

Highlights & Treasures

September 30, 2022

Principal's Message

The 2022-2023 school year is in full swing. It's wonderful to have students and staff back in school. & this spell of gorgeous early fall weather is certainly appreciated. Let's face it – in Saskatchewan, we breathe a sigh of relief everyday past September 1st that we don't have snow!

Welcome to our 2022-2023 new staff members: Chelsea Bennett – Inclusive Education Coach (Educational Support) & 3/4 Teacher; Carla Parsons – Caretaker.

We have many highlights from the month of September, and some of those things are continuing to October. There are wonderful classroom projects and experiences happening each day; please remember to ask your child(ren). We've already had a number of co-curricular and extra-curricular experiences. September focuses our school-wide attention on Terry Fox and Orange Shirt Day. Our Outdoor Learning Spaces are progressing nicely. The SLC is planning its activities for the year, including a few Spirit Days that already happened in September. We have Mind Your Health Movement initiatives on-the-go. The Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change representatives were involved in their first meeting at the Education Centre. We have students involved in Volleyball, Cross Country Running and Football. The School Community Council hosted a welcome back barbeque. We are looking forward to an equally enjoyable and rewarding October.

I encourage all families to take a look at the Highlights and Treasures each month. This newsletter is one means of communicating important information regarding school events and guidelines. Communication also occurs through the use of the school handbook, phone calls, texts, emails, Edsby, Progress Reports, Progress Conferences, the school website, SchoolMessenger, and the school Facebook page. Thank you for contacting your child(ren's) teachers when you have questions or comments regarding their instruction or well-being.

Thank you for your engagement in the education of your child(ren). If you have any other comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 724-2181, or cschwehr@srsd119.ca.

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

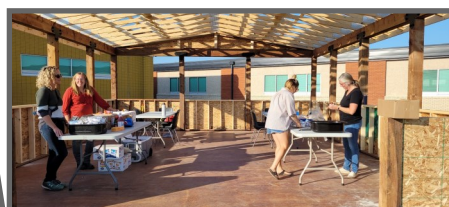


SCC Meet the Staff BBQ & AGM

On September 14 our School Community Council (SCC) hosted a free Meet the Staff BBQ for our parents, guardians, students and any interested community members. We were fortunate to have a beautiful fall night and were happy to welcome approximately 60-70 guests to our newly constructed gazebo to enjoy in some fellowship and some great food. After the BBQ, the SCC held their annual general meeting. Following a brief report from our school administrators and SRPSD board trustee Bill Gerow, we moved on to election. Both Ashley Jonasson and Liesl Lockhart have one year remaining on their two year mandate. Angela Vaadeland and Candis Dumais were re-elected to serve another two-year term. We were also happy to welcome Shannon Amundson and Amber Prang as new members to the SCC. A big "THANK-YOU" to Sarah Grimard, Grant Aarrestad and Rachelle Little who completed their mandates and have resigned their seats on the SCC, your presence will be greatly missed.

Our next meeting is on October 25th at 7 p.m. All SCC meetings are open to the public. If you would like to be included on the agenda please contact myself or our SCC chair, Angela Vaadeland.

Mr. Tetreault
Vice Principal



Debden Public School is a NUT-FREE & SCENT-FREE zone!



To avoid causing a severe allergic reaction, please refrain from bringing food into the school that contains nuts. We also ask that staff and students refrain from wearing highly fragrant products when coming into our school building.



In the interest of student safety we are asking all parents to follow these suggestions when picking up their children at the end of the school day. It gets rather hectic in the staff parking lot at dismissal time, with children running all over the parking lot headed to their ride.

- *Please arrive prior to the 3:15 dismissal bell.
- *Please use the stalls on the right hand side of the lot, parallel to the main side-walk, whenever possible.
- *Back in to the stall if possible.
- *Encourage your child to use the sidewalk and avoid going through the parking lot to your vehicle.

If the parking lot is full, please park on the street.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our children.

Lost & Found Items

Each month we will try to post a picture of lost & found items. Please take a look and if it's yours, stop by the office to claim it.



SLC

The S.L.C members have been meeting regularly on Wednesdays at lunch. During this time, activities for October, November, and December are being planned out. Thanks to all of the students that have stepped up to the leadership plate.

