

Highlights & Treasures

Principal's Message

When we return to school after the break, February will almost be behind us. Here's hoping that by then we will be completely done with no-bus days and indoor recesses! It's time to feel the sun on our faces and for us to be outside in shorts and t-shirts. 🤞

The École Debden Public School staff has worked, and will continue to work, very hard to keep both education and health as our top priorities. There are many things to look forward to in the months ahead – ski trips, noon meals, parent teacher interviews, badminton, track and field, SLC activities, graduation – just to name a few. The days are already noticeably longer and I'm sure all of you are feeling the anxiousness – and need – for warm days outside.

Thank you for your ongoing support & respect for the staff of École Debden School, and for your engagement in the education of your child(ren). It is valued. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school. Let's continue to all do our best to bring learning, happiness and good health to each day.

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

As per Director Robert Bratvold's February 11th letter to families, effective February 28th, École Debden Public School will be "MASK FRIENDLY". What does this mean? All students and staff will have the choice to wear a mask or not. Masks and rapid test kits will continue to be available at the school until supply runs out.

Noon meals & ski trips in March

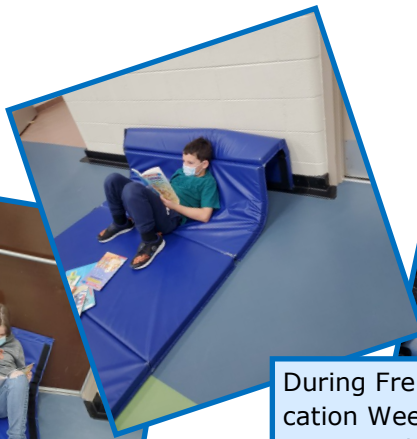
As you've probably heard, our noon meal program is starting back up in March. Information about this was sent home with the students already. **Noon meals must be ordered and paid for online using [School Cash](#)**. This service is quite easy to use. Payment can be made using a credit card or a direct money transfer from your bank account. You just need your account and bank transit number. For security reasons, the site does not store/remember your personal information, so you'll need to enter your account number each time you go in to make a purchase.

Ski trip dates have been set for March. Students from gr. 7-12 are going March 4th and students from K-6 are going March 17th. A Ski form was already sent home with our 7-12 students. We would like these forms back by Friday, February 18th if possible. **Payment is not due until Feb. 28th. Again, payment must be made online using SchoolCash.** There are several ski packages to choose from, depending on if you require rentals (ski or snowboard), or if you already have a season pass, etc. Be sure to select the appropriate package for your child.

French Second Language Week

Several activities took place during French Second Language Week. Some of the activities included:

- Grades 7 & 8's skating at the rink.
- Grades 3-10 watched the Chris Hadfield live zoom presentation which was presented by Canadian Parents for French.
- Friday, the whole school was treated with delicious croissants.



During French Second Language Education Week, the grade 3 and 4 Immersion class focused on "French outside of the classroom". While the weather foiled some of our plans, we were still able to enjoy our time in French. We took our literacy games outside, we read in the gym and we took our writing time to the art room.



SPIRIT DAYS

March 10: **Adult Day** (dress up as an adult)

March 17: **Green Day** (St. Patrick's Day)

March 21: **Rock Your Socks Day** (World Down Syndrome Day) wear funky colored socks.

March 24: **Tie Dye Day**



Outdoor Learning Space

Hello Families,

It's been a while since I provided an update regarding the progress of our Outdoor Learning Space. Nonetheless, we have continued to move on behind the scenes with intentions to have the bulk of the work completed by the beginning of summer. Here are a few updates on the project:

Grants/Donations

Over the last few months, our project has been the recipient of several very generous grants from local organizations/business. Here is a list of some recent grants.

Whole Kids Foundation - \$3000.00

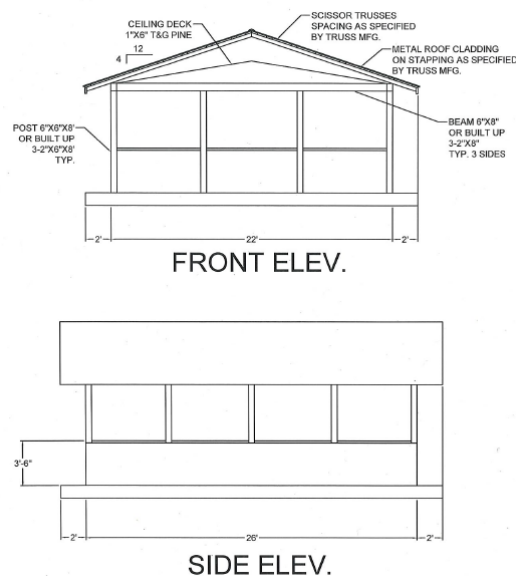
RM of Canwood - \$7500.00

Diamond North Credit Union - \$5000.00

Comité culturel fransaskois de Debden (CCFD) - \$3000.00

22' x 26' Gazebo

A big thanks to our local engineer and parent, Greg Vaadeland, who offered to draw up and stamp some stamped plans for our gazebo build. The drawings have been approved and COOP is now putting together a building package. Plans are to start on this build as soon as the snow has melted and the frost has come out of the ground. Here's a sample of Greg's drawings:



I'd like to say "Thank-you" to the groups and individuals who continue to support this project in many ways, it is very much appreciated.

-Mr. Tetreault (on behalf of the Debden Centennial Outdoor Learning Space Committee)