

ÉCOLE DEBDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL



September/October 2026

HIGHLIGHTS & TREASURES

≡Welcome≡



On Sept. 22nd, we celebrated our new staff & students through 'Welcome Day'. We started off the day with a breakfast for our grade 7's, new students, and new staff, made by our SLC. Later, we had the grade 7/8's prepare banners, which they ran through prior to participating in some games. Lastly, we invited all students to join their house leagues, create a house name, and participate in a house 'balloon pop' game. A huge thanks to our SLC group for organizing this event, and our "cow leaders", Dyllan and Alex, for leading the groups of grade 7/8's in events.



Access Communication - \$3000 grant

We were fortunate last school year to be the recipient of a \$3000.00 grant provided by Access Communication. This influx of money helped curb the cost of our noon meal program over the 2025-2026 school year. A representative from Access Communication was out last week for the ceremonial photo op. Thanks again to Access for your support of our school and families. We are currently looking at new partners to potentially help us provide the same level of support for this school year. Stay tuned for more info.

- Mr. Tetreault

Principal's Message

Students, Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

One month of school has passed, and much has happened at Debden School since opening our doors on September 2nd. Our semester 1 classes are now in full swing, and you should be seeing some evidence of learning/assessments on your child's Edsby account. If you need help setting up your Edsby account, please contact the office. We also have many extracurricular opportunities taking place after hours, providing great opportunities for students to bond outside of the classrooms all while staying active and healthy. Read more about our extracurriculars offerings on the next page.

We've had many changes to our staff this year. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Jaclyn Wensley teaching at the 5/6 level, Mr. Cole Aarrestad teaching senior PE along with some 7-9 subjects, Mr. Dave Petriew who has taken over the role of PAA shop, Mrs. Courtney Hansen teaching ½ time in the high school wing and providing some extra ed support, and Mrs. Shayleen Lafond who has returned part-time as our inclusive education coach. I am happy to have these five teachers join our team and look forward to working alongside them this year. These new staff members, alongside our returning teachers, educational assistants, librarian and secretary, make for a strong team of individuals who show up every day, not only to do their contracted job, but also to care and provide extra opportunities for your children on their own time. If you see any of our staff in the community, please commend them for their efforts.

Something often overlooked in schools is the commitment of our two custodians, Mr. Von Bondame and Mrs. Delyth Richards. If you've visited the school over the last year or two and noticed how it is kept in such pristine condition, it is because of these two individuals who work tirelessly to keep it this way. Thank you, Von and Delyth!

A shout-out to the Debden School SCC for organizing our Back-to-School BBQ on September 9th, and to Mrs. Stacey Monette for presenting on screen health. Also, thank you to the parents, students and community members who made the time to come out that night; your presence was much appreciated.

Our school goal this year is literacy for our K-8 students and credit attainment and attendance for our grade 9-12 students. As we enter October, our K-8 teachers and students will be busy focusing on and completing their first round of literacy assessments. Please reach out to your child's language teachers for an update on your child's progress. At the grade 9-12 level, Mrs. Cyr, our transition coach, will continue meeting with high school students to update credit trackers and discuss future aspirations. I will work on making contact with parents/guardians if there are any attendance concerns. In terms of attendance, our goal for all students is to maintain a 90% plus attendance rate. Anything below the 90% threshold will likely have impacts on the students academics and social well-being. Please connect with me if there are any barriers that we can support in ensuring your child attends school on a regular basis.

Thank you for your engagement in the education of your child(ren),
Mr. Tetreault

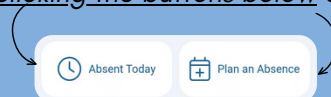
School Social Worker

Some of you may be wondering about the status of our school social worker. Ms. Celeste Fortier is currently on an educational leave until the end of November, at which time she will join us two days per week. We recognize that this puts some strain on students and families who were supported by Celeste. While awaiting her return, I encourage you to reach out to other supports available in our area or those available remotely.

- Mr. Tetreault

Student Absences

A reminder to parents/guardians that all planned/unplanned student absences should be reported on the Edsby app by clicking the buttons below on your child's Edsby profile.



Also, please make a habit of checking your child's attendance on Edsby. We've noticed many high school students are absent unexcused or signing out throughout the day. Phone calls go out for the morning absences, and Edsby notifications go out for all absences. If your Edsby notifications are turned off, you will not receive these.

