

Highlights & Treasures

NOVEMBER 29, 2022



Principal's Message

We are moving full steam ahead into the hustle and bustle of December. It's hard to believe that in 3 weeks we will be on Christmas break.

A focus of November was Progress Conferences. To those of you who attended 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 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. December will be a full month with an abundance of Christmas related learning experiences, fun SLC activities, and of course our school Christmas dinner and the Christmas concert. It's exciting to be able to have our families and community members back in the school for an in-person concert.

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



Debden School Curling Bonspiel

December 12th – 16th 2022

Grades 5 – 12

Round Robin: 3:30-4:45 Monday – Thursday

Playoffs: during the school day on Friday the 15th

No Equipment Needed



Teams of 5 players mixed grades (one spare player per team)

Teams will be made once everyone has signed up

Games are 4 ends (ties go to a fifth end)

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](#).

When the outside temp. is -28 or colder (with or without wind) - there is no outside recess.

Students, please remember to bring a reusable water bottle!

We are 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!



Keep informed!

Text Yes to 978338

To receive messages from our Admin staff regarding bus cancellations, noon meal reminders, upcoming important dates, etc.

All 2022-2023 Highlights & Treasures can be found on our website

<https://db.srsd119.ca/> under the Newsletter/ Calendar tab. All families are encouraged 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.

Senior Girls Volleyball

We have had a great volleyball season! Once again we played in our Highway 55 league which included, Debden Canwood, Big River, Shellbrook and Leoville. We also played in 2 tournaments, one in Canwood and one in Medstead, where we really noticed this great team of girls grow. The ladies not only improved their skill level, but they also really gelled together as a team and their enthusiasm was contagious. This year Debden School hosted the Sr. Girls' Volleyball Conference on Nov. 5th. Despite the poor weather and road conditions, it was a great day of volleyball. We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped make conference so successful. Thank you to Mrs. Cyr and her PAA 30 class who made delicious hamburgers and taco in a bag for our canteen. We'd also like to thank Mr. Jean and Mr. Tetreault and some of their students for sprucing up our volleyball net stands, as well as Canwood School for lending us their referee stand. Our players and parents made and donated delicious buns, soups and baking for our canteen. We would also like to thank our parents, students, staff and community members who volunteered their time to score-keep, do lines, work in our canteen and at our admission gate. All these amazing volunteers allowed us and our girls to focus on playing hard that day during conference where we placed 2nd overall and advanced to Regionals!

On Saturday, Nov. 12th, the team headed to Rose Valley for Regionals where we met some very impressive competition. Once again our girls played hard and represented Debden School well. It was a full day of volleyball and we ended it in the bronze medal game where we pushed Bellevue to a 3rd set and lost 15-12. Although we didn't advance to provincials, it was a very exciting way to end our volleyball season! This team was so fun to coach and we thoroughly enjoyed our season! Good job ladies!

Mrs. Person & Mrs. Amundson
Coaches



Canwood Tournament
Champions!



Medstead tournament
(Halloween-themed -
baseball players)



Regionals in Rose Valley



Backrow L-R: Mrs. Amundson, Rayna Vaadeland, Gracie Cyr, Kimowan Rabbitskin, Brooklyn Amundson, Elizabeth Jean, Kezia Delorme, Ayla Peterson & Mrs. Person Front row L-R: Afton Grimard, Rhyann Amundson, Lucy Lockhart, Kayce Vaadeland, Kara Thiessen, & Alexis Beaulieu (in-front)



"Just keep swinging!"



Backrow L-R: Miss Aarrestad, Brielle Amundson, Jessie Lockhart, Emmie Molzan, Miera Naytowhow, Sierra Morin & Olivia Beaulieu Front row L-R: Blake Wiebe, Micah Fiddler, Raef De Bruijn & Gauge Vaadeland. Missing: Carter Lafond, Dyllan Little and Alex Poirier

Junior Volleyball



We had a great season of junior volleyball! We created a mixed team and competed against Big River and Canwood each week. Players practiced new skills and learned to apply these skills in game situations. Great season everyone!

- Miss Aarrestad
Coach

Scholastic Book Fair



Once again with the huge support from our parents, staff, community members and students the “**Arctic Adventure Book Fair-Snow Much to Read!**” was a success. This year we again managed to top our projected total of \$1,500.00 in sales. A percentage of these sales are returned to our own library in books. I will soon have the new books processed into the computer so that students will have access. Each year I think there is no way to top last year’s total, but with the help from parents, students, staff and community members, we always seem to do well.

Carter Lafond was the lucky winner of the guessing game. There were many correct answers of 17 red fish swimming amongst the blue whales, but after a draw Carter came out the winner of the prize. Mrs. Poirer and Kyra Parsons were the lucky winners of the \$25.00 draw; they each received \$25.00 in books. Congratulations to all three of you.

I would like to thank Mrs. Shannon Amundson who spent many hours helping me and to Mrs. Rachelle Little who so graciously offered to help. I enjoyed meeting you all and welcomed the help! I could not have done it without you. Thank you to everyone.

A special Thank-You is in order for Raef DeBruijn who purchased three Gordon Korman books at the book fair and graciously donated them back to the school library for everyone to enjoy. Thank you so much for that kind gesture!

Mrs. Pease
Librