



Davin School



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Principal's Ponderings

Welcome back to school! I am thrilled to be working, again, at Davin School and am confident that when we work together, we will have a terrific year!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome all students back to school and a special welcome to all students who are new to Davin School. It was a pleasure meeting parents on September 2nd, our first day of school. 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. A special welcome to new staff members: Kyle Rosbrook, Richard Williams, Claire Castle, Phyllis Thomas, Trisha Linner (who will be taking over the LRT role for Mrs. Button beginning on Sept. 9th for 8 weeks), and our interns Stephanie Launier, Megan Bieber and April D'Aoust.

During the past couple of weeks, we have had many, many new registrations at Davin. Regina Public Schools is in the process of reviewing all elementary enrolment numbers and then will be advising on any possible changes at each school. As I said on our first day of school, do not be surprised if there are changes in classroom structures in the near future.

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 . We do want to remind everyone of our school divisions' 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 (2014-15), "improving student attendance and credit attainment as a means of increasing graduation rates" is a priority which aligns with the provincial Education Sector Strategic Plan. 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.

Our office is open until 3:45 so 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

We invite you to a **Welcome Back to School Open House & BBQ** on Thursday **September 18th from 4:30 - 5:30 pm**. Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to meet parents and discuss their learning agenda for the year. 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.

I look forward to another successful year of learning at Davin!
Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp

Introducing the 2014-15 Davin Elementary School Staff

Principal	Sherry Knoblauch-Schoepp
Administrative Assistant	Rhonda Kirkness
Structured Learning	Michelle Smith
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Hewson• Richard Williams
Kindergarten (full-time)	Lindsay Jackson
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joan Francisco

Intern
Grade 1/2
Intern
Grade 1/2

Intern
Grade 2

Grade 3
Grade 4/5

Grade 5/6
Grade 6/7
Grade 7/8
Learning Resource Teacher
EAL Teacher
Teacher Librarian
Arts Education Specialist
Core French Specialist
Maintenance

Stephanie Launier
Laura McIntosh
April D'Aoust
Tracy Cullins

- Shannon Heinemann

Megan Bieber
Teresa LaPlante

- Faiza Jaffer

Rebecca Hammett
Neil Barber

- Jodi Houlden

Kyle Rosbrook
Lisa Fiorante
Natalie Schapansky
Gene Button (Trisha Linner)
Chad Parker
Phyllis Thomas
Chris Engen
Claire Castle
Steve Rogers

ISS Support Team

Superintendent	TBA
School-Based Instructional Consultants	Andrea Youck
Speech Pathologist	Sharon Jordens
School Counsellor	Cynthia Casavant
School Psychologist	Cindy Friesen-Ford Ashurst

Reminders...

Newsletters

Our school 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.

School Fees

There are **no school fees** that we expect this year other than that 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 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.

Staff Parking Lot

Please do not drop off or pick up your child using the staff parking lot. This is an area that is designated for staff use only.

Run Club

Throughout the month of September, students in Grade 3-8 will have the opportunity to participate in Run Club. Run Club will occur each Wednesday and Friday at lunch. Students need to bring a lunch and come ready to run. Running shoes are a must (no sandals, crocs, etc).

Students who join Run Club will have the opportunity to go to the Cross Country Run at Douglas Park after school on Wednesday, September 24th. If your child is interested, he/she will come home with more information.

Choir

The Davin Choir had their first rehearsal yesterday. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Engen are excited to see so many new faces from grade 3 to grade 8. We rehearse Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch in the music room. Our first concert will be at Davin's Remembrance Day Ceremony Friday November 7th. We will also be participating at the Rotary Carol Festival again this year. Tentatively we are scheduled to perform Monday December 1st beginning at 7pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Mrs. Smith or Mr. Engen at the school.

Student Activity Council (SAC)

Davin's SAC will be beginning next week. Any interested student from grade 5 to grade 8 can pick up an SAC permission form from either Mr. Engen or Ms. Cullins. There will be a short meeting Monday September 8th during the morning recess in the music room.

Interested in Volunteering at Davin?

With the ever increasing demands placed on teachers, our school is asking for continued assistance from our school community. We need to add to our team of enthusiastic volunteers to make sure that Davin students receive all the support that they are deserving of. Therefore we ask you, your family members, friends and neighbors to join our *Davin Dynamos* volunteer group. Contact our school if this is a possibility for you.

Important Dates to Remember

September 8 - Welcome Back assembly @ 9:00 am

September 13 - Davin Home Tour

September 18 - Davin School Open House (4:30 - 5:30) & DSCC BBQ (5:00 - 6:00)

September 24 - QSP assembly (magazine fundraising assembly) @ 2:30 pm

September 26 - Terry Fox run @ 10:00 am

September 30 - School Photos

October 1 - School Photos (**am only**)

October 1 - AFTERNOON ONLY PD time for staff (no school for students in the pm)

October 10 - PD Day for staff (no school for students)

October 13 - Thanksgiving Holiday

October 19 - 25 - Education Week

October 29 - Picture Retakes

November 7 - Remembrance Day Program

November 10 - PD Day for staff (no school for students)

November 11 - Remembrance Day Holiday

November 21 - Term 1 Report Cards send home

November 28 - 3-Way Conferences (all day)

December 18 - Xmas Concert (details yet to be finalized)

December 19 - 2:30 dismissal for Christmas Holidays

January 5 - School begins

***Monthly assemblies will be held. Families are welcome to attend our assemblies. All Dates have not yet been determined.**

IN OUR COMMUNITY

DAVIN SCHOOL OPEN DOORS HOME TOUR

On September 13 for the 15th consecutive year, the Davin School Open Doors Self-Guided Home Tour will offer the opportunity to explore the interiors of heritage and other interesting homes in the neighbourhood. The tour runs from noon to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds go towards improving the Davin School playground for the enjoyment and use of both students and the neighbourhood. Over the years, more than \$125,000 has been raised.

Tickets are \$30 and are available at Groovy Mama, Bodhi Tree, Anex and Magpies Kitchen. Only a limited amount of tickets are sold, so those interested should buy their tickets as soon as possible.

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



Drawing & Art - Evening Classes at the South Leisure Centre (170 Sunset Dr)

Artrageous Minds provides a guided foundation for drawing, while communicating powerful life skills - creative thinking, "can do" attitudes, teamwork, and problem-solving. Weekly, over 100 students receive this gift of confidence. It really is FUN and EASY to draw!

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-7:30 pm at the South Leisure Centre starting on September 10 <limited space>

For more information or to register, visit www.artrageous-minds.com/schedules.htm or call 306-569-3922.
