime and anywhere internet access is available whether using a personal computer (MAC or PC) or other devices providing the appropriate Pearson e-Text app has been downloaded (iPad and Android). E-Text resources available for Grades 4-9 students include:

- Literacy in Action Grades 7-8 and Live Ink Grade 9
- Mathématiques WNCP/Math Makes Sense Grade 4-9
- Pearson Science Grades 4-9
- Saskatchewan Social Studies Grades 4 -7 and Pathways Grade 9

In support of accessing Pearson Saskatchewan Portal resources, each student in Grades 4-9 will be provided with a username and password in early October and instruction regarding where and how to login and access e-text resources available. Once this occurs, and in support of learning at home, parents/guardians of students in Grades 4-9 are asked to record student username and password at home to enable home access.

## **Davin School Upcoming Dates**

October 7 - FCC Drive Away Hunger Campaign begins at Davin  
October 8 - QSP orders are due  
October 10 - Staff Professional Development (**no school for students**)  
October 13 - Happy Thanksgiving! (**no school**)  
October 14 - Student Pictures will be sent home  
October 15 - Last day to donate food to FCC Drive Away Hunger campaign  
October 22 - School Photo Orders will be due  
October 28 - Who Are We? Assembly (11:00 am)  
October 29 - School Photo retakes  
November 7 - Remembrance Day program (10:45 am)  
November 10 - Staff Professional Development Day (**no school for students**)  
November 11 - Remembrance Day holiday  
November 21 - Report Cards are sent home  
November 28 - 3-Way Conferences (all day)  
December 18 - Christmas Concert @ Sheldon



## **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 two draws 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> in support of this program.



For more information on FCC Drive Away Hunger, visit [www.fccdriveawayhunger.ca](http://www.fccdriveawayhunger.ca).

## **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.

## **THANKS TO ALL**

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

### **Mrs. Hammett & Ms. Linner - Run Club & Cross Country Running**

Thank you to all of the students who participated in Run Club 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 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone put out a great effort. We have 4 students that will move on to the city finals on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to Yuni (Grade 3), Matthew (Grade 6), Max (Grade 6), and Kaelen (Grade 8)!

### **Mrs. Smith & Mr. Engen - Choir**

The Davin School Choir has started again. This year we welcomed back old experienced members and an influx of new and eager choristers. Mrs. Smith and

Mr. Engen are excited that our numbers have grown from last year. We are anticipating another successful year with our involvement with the Rotary Carol Festival in December and the Regina Music Festival in April, 2015. With the wonderful growth of the student population at Davin, the choir has outgrown the music room. We now rehearse in the gym every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch. As the choir is a full year commitment, both Mrs. Smith and Mr. Engen 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.

**Mr. Engen, Mrs. Cullins & Ms. Bieber – Student Activity Council (SAC)**

The Davin Student Activity Council is up and running for the school year! Mrs. Cullins, Ms. Bieber, and Mr. Engen are very excited to have such a diverse group of students willing to serve on the council for the betterment of the Davin community. This year we are going to focus on three very important qualities; stewardship, philanthropy, and leadership. Davin's SAC members of today through a collaborative effort with all students will be the leaders tomorrow. The positive atmosphere that SAC members will have will be emulated by all students of Davin to produce a positive and safe atmosphere for learning, engagement, and of course a whole lot of fun.

The SAC's first service for Davin will be the popcorn sales over three days next week beginning on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2014. Each bag costs only a loonie with 50% of the proceeds going to the United Way campaign that the Davin community proudly supports annually.

**Popcorn schedule**

**Tuesday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Day 1**

Gr. 1/2	Ms. McIntosh
Gr. 1/2	Mrs. Cullins
Gr. 4/5	Mr. Barber

**Wednesday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - Day 2**

Gr. 6/7	Ms. Fiorante
Gr. 8	Mrs. Schapansky
Gr. 3/4	Mrs. Hammett

### Thursday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - Day 3

Kdg am Ms. Kerster  
Kdg am Mrs. Jackson  
SLC Mrs. Smith  
Kdg pm Mrs. Jackson  
Gr. 2 Mrs. Laplante  
Gr. 5/6 Mr. Rosbrook

We are looking forward to a fantastic year with all of the Davin SAC members: Erika, Ben, Alex, Karleigh, Sydney, Sophia, Josie, Rylee, Khemissa, Sreejani, and Tamara!

### **Mrs. Schapansky, Ms. Castle, Mr. Rosbrook, Mr. Williams - Volleyball**

This year, the **girls' volleyball** has a full roster of grade 7 and 8 girls coached by Ms. Castle and Mrs. Schapansky.

Our team includes: Sadia, Katelin, Anne, Tamara, Mykenzie, Ellexa, Sofie, Josie, Aaliyah, Rylee, Jada, Hailey, Aneiki, and Sydney.

Our games begin next Wednesday and continue into the beginning of November. We look forward to an exciting season.

The **boys' volleyball** team is off to an amazing start! Our first game is Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, against Massey School, a game we have 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 Mr. Williams are excited to coach a great volleyball season with the boys Davin Dragons volleyball squad.

The boys' Davin Dragons are: Kaelen, Nick, Sanjed, Alvee, Haris, Max, Ayub, and Joel.

### **Mrs. Thomas - From the Library...**

October 19-25 is Saskatchewan Library Week—**Libraries Inspire!** To help celebrate, consider participating in the Book Spine Poetry Contest. What is book spine poetry, you ask? Check out the following link for details, photo examples, and a chance to win!

<http://bookspinepoetrycontest.wordpress.com/>



## Education Week    October 20 -24, 2014 "Supporting & Celebrating Success"

During the week of Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, staff and students at Davin School will be celebrating **Education Week** with the theme *Supporting and Celebrating Success!*

Special events during the week include:

- hosting guest readers
- enjoying Books & Bagels with our reading buddies
- participating in a "Guess Who's Reading?" contest



### 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.

## **In the Community**



### **Davin School Community Council (DSCC)**

The October meeting of the SCC was held on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. All parents/guardians of children attending our school are welcome to attend. The following have been elected as officers for the 2014 - 15 school year: Yens Pedersen (chair), Margaret Anne Hodges (treasurer), Patty Beck (secretary). Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting of the DSCC will be held on Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Listening  
is sometimes the most powerful thing  
we can say to another.*  
-Noah benShea

