

# Highlights & Treasures

## Principal's Message

We made it to the end of March and we're almost into the home stretch of the school year. March really wasn't much of a friend in the weather department, but here's hoping that this past week was our final drop of snow and that April will bring sunshine, warm days and melting galore.

Parent-Teacher Interviews were held on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – in-person and via phone. If you were unable to sign up for interviews and you would like to speak to your child(ren)'s teacher(s), please feel free to contact the school to speak to them or to arrange an in-person meeting.

There are always many fun and enjoyable learning experiences happening here in classrooms, and there's even more excitement with extracurricular activities taking place. The SLC continues to plan and lead many great activities. Badminton is well underway. Drama has begun.

Although staffing personnel hasn't been finalized for 2022-2023, we have received the good news that as of now we will be back up to 13 teachers for the school year. Due to declining enrollment, we had been reduced to 12 teachers for the start of 2021-2022. It's wonderful that our enrollment has come up again.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the school. It's always appreciated. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school (306) 724-2181, or via email [cschwehr@srsd119.ca](mailto:cschwehr@srsd119.ca).

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

École Debden Public School continues to be "MASK FRIENDLY".

What does this mean?



All students and staff have the choice to wear a mask or not.

Masks and rapid test kits continue to be available at the school until supply runs out.

### Please Be On Time!

Please remember that the school day begins at 8:50am. Students should be at school by 8:45am.

Classes begin after lunch at 12:50pm. Students should be back at the school by 12:45pm.

## Guest Ridership on School Buses



With the easing of most Covid regulations/guidelines, we have been fielding many calls from parents regarding guest ridership on school buses. Although this is now allowed, there are some guidelines that parents must respect when it comes to guest ridership on the school buses:

1. First and foremost, it must be planned ahead of time and done so in consultation with the bus driver/contractor.
2. The guest rider should be going to an existing stop on the bus route.

Although guest ridership is now allowed, we don't want this to become a burden for our bus contractors. Please keep good lines of communication and show some appreciation for them as they are the ones going above and beyond.

## Cellular Phones, iPods and Wi-Fi Usage

In order to foster effective learning environments, protect privacy, and to promote safety, students and parents/guardians are asked to respect the École Debden Public School guidelines in place regarding cellular phones, iPods, and Wi-Fi usage.

### Kindergarten – Grade 6

Currently cell phones and iPods are not prevalent in these classrooms. Homeroom teachers monitor and respond to the use of devices as it pertains to their classes.

### Grades 7 & 8

Students are only allowed to use cell phones and iPods during recesses and the noon break. Unless students are told by a classroom teacher to bring devices to class, students in grades 7 and 8 are expected to leave devices in their locked lockers during class time. If a device is brought to class without teacher permission, the teacher will follow this process:

- A student brings a device to class, &/or is using a device without permission. The teacher will give the student a warning, ask the student to put the device in his/her locker, and the student obliges. The situation is resolved.
- A student continues to bring the device to class, &/or use a device without permission. The device will be kept in the office for the day and the classroom teacher will contact home.
- A student continues to bring the device to class, &/or use a device without permission. The device will be kept in the office for the day and the Principal or Vice Principal will contact home. The student may be assigned to noon study hall for one day.

If the problem persists, a meeting will be scheduled involving the student, parent/ guardian, classroom teacher(s), and the Principal or Vice Principal.

### Grades 9-12

Students are allowed to bring cell phones &/or iPods into grades 9-12 classes. Students are expected to demonstrate responsible device usage in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 – this means use for educational purposes or emergent communications. If a teacher is aware of irresponsible use of a device in class, the teacher will follow this process:

- The teacher will ask the student to put the device away and the student obliges. The situation is resolved.
- A student continues to use the device irresponsibly. The device will be kept in the office for the day and the classroom teacher will contact home.
- A student continues to use the device irresponsibly in class. The device will be kept in the office for the day and the Principal or Vice Principal will contact home. The student may be assigned to noon study hall for one day.

If the problem persists, a meeting will be scheduled involving the student, parent/ guardian, classroom teacher(s), and the Principal or Vice Principal.

NOTE: There is a regular phone for student use in the Commons Area near the main office. Each classroom also has a regular phone. Students require permission from a staff member to use any school phone. Incoming calls for students are allowed at the office during class time. If it is an emergency, the call will be put through to the student. In other instances, messages will be taken at the office and followed up on accordingly.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Taking pictures and videos of students &/or staff without permission is prohibited.
- The school is not responsible for security of your personal electronic devices.
- The school's Wi-Fi is for educational purposes. Using a VPN (Virtual Private Network), while connected to school Wi-Fi, with the intent to access blocked content, is prohibited.




## Student Support Groups

SRPSD is now offering Virtual Student Support Groups. This is an exciting new initiative that is intended to provide some positive extra support to our rural schools and students. Participation in these groups is voluntary. These are inclusive groups, facilitated by an adult, and intended to be peer support and educational.

Please contact Laurel Hufnagel for more information: Thursdays – (306) 724-2181, or by email [lhufnagel@srsd119.ca](mailto:lhufnagel@srsd119.ca).





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### STUDENT SUPPORT GROUPS

My role with SRPSD is to provide online support for students across the division. Over the past couple of months, I have provided weekly group sessions for students at the Distance Learning Centre and will be expanding this support to students in the rural areas of SRPSD beginning in March.

**ABOUT THE GROUPS**

The support groups are a perfect opportunity for students to socialize with others in a non-academic setting. The goal is to support the social and emotional needs our students through an online platform.

**TOPICS**

- Healthy Boundary Setting
- Identifying Emotions
- Managing Emotions
- School- Life Balance
- Self-care
- Depression & Anxiety
- Eating Disorders
- Self - Esteem
- Self- Love

GROUP SCHEDULE			
<b>Grades 1-3</b>	<b>Grades 4-6</b>	<b>Grade 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>Grades 9-12</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>
@ <b>1PM</b>	@ <b>1PM</b>	@ <b>11:30 AM</b>	@ <b>11:30 AM</b>

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## Elementary Art Work