- GRACIE CYR

KARA THIESSEN

ROSE FRY

AYLA PETERSON

DESIREE POTT

ROAN AMUNDSON
- BRIELLE AMUNDSON

TAEJAH GOBERT

ALEXIS BEAULIEU

KAYDEN AMUNDSON

RAEF DE BRUIJN

Canteen

The school canteen is open during the 1st recess (11am - 11:10am) for high school students and again during the noon break for K-12 students. We have a variety of snacks and drinks available. We are always looking for new items, so if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Canteen Menu

Crispers	\$4.00
Crispy Mini	\$4.00
Pringles	\$2.00
Chips	.75¢
Ritz Bits	\$2.00
Oreo cookies	.50¢
Pudding	.75¢
Muffins	\$1.50
Granola Bars	50¢
Rice Krispies Square	.75¢
Snack Cakes	.75¢
Chocolate Bars	\$2.50
Pull n' Peel	.50¢
Cheez It Crackers	.75¢
Big Chief Jerky	\$1.00
McSweeney's Jerky	\$3.25
Mini Ice Cream Sandwich	.75¢
BEVERAGES	
Juice Boxes	.50¢
Juice & Pop cans	\$1.75
Milk	\$1.25
Water Bottles (L)	\$1.50
Juice Bottles	\$2.00
carrot & celery sticks	-.50¢/bag

Student Registration forms are due!!

We are still missing some student registration forms from our students. All returning students must fill out a student registration form. Click on the QR to fill out the online form.



Please Be On Time!

Please remember that the school day begins at 8:50am. Students should be at school by 8:45. Classes begin after lunch at 12:50pm. Students should be back at the school by 12:45.

Noon Hours for Gr. 7-12 Students

9-12 students can go up town at noon without consent.

7-8 students require a written consent for permission to go up town at noon (to be given to their homeroom teacher or office), unless the student lives in town.

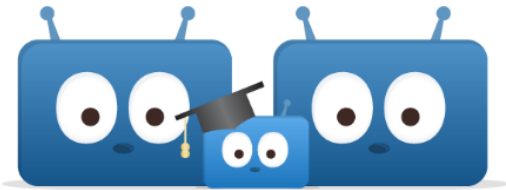
Bell Times

8:50 - 8:55	Warning Bell/Attendance
8:55 - 9:55	Period 1
9:55 - 10:00	5 minute break/class change
10:00-11:00	Period 2
11:00 - 11:10	10 minute recess break
11:10 - 12:10	Period 3
12:10-12:50	Lunch Break
12:50 - 1:55	Period 4
1:55 - 2:10	15 minute recess
2:10 - 3:15	Period 5



Edsby for Parents

Edsby for Parents
Fall 2022



Grade 1-9 Grading Scale

Click on the QR code to access Edsby for Parents - Find lots of frequently asked questions & get help navigating through Edsby.

Noon Meals & Milk Cards

Our Noon Meal Program has begun. The menu for Semester 1 was sent home with students and also posted to our FB page. Orders can be made through our online payment system, [School Cash](#). The meals will only be available to purchase the week prior to being served.

You can also purchase milk cards for your child(ren) on Schoolcash for \$20.00. This will get you 18 (250 ml) milks. Students can decide each day if they want a milk. Once the card has been used up - it is sent home with the student as a reminder to purchase another if desired.

School Cash



We also post other items available to our students throughout the year. When a new item is posted a reminder email is sent out to parents through schoolcash.

If you need help setting up your School-Cash account, please stop in at the office or give us a call.

Indoor Shoes are required for school!



All students should have a pair of indoor shoes that are left at the school and to be used inside the school only (including gym class). Dirty &/or wet shoes/boots must be left on the boot racks.

Don't forget your water bottle!



Students - please bring a reusable water bottle to school. We have 2 water refill stations available with RO water.



Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change (SRSC)

The Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change comes together regularly to discuss challenges and opportunities in education, to take part in leadership and learning opportunities, to plan actions and events, and to advocate for student learning and wellbeing. The SRSC provides advice and student perspective directly to the school board on a regular basis through two elected student trustees, with a focus on bettering student experiences in schools and improving results for the division.

The SRPSD Board has committed to directly involve students in the governance of the school division; to provide for a mechanism where students could share their perspectives and opinions on education with their locally elected trustees; to maximize student voice and the opportunities available for young people to engage in division-wide leadership and capacity building. Amplifying student voice in the decision-making structures of the school division has also paved the way for partnership building, innovation, enhanced student engagement and a critical cultural shift in school and division culture where students are invited to lead change and affect student achievement and outcomes.

