

## Principal's Message

We've made it to the end of June! It was another out-of-the-ordinary year, but has wrapped up feeling a little closer to "normal". It's been a busy year, and one filled with memories. Thank you to everyone - students, staff, parents/caregivers, families, and community members - for the efforts put forth to make this year successful.

As we wrap up 2021-2022, we say goodbye to 4 staff members and to our grade 12 graduates:

Best wishes to Madame Winhold as she moves on to a teaching position in Big River. Best wishes to Miss Kotyk as she moves on to a teaching position in Spiritwood. Best wishes to Ms. Ekren who will be moving to southern Saskatchewan. & best wishes to Madame Jillian Poirier who has completed her time with us as our French Language Assistant.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2022!

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

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr



Backrow L-R: Jaxson Saam, Karson Aarrestad, Konner Bailey, Brayden Shepperd, Gunnar Nelson, Anthony Jean and Sir Santos. Front row L-R: Jennifer Clark, Teanne Couture, Faith LaMotte, Jesse Gaudry, Kyra Johnson and Janelle

# **SLC Student Citizenship Award**

It all started with Gracie Cyr reading a paper pinned up on a bulletin board in school. This turned into four girls: Gracie Cyr, Kyra Johnson, Desiree Pott, and Rose Fry putting together a video for the Student Citizenship Award. The four minute video talks about what École Debden School would do if they won a \$1000.00 award from the Student Leadership Provincial Committee. The girls focused their energy and video on MENTAL HEALTH and we are proud to announce that they won the \$1000.00 award for our school!

Since the Covid pandemic, mental health has been on the rise. Some people don't know how to deal with these emotions. Others are unsure how their peers, their next door neighbors or even working professionals may be suffering with mental health from day to day. These ladies decided to focus their time and energy on the stigma around mental health for the upcoming school year. They would like to spread the word to their peers, other students, families and community members about mental health. They would like to recognize that mental health is a problem, even in our K to 12 school. Thanks to these four students, they have created and started the MIND YOUR HEALTH MOVEMENT.

The students' hope is that the MIND YOUR HEALTH MOVEMENT will bring mental health awareness to the surface. In the upcoming school year, they hope to create a variety of activities that will help students at Ecole Debden School feel safe, have a positive mindset and feel like they are not alone.

The Shellbrook Chronicle, The Spiritwood Herald, Le Lien (a French provincial magazine) are helping us to spread the word. Now, we have our school Highlights and Treasures to help as well. The feedback is just starting to pour in. There have been letters written, to the girls, thanking them for stepping up to the plate and talking about this now. There is talk among friends and family about this topic, after reading the article in the paper. Mrs. Poirier is getting a ton of positive comments from her town, in Leoville. The MIND YOUR HEALTH MOVEMENT is getting out there. People are talking and that's exactly what these ladies had in mind when they started.

We can't wait to see what energy and activities the MIND YOUR HEALTH MOVEMENT will be bringing into the school in the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations Gracie, Kyra, Desiree and Rose (all four are S.L.C members). We look forward to seeing what the MIND YOUR HEALTH MOVEMENT is all about!



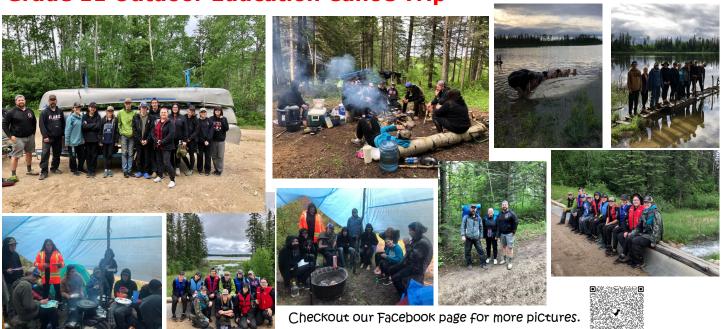


## Grade 9 Outdoor Ed. Trip

On Wednesday, June 1, the grade 9 students loaded up our school van and along with Mr. Prosser headed for Camp Kinasao for a three-day, two-night stay. What a fantastic experience it was! The students were entertained and busy from sunrise to sunset! The boys and girls were split into two groups and each assigned a cabin and a camp counselor. We unpacked and the fun immediately began. We were fortunate to have another school, Davidson School, attending at the same time. Many new friendships were forged. It was great to see. The students enjoyed a wide range of activities including archery, outdoor survival, obstacle courses, basketball, volleyball, and many team building exercises. Meals were hot, plentiful, and most importantly delicious. Even though there were gale force winds and ice-cold water, many students even enjoyed a swim or two! Of course, the hot sauna was a welcome escape from the elements. Be sure to check out Ecole Debden Public School Facebook page where an album of pictures and videos can be found highlighting our stay.



