

Highlights & Treasures



Principal's Message

It's hard to believe it's almost November. The additional warm days we enjoyed in October, were definitely a treat. We know that snow filled days, blustery winds, and 30-40 below temperatures, are just around the corner.

October was filled with a variety of things for our students and staff. Of course we have the usual abundance of wonderful learning activities in our classrooms – in all areas, but with a keen focus on reading, writing and math. Education Week was filled with a wide range of pursuits including recognition of the bus drivers for Bus Driver Appreciation Day, Mental Health & Wellness promotion, Staff Appreciation Day, the kick off to our Christmas Letter writing campaign, and Welcome Day Activities. Thank you to our wonderful Student Leadership Council (SLC) for taking the lead with Education Week. The Book Fair also took place that week; thank you for supporting this event. We also had students involved in a variety of sports events throughout the month – the Cross Country Running Extravaganza, Volleyball and Football. School pictures also took place.

Parent Teacher Interviews are on November 4th. Please remember to sign up. It's greatly appreciated when home-school communication is ongoing and consistent. As well, thank you for contacting the office for absences, or for reporting them using the Edsby App.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns for me, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours in Education,

Corrine Schwehr



Remembrance Day

Due to the current Covid-19 context, we once again will not be able to hold our annual school-community Remembrance Day Ceremony in the

gym. However, we are working with the Legion to plan a way to honour this day on November 10th. We will have grade 1-12 students share readings school-wide via Zoom. We will observe 2 minutes of silence to recognize our fallen and present soldiers and their families. Our grades 7-12 students will walk to the community Cenotaph/ War Memorial with a Legion Colour Party to lay poppies on a wreath. Students school-wide will also have the opportunity to participate in the Legion Literary and Poster contests.



December / Christmas

As we think about December and Christmas, we continue to be faced with many factors to consider as a result of the current Covid-19 context. This continues to cause many uncertainties and barriers for our traditional events and plans. Of course, teachers will once again continue with any regular activities for this time of the year within the classroom that are within the Covid-19 guidelines. We believe the SLC will be able to do some of their favourite activities, while following the Covid-19 guidelines. We are also considering what will be possible regarding our Christmas concert. It is not likely we will be able to do our traditional Christmas Dinner and we are unsure if we will try to substitute this with something else. We will keep you informed of our December/ Christmas plans as they are finalized.

Education Week

Education Week took place Monday October 18th to Friday October 22nd. This year's theme was ***Learning for the Future***, which celebrated the role education and those in the education sector played in creating a bright future for our students and our province. This theme highlighted the importance of education in building our future and the growth that can be achieved through education.

Each day, our Student Leadership Committee (SLC) focused their attention on a specific area in our community that makes a huge impact daily on Education.

Monday: Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Tuesday: Mental Health Awareness Day

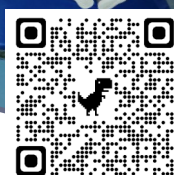
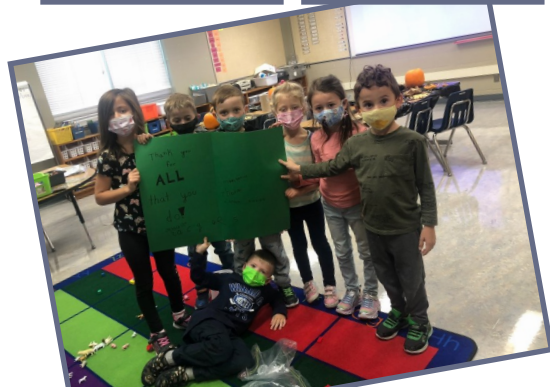
Wednesday: Christmas letter writing campaign to our seniors. If you know of a senior that you think would like a card/letter from Ecole Debden Public School, please let us know. **You can either contact the school, let us know to contact you via Facebook, or fill in the green sheet that went home.**

Thursday: Staff Appreciation Day

Friday: Welcome Day. All grade 7's, 8's and new students to our school, were asked to participate in some fun activities in the gym.

The S.L.C is a great team comprised of Teanne Couture, Kyra Johnson, Jennifer Clark, Rose Fry, Desiree Pott, Gracie Cyr, Emily Eversen and Roan Amundson. You are an amazing team and the school appreciates how hard you have worked to have such a successful Education Week.

-Mme Gisele Poirier
SLC Advisor



Scholastic Book Fair

It was a long time in coming, but we managed to host an actual in-person Scholastic Book Fair in conjunction to our virtual book fair.



With your help we managed to top the \$2000.00 mark which in turn gets the Debden Public School Library over \$1000.00 in books to be added for the student's enjoyment.

The lucky winner of the free book went to Mrs. Linda Berscheid who so graciously donated it back to the school. A name was drawn and Miss Navaeh Gobert was the lucky recipient of a brand new book. Thank you to everyone who purchased items in person or online.

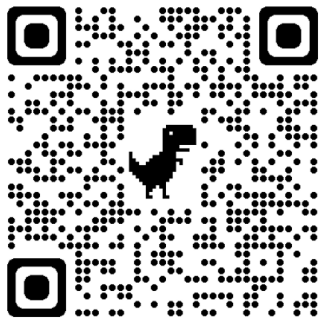
-Mrs. Pease

Parent-Teacher Interviews

It's that time of year where we like to check in with parents to discuss student progress. This year, we will be conducting parent-teacher interviews on November 4th from 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm. As we did last year, we will use the signup.com web service for parents/guardians to sign-up for a 10 minute interview slot. Interviews will happen by phone, virtually (zoom) or in-person.

Please indicate student's name, a phone number and whether you prefer an **in-person** interview, a **virtual** interview (zoom), or a **phone** interview. If you request a virtual interview, the teacher will share an invite link with you prior to interview day.

With your smartphone camera, scan the QR code below to access more info or to sign-up for an interview timeslot.



[Sign-Up for an interview](#)



[Help Video / More Info](#)



COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits Available

We still have a few kits available for families who have students under 12 years of age. They are being handed out on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact the school at 306-724-2181 if you would like to pick up a kit. Once the kits are gone, we will put your name on a waiting list until we receive more.

Don't forget your water bottle!

Our water fountains are unavailable during COVID, but our water bottle Refill stations **are available** and it's RO water!

Students - please bring a reusable water bottle to school so you can fill it up as needed throughout the day.



Attention Parents/Guardians! If you haven't already downloaded the Edsby app, please do so now.



It's so simple! Check out this Edsby parent guide for help.

ÉCOLE DEBDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL - EDSBY PARENT GUIDE

We have created a quick guide to help you navigate the Edsby program. Each QR code is a link to a video or informational sheet on that topic. Scan the QR code using the camera or click the hyperlink below the QR.

ADDING MULTIPLE CHILDREN TO YOUR ACCOUNT

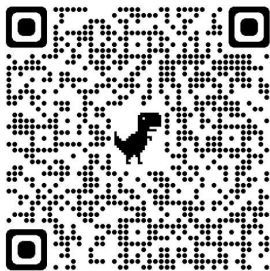


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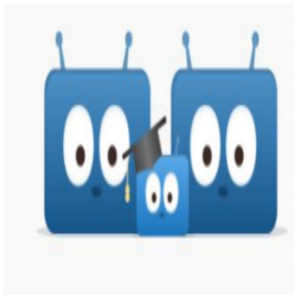


IMPORTANT: Make sure you have accepted the invitation to Edsby that was sent out earlier by email.

VIEWING YOUR CHILD'S GRADEBOOK



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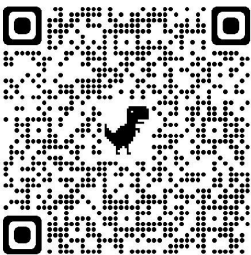


SUBMITTING STUDENT ABSENCES



<https://www.edsby.com/help/parent-quickstart/parent-planned-absences/>

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



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MANAGING YOUR NOTIFICATIONS



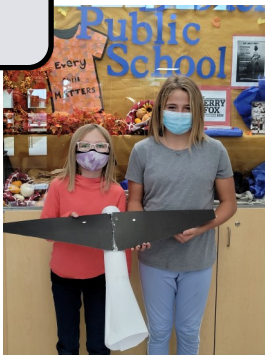
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Edsby has a wide scope of tools that we plan to use at Debden School including student achievement and school news. We hope that Edsby will become a regular check-in with you and your family. Please remember that if you are having any difficulties with setting up the program or navigating your way through it, we welcome all calls to the office at 724-2181.



Grade 5/6 Immersion - Science Class:
Flight Invention





A Letter from Principal Schwehr



October 28, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to remind you that the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is implementing a new reporting schedule for the 2021-22 school year for elementary and semester schools – this includes École Debden Public School.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Parents, teachers and students (when appropriate) will meet twice a year. This will occur once in the fall – on Thursday, November 4th – and again in early spring – on Wednesday, March 30th – to discuss students strengths and to set learning goals for the student. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn about how their child has adapted to the new grade level and/or course. At this time, a teacher will share their observations about the child's progression in reading, writing, math and social skills or in their coursework. Any concerns will be raised with the intention of creating a supportive plan for the student.

Report Cards- Report cards will be sent home twice a year. The first report card will be sent home on Wednesday, February 2nd, and the second report card will go home at the end of the school year on Tuesday, June 28th.

Part of the reason for the change to the schedule is to acknowledge the many ways that teachers connect with parents/caregivers to share information about their child and the learning that they are doing in the classroom. These include newsletters, notes, emails, phone calls, home visits, and posts in Edsby or Seesaw. This continual and frequent communication and connection is important to ensure that everyone is committed to monitoring the learning progress of the child. The report card will confirm what has already been communicated about the student's progress through the teacher's communication plan.

We encourage parents/caregivers to reach out to their child's teacher with any questions or concerns that they may have about their child. Questions about this new process can be directed to the principal or to Superintendent Jennifer Hingley jhingley@srsd119.ca.

Sincerely,

Corrine Schwehr
Principal