All SRPSD K-12/ High Schools provide 2-3 student leaders to represent their school on the SRSC to bring forward local school concerns, information items and actions to the SRSC committee and subsequently to our Board of Education. A focus in the selection of the students is the divisional context of the SRSC outlined above, as well as other considerations. The effort is made to include students: who reflect the school demographics, have diverse experiences, provide leadership within the school, have capacity to further develop their skills as student-leaders, are willing to authentically engage and contribute to the governance process of the school division, and who have the ability to commit to meetings.

Congratulations to the three students who have been selected to be our representatives for 2022-2023: Gracie Cyr, Ayla Peterson, Alexis Beaulieu.

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr
SRSC School Contact

Mind Your Health Movement

As some of you may recall, last school year four of our students (Gracie Cyr, Desirée Pott, Rose Fry, and Kyra Johnson) put together a [Mind Your Health Video](#) that resulted in a Student Citizenship Award of \$1000 for our school. The Mind Your Health Movement is a continued focus for the 2022-2023 school year – specifically Mental Wellness, Physical Health, and Selflessness. Throughout the year there will be a variety of activities related to important work in these three areas.

Let's all remember to mind our health!

Gracie Cyr – Student Leader

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr – Staff Advisor

Counselling Services Available to Students

Our itinerant school counsellor – Laurel Hufnagel – is available on site one day per week (Thursdays). She is able to provide a wide range of support services to students, teachers and parents. Individual counselling is confidential. When necessary, the counsellor may wish to consult with teachers, parents, administrators, other social services personnel or professional psychological services. Every attempt is made to protect the privacy of the individual student. Counselling services may be initiated by the student, parents/ guardians, or staff member(s). Students may see the counsellor without parental or guardian permission, but if students wish to see the counsellor more than one time, parent/ caregiver permission is required. The counsellor also does group work with students (ie dealing with issues such as peer pressure and bullying). Information regarding other counselling services outside of the school is available to students and families from Mrs. Hufnagel.

Therapy Animals in the Schools

We are fortunate to have access to a Certified Therapy Dog – Bentley – through our itinerant school counsellor. The use of therapy dogs can be beneficial to student learning and an individual's well-being in the right circumstances and with careful planning. Research supports the use of therapy dogs in the following areas: anxiety, self-regulation, trauma, social skills, compassion and empathy, self-esteem, and motivation to move. Responding to the needs of individuals in these areas can lead to improved cognitive performance, memory, and problem solving.

There are times throughout the year when Bentley will accompany Mrs. Hufnagel to our school to support various student learning and well-being goals. **If your child(ren) has/have any medical or emotional restrictions (allergies, phobias, etc) related to the presence of a dog in the school, please call Corrine Schwehr (Principal) at 724-2181, by Wednesday, October 5th.**

Food Forest Installation at the School

A few months ago, Debden School was selected for a “Food Forest” program funded by the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council and Cenovus. Our school was provided with plants, soil, mulch, wooden stakes, and chicken wire to be used as a trunk guard. The plants delivered included 2 apple, 5 strawberry, 4 raspberry, 2 cherry, 1 haskap, and 1 Josta berry.

Grade 7/8 students and staff prepared the soil for planting and discussed the different species and their growing needs, as well as how the area we chose met those needs. The area was roughly cultivated by hand with shovels, so that construction debris such as concrete or metal pieces could be removed. We also removed dandelion roots by hand before a rototiller was used to break up the soil even more. The tilled area was raked smooth, and any remaining clumps of grass were removed.

Next, we planted all the trees, shrubs, and fruit plants provided before watering them in thoroughly.

We plan on spreading the mulch and installing the chicken wire trunk guards in the coming days, and we will be staking each plant so they will be visible to potential foot traffic when they are buried under the snow in winter.

We are grateful to the NSRBC and Cenovus for making these resources available to us, and for their help in making the project happen. Students are already talking about how they can’t wait to sample the fruit next year. It is being noticed and appreciated in our community as well. We are excited to have it be a new part of our outdoor learning space!