- Mr. Tetreault

EXTRA CURRICULAR



Grade 12 Outdoor Education

The Grade 12 canoe trip was a great success! We lucked out and got great weather for our 3-day/2-night trip. Each one of the students worked hard and found ways to contribute. Overall, it was a great success, and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did. A huge shout-out to Robin Lehouillier for taking some time off work to come and join us; it was very much appreciated.

-Mr. Tetreault



ATHLETICS

Junior Volleyball

The grade 7/8 junior volleyball team is ready for a fun season! They hosted their first game last week, and played hard against Canwood and Big River First Nation. We're looking forward to more games in October to develop as a team!

-Coaches: Mrs. Person & Mrs. Wensley



Senior Girls Volleyball

We are off to a great start to the season in our Highway 55 league which includes Shellbrook, Canwood, Big River and Big River First Nation. We practice every Monday and have games on Wednesdays. We played in our first tournament at Canwood and won the bronze game. On Oct. 3rd and we will be heading to Blaine Lake for another tournament and to Medstead on Oct. 31st.

-Coaches: Mrs. Amundson & Mr. Tetreault

Senior Golf

Congratulations to Merris, Londynn and Jozie on representing Debden at SR Golf Districts in PA on Monday, Sept 14! They showed great sportsmanship, etiquette and made some great shots!

-Coach: Mr. Aarrestad



Senior Football

We have 3 boys from Debden playing with WP Sandin High School in Shellbrook this year. Carter Lafond, Winston De Bruijn and Aksel Nordquist. Good luck boys!



Cross Country Running

Our P4A cross-country team participated in our first meet of the season today. Se Se Wa Hum Middle School on Big River First Nation invited us out for a local meet against nearby schools. Debden School was awarded a 1st place team trophy. We look forward to fun season.

-Ms. Winhold





WINNER

Last year Lena Chambers entered the Royal Purple Poster Contest for Brain Awareness & Prevention. Lena's poster was sent on to the national level where she placed first!

Lena was presented with a cash prize of \$100.00!!

Congratulations Lena!



TERRY FOX

Our annual Terry Fox School Run was held on a windy, +27 degree afternoon of Friday, September 25.



Together, our community raised \$3376.80 for cancer research. Thank you to all who donated to students who knocked on doors or who gave their pledge online! Our support makes a difference!

—Mrs. Couture & Mrs. Dumais

DEBDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF

Mr. Armand Tetreault - Principal
 Mrs. Brenda Eversen - K/1/2 French Immersion Homeroom
 Mrs. Kendall Person - Gr. 1/2 English Homeroom
 Mrs. Denise Dumais - Gr. 3/4 French Immersion Homeroom
 Ms Barbara Tanner - Gr. 3/4 English Homeroom
 Miss Carley Winhold - Gr. 5/6 French Immersion Homeroom
 Mrs. Jaclyn Wensley - Gr. 5/6 English Homeroom
 Mrs. Diana Couture - Gr. 7/8 Homeroom, Français, 7-9 subjects
 Mr. Cole Aarrestad - Gr. 9 Homeroom, 7-12 Phys. Ed, FLA & Math
 Miss Bailey Hiebert - Gr. 10 Homeroom, Senior Science, Senior Math
 Mrs. Amanda Cyr - Gr. 11/12 Homeroom, ELA, History, Transitions, CSC
 Mr. Dave Petriew - High School PAA Shop Teacher, (Sem 1 only)
 Mrs. Courtney Hansen - 7-9 subjects & IEC Support (.5)
 Mrs. Shayleen Lafond - IEC (.5)
 Mrs. Serena Collins - Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Marie Hutcheson - Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Connie Bailey - Educational Assistant (.5)
 Mrs. Corine Amundson - Secretary
 Ms. Celeste Fortier - School Counselor (.5)
 Mrs. Rachelle Little - Librarian (.5)
 Mr. Von Bondame - Head Caretaker
 Mrs. Delyth Richards - Caretaker (.5)



DEBDEN SCHOOL FROGS

Student of the month

Elementary

September's Student of the Month starts each day by greeting her classmates with a bright, cheerful smile. She is thoughtful and caring, often looking for ways to brighten someone's day or lend a helping hand.

She is also a dedicated and hardworking student who sets goals for herself and consistently puts forth her best effort to learn and improve. She is a wonderful example of kindness, perseverance, and a positive attitude. Congratulations to this month's winner, **Berklie Saccucci!**



High School

September's Student of the Month is a devoted learner who is determined to fully understand concepts and catch up when needed. She approaches each task with a positive attitude and consistently works to reach her utmost potential, regularly achieving 4+ on assessments. She is highly engaged in lessons and motivates her peers to learn. Her enthusiasm and willingness to participate often help make the classroom a fun and enjoyable place to be. Congratulations to this month's winner, **Merris Lehoullier!**



Reminders



FROM THE OFFICE

Student Registration forms are due!
We are still missing a few student registrations...

All students, new & returning, must be registered. Parents/Guardians: please scan the QR code below to register online today.



Text

Yes to 978338

To receive messages from the Debden Public School.

We use sms texting to send reminders about upcoming events, noon meal orders, etc.
Don't miss out...text YES today.

SLC FEES DUE OCT. 16

All students have been charged an SLC fee. These fees help to offset the cost of student trips, transportation and activities throughout the school year.

K-6 Fees: \$15.00

7-12 Fees: \$20.00

Payment can be made through School Cash or at the school office.

Thank you to those who have already paid.

IMPORTANT

NEW BELL TIMES!!



BELL TIMES

8:50 - 8:55	Warning Bell/Attendance
8:55 - 9:45	Period 1
9:45 - 10:40	Period 2
10:40-10:50	10 minute recess break
10:50 - 11:40	Period 3
11:40 - 12:25	Lunch Break
12:25-1:15	Period 4
1:15 - 2:05	Period 5
2:05 - 2:20	15 minute recess
2:20 - 3:15	Period 6



Debden Metis Local 61 Cultural Activities

Open to all ages. Everyone is welcome!

- Beading Class
- Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Class
- Jigging
- Wood Working

Classes starting soon!

Be sure to sign up and we will contact you with your start date.

Forms can be picked up at the school office, or contact an executive member for more information.

Paula Belair: 468-7466
Leroy Fiddler: 468-4070
Leah Demers: 468-4563
Malinda Krawetz: 479-0131



Sponsored by Debden Metis Local #61



FREE

PICKLEBALL NIGHT

Come out and join us for a fun night of pickle ball. Equipment is provided. All ages, and skill levels are welcome.



Thursdays at 7pm
starting Oct. 1st until Dec. 10th



Debden School Gym

For More Information

Contact: Leroy Fiddler 468-4070
Paula Belair 468-7466

Bring inside shoes for the gym.
No outside shoes allowed.



Upcoming Local Events

THE NOVEMBER PROJECT *An Act of Remembrance*



Journey through the Second World War via a Canadian soldier's love letters home paired with wartime songs.

Lyrics provided—sing along if you wish.



FREE ADMISSION

Donations welcome.

Doors open 30 minutes before each performance.

THREE PERFORMANCES

Fri, Oct 23, 2026
7 pm
Canwood Legion

Sat, Oct 24, 2026
7 pm
Shellbrook Legion
Cash bar

Sun, Oct 25, 2026
2 pm
Parkland Integrated
Health Care Centre

For more information:
306-747-3769 or FB Shellbrook Legion Branch 111.

Sponsored by Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium

Registration for Catechism Classes



Attention: Parents/care-givers
It's time to register for the 2026-2027 Catechism Classes.

Please text or call Anne Blais at 306-468-4355 to register or if you have any questions.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays after school in the church basement. Classes are free. Parents/care-givers are asked to please donate a snack once or twice during the year. Start date: October 21st



OCTOBER 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Picture Retakes are Nov. 3

				1 K Metis Activity Forms are due! SUBWAY	2	3 Sr. girls volleyball tourney Blaine Lake
4	5	6 K CHESTER FRIED CHICKEN	7	8 K DEMERS PIZZA	9 PLC No Classes	10
11	12 Happy Thanksgiving	13 K Anything but a Backpack Day	14 Opening Doors To Tomorrow Career & Job Fair gr. 9-12	15 K Picture Day DEMERS CHICKEN	16 K	17
18	19	20 K Represent your School/ University Day	21	22 K SUBWAY	23	24
25	26	27 K	28	29 K Flu Clinic - 12-4pm Community Centre DEMERS PIZZA	30 K	31 Sr. girls volleyball tourney Medstead

Education Week: Oct. 19-23

