



Highlights & Treasures

École Debden Public School

November 30, 2021

Principal's Message

We're already moving into the hustle and bustle of December. It won't be long and we'll be ½ way through the school year!

A focus of November was Parent Teacher Interviews. To those of you who were able to take part in our phone &/or in-person interviews, thank you. If you were unable to speak with your child (ren)'s teacher(s) on that day – or on another day – please feel free to contact the school to make other arrangements for a communication time.

A few other highlights from November were the wrap up of the Volleyball and Football seasons, SLC school spirit days, our school Remembrance Day Service, and many wonderful classroom projects & experiences.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the school – it's greatly appreciated when home-school communication is ongoing and consistent. Thank you for contacting your child(ren)'s teachers when you have questions or comments regarding their instruction or well-being.

If you have any other comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school (306) 724-2181, or via email cschwehr@srsd119.ca.

-Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

Reporting your child's absence

Every morning around 9:30 am, the office sends out an automated phone call to parents whose child is absent. We ask that you please don't ignore this phone call. These phone calls are put into place so that we can assure the safety of our students. A quick phone call to the school or a reply to the automated phone call is very much appreciated. You can also enter a planned absence in Edsby, which is the most ideal way to report your child's absence. If you haven't already downloaded the Edsby app, please do it today!



Our School Parent Survey - We'd like to hear from you!

Once again, École Debden Public School is participating in an online school survey for parents and guardians, called the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey. Students and teachers also have surveys to complete. This is mandated by the Ministry of Education and is done in schools throughout the province. We invite you to review the information below, and complete the survey using the link.

Who: All parents/guardians with children in Grades 4-12

When: November 30th – December 7th, 2021

Why: The OurSCHOOL Parent Survey gives you the chance to provide your feedback into school initiatives. It's voluntary, but we encourage you to participate, so we get a better understanding how you feel the school supports learning, positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and must be completed in one sitting. For more information about the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey, please visit The Learning Bar Inc.'s website [here](https://www.ourschool.net/survey/splash/parentsguardians2021).

To access the survey, Ctrl + Click <https://www.ourschool.net/survey/splash/parentsguardians2021>.

If you have questions about École Debden Public School's implementation of the OurSCHOOL Surveys, please contact Principal Corrine Schwehr @ (306) 724-2181.

Volleyball

This year we had 14 players join our senior girls volleyball team and what a great group of girls they were. We joined the Highway 55 league with Canwood and Big River and met once a week for league games. Fortunately for us, we were able to enter 2 Debden teams in our league which gave our girls a lot of playing time. It didn't matter how we divided up the teams each week, we generally came out with 2 wins.

We were invited to the Club Med Sr. Ghouls Volleyball Tournament in Medstead on Halloween weekend where we met and played some new teams. The girls played really well and showed great team spirit.

This year our team went to Conference which was also held in Medstead on November 6th. The competition was pretty tough and our girls kept up and showed great determination. Although we didn't advance to regionals, it was a great experience for them.

Throughout the season our girls showed excellent improvement in their skills and we are so proud of the way they continually demonstrated great sportsmanship and represented Debden School with a positive attitude. Great season ladies!

- Mrs. Person & Mrs. Amundson



Front row L-R: Brooklyn Amundson, Kezia Delorme, Kayce Vaadeland, Alexis Beaulieu, Teanne Couture, Gracie Cyr, Alya Peterson. Back row L-R: Mrs. Corine Amundson (coach), Kimowan Rabbitskin, Jayneth Camaya, Faith Lamotte, Jennifer Clark, Kyra Johnson, Elizabeth Jean, Rhyan Amundson & Mrs. Person (coach)



BUMP SET SPIKE

The junior volleyball team consisted of 14 players from grades 6 to 8. They had an excellent season playing in the Highway 55 league and showed great improvement in their skills as the season went on. Back row L-R: Aubrey Kajner, Theron Jonasson, Olivia Beaulieu, Taejah Gobert, Micah Fiddler, Miera Naytowhow, Miss Aarrestad (coach). Middle row L-R: #6, Ben Lehouillier, Carter Lafond, Dyllan Little & Brielle Amundson. In front L-R: Alex Poirier & Tallyn Bilodeau, Missing: Duane McKay



Inclement Weather/Bus Cancellations



Schools remain open – regardless of inclement weather or bus cancellations – unless closed by the Director of Education.

Students are still welcome at the school on days of inclement weather/ bus cancellations.

To confirm if buses are canceled, you can check out the school division website under transportation: [Daily Bus Report](#) or you can also download the [Remind App](#).

Milk Cards

You can purchase a milk card for \$20.00. A milk card consists of 15 milks.

All milk cards should be purchased online through our new SchoolCashOnline system. Simply click on the link below to follow the easy steps to set up your account and purchase a milk card online.



Debden School is going green!

We have our recycle program set-up again in the commons area. Students are encouraged to recycle their juice boxes, cans and milk containers. **Just a Reminder to rinse your milk carton out before putting it in the recycle bin.**

We are also trying to get away from extra waste, like plastic/Styrofoam cups. Please remember to bring a reusable water bottle to school. We have our RO water bottle refill stations at the school for students to use.



Let's do our part to make our school green!

SLC

Starting Tuesday, November 30th, the SLC will be selling **CANDY CANE GRAMS**. For 50 cents, anyone from K to grade 12 (staff as well), can buy a candy cane for a friend, a teacher, a brother/sister, cousin or anyone. You will be given a special paper tag. On the tag, you can write who you want to give the candy cane to, what grade this special person is in, and who the candy cane is from. If you would like to remain anonymous, you can write "anonymous" on the tag. There will even be a special area to write a positive, lovely Christmas message if you would like. During every recess and lunch hour for the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 3rd, the SLC will be set up in the commons area to collect the money and give you a tag. There will even be SLC members there to help you write on the tag if you need it. You can buy as many Candy Canes as you like, for as many people as you want. Just remember it's 50 cents per Candy Cane or 5 Candy Canes for 2\$. What a deal! This week, you are only filling out the candy cane tag. The actual Candy Canes will be delivered to the appropriate people on Friday December 17th (the last day of school before the Christmas break).



Outdoor Learning Space



Hello Debden School & Community,

It's been a while since we've updated the community on our project that we embarked on last school year. We are slightly behind our original schedule, but are still forging ahead with intentions to complete the bulk of this work by June of 2022. Although we didn't have the best growing season this summer for our newly transplanted trees, with the help of the town student workers and the CCFD student worker, we were able to keep our trees well-watered throughout the summer months. Thank-you for helping us with this. When the snow melts this spring, we will start construction on our gazebo and start working on some of the finishing details such as signage, raised garden beds, seating, mulching and so forth.



Most recently, our project has been the recipient of some very generous grants. Our local Diamond North Credit Union stepped up big time and donated \$5000.00 to our project. The RM of Canwood raised the bar yet a tad higher, and donated \$7500.00. A sincere thank-you to these two organizations, to their members, and to the RM rate payers for recognizing the importance of our project and financially supporting it.

On behalf of the committee, the students, the staff, and our community, thank-you for your ongoing support.

-Mr. Tetreault