Mrs. Couture



2022 Terry Fox Run

Our 26th annual Terry Fox Run took place on Friday, September 23, 2022. It was sunny and warm for us as we set out to walk alongside combines harvesting in the fields.

It is always impressive how our community pulls together for a great cause. Together, our students and community collected pledges online as well as in person this year, and raised **\$3925.55** to help The Terry Fox Foundation support cancer research. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who support this important cause!

Mrs. Couture
Mrs. Dumais



Debden School Sports

Volleyball season has begun!

Junior volleyball is a mixed team this year. We started practicing mid-September and had our 1st set of games in Big River on September 27th. Our next set of games will be October 4th after school in Debden if you would like to come watch.

Our sr. girls volleyball season has begun. We have a big team of 14 girls and are excited to be playing in the HWY 55 league against Canwood, Big River, Shellbrook & Leoville. Our next home game in Debden is Oct. 27th after school.



Cross-Country

Students have been practicing cross country running on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at noon throughout September. We're focusing on a consistent pace throughout a 1.5km route. We will head to extravaganza in Spruce Home on October 4th.

Canadian Parents for French

Saskatchewan is continuing the virtual summer camp *Fête du soleil 2022* Program, entitled *Fall 2022 Edition/Version d'automne 2022*. Students are encouraged to submit a French video on a topic of their choice using new vocabulary. This year's Program is open to kindergarten to grade 12 students as a chance for them to practice their public-speaking skills in the lead up to *Concours d'art oratoire*. This Program is not designed to be school- or classroom-led but a way for students to practice their French and public-speaking skills at home.

Are you a student learning French between Kindergarten and Grade 12 and want a way to practice your public speaking? Create a French video on a topic of your choice using new vocabulary. Submit up to one video per week from September 14 to November 30 to win some great prizes! For video requirements, visit <https://sk.cpf.ca/en/fete-du-soleil-summer-camp/>.



VTRA - Letter of Fair Notice

The Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Board (SRPSD) and École Debden Public School are committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. We believe that by working together with students, their families, and the community we can support young people to be healthy and happy.

The Prince Albert Community Violence, Threat and Risk Assessment (VTRA) Protocol outlines how schools will respond to threatening or worrisome behavior.

Click on the link below to read the letter that serves as fair notice that SRPSD will take decisive action when a serious threat has been made. Our goal, as always, is to ensure student safety in a caring learning environment. The letter is also available on the "parent" tab of the SRPSD website (Safe Schools section).

Link: https://www.srsd119.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/VTRA_Letter-Fair-Notice_Parents_July2018.pdf



The updated École Debden Public School Handbook can be found on the school website <https://db.srsd119.ca/>. If you would like a printed copy of the handbook, please call the school (724-2181), and we will send one home with your child. The handbook is provided as one means of communicating information regarding school expectations, policies, and procedures.



Reminder for every Thursday: Place your noon meal order for the following week!

October 2022

École Debden Public School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Laurel, our school counselor is here on Thursdays.					1
2	3	4 K	5	6 K	7	8
		Lamplight Pizza	World Teachers' Day	Hamburger	PLC No Classes	
9	10	11 K	12	13 K	14	15
	Thanksgiving No Classes	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce		Taco in a Bag		
16	17	18 K	19	20 K	21 K	22
	Bus Driver Appreciation Day	Family Literacy Evening 5-6:30pm for K-6 students	PJ Day	Picture Day HWY 55 Football game @4pm in BR vs Hague Pork Souvlaki & Greek pasta salad	Gym Blast	Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament in Canwood
Education Week October 16-22						
23	24	25 K	26	27 K	28	29
		Demers Chicken Combo	Opening Doors to Tomorrow Career Fair Gr.9-12	BBQ chicken & loaded mashed potatoes	HWY 55 Playoffs in BR @ 1pm	
30	31					

Education Week Oct. 16-22

Mon: Letter Writing
Tues: Mental Health Day &
Family Literacy Evening (K-6)
from 5pm-6:30pm
Wed: Reading Buddies & muffins & PJ Day
Thurs: Picture Day & Staff Appreciation Day
Friday: Gym Blast



Driver's Ed.

Classes begin on Oct. 17 and go to Dec. 7th. They are every Monday & Wednesday from 3:20-5:20 p.m. in the computer lab. Students have been given the schedule and all the information needed to get registered. Students should have all their documentation submitted before the first class.