#### Grade 11 Outdoor Education Canoe Trip



If you talk to most Deben School Alumni, you'll probably find out some of their most cherished memories of our school are usually of the Outdoor Education Canoe Trips. After a two-year Covid induced hiatus, I was stoked to bring back the annual grade 11 trip. On June 14-17 the grade 11s alongside chaperones Dean Demers, Liz Bilodeau and myself headed into the wilderness where we started our adventure on Top Lake. About 10 minutes after we reached our first camp along the banks of Willow Lake, the monsoon started and the rain didn't stop for 28hrs. Luckily, we were able to set up camp, stay dry alongside a smokey fire and even had nice dry beds under some well-placed tarps. On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at about 6:00pm, the rain subsided and the sun poked its way through the clouds. This change in weather allowed us to make up for lost time and we made our way down Willow Lake, then Peyasew Lake into Hockey Stick Lake and finally back through the bush towards Top Lake where we spent our last night. Although this trip was difficult, students kept their spirits high and always had a smile on their faces. Alongside their classmates, they made memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge THANK-YOU to our two chaperones Liz and Dean for joining us on the trip this year,

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## P4A Track & Field Results

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> many of our grade 5-8 students travelled to Prince Albert to compete in the P4A Track & Field. At this event, our athletes compete against students from all other SRPSD schools as well as École Valois. In most events there were roughly 40-50 athletes competing and trying to achieve their personal best times and distances. We were fortunate to have three nice dry days to compete, but had to contend with some pretty windy conditions. Once again, Debden athletes were well behaved and competed in a very sportsman like manner. Below is a list of athletes who placed in the top 10 in events.

- Winston DeBruijn  $4^{th}$  in 1000m,  $7^{th}$  in the 600m \*
- Allie Bailey  $5^{th}$  in the 1000m,  $9^{th}$  in high jump
- Raef DeBruijn 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1200m
- Miera Naytowhow 8th in ball throw, 8<sup>th</sup> in high jump
- Hayden Peterson  $1^{st}$  in the 150m,  $2^{nd}$  in the 80m and  $4^{th}$  in long jump
- Avery Cyr 1<sup>st</sup> in shot put, 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> in high jump. 2<sup>nd</sup> for overall points in the bantam girls age category
- Carter Lafond  $2^{nd}$  in shot put and  $10^{th}$  in high jump Gauge Vaadeland  $8^{th}$  in shop put
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- Sierra Morin  $8^{th}$  in high jump Jersey LaMotte  $8^{th}$  in discus Selena Reimer  $10^{th}$  in discus Tallyn Bilodeau  $9^{th}$  in the 600m Duane McKay  $7^{th}$  in High jump
- Noah Poirier  $-4^{\text{th}}$  in the 150m & 6<sup>th</sup> in the 60m
- Jaxon Demers 9<sup>th</sup> in long jump
- Peyton Turner 4<sup>th</sup> in discus

A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who made the trip to PA to cheer us on.

### **Kindergarten Graduation**

L-R Alexander Bear, Landis Schattle, Johanna Hillman, Lucas Bear, Kaisleigh Sawatsky and Joseph Montgrant. Teacher: Miss Winhold



## From the Office

As you may have heard, Sask. Rivers teachers will no longer be using Seesaw moving forward. Families will have until June 29 to download or save their child's work. Here are the instructions:

How families and students can download an archive of student work

K-8 Report cards will be handed out to the students after their class trips on Tuesday, June 28th. Along with the report cards, you will find a copy of the yearlong calendar and the school supply list for the new school year.

\*Don't forget that new and all returning students must fill out a student registration form for the new school year. Scan the QR code below to access the online registration form.

9-12 Report cards will be available for pick up at the school on Wednesday & Thursday, June 29 & 30th.

All report cards will be available on Edsby on Wednesday, June 29th.

2022-2023 year long calendar.



School Supply Lists



2022-2023 School Registration form (all students must register)



The 2018-2019 Yearbook is now available. They are \$35.00 each and can be purchased online through schoolcash.



We will be sending out a Highlights & Treasures and September calendar during the first week of school. The first day of classes for K-12 is Sep. 1, 2022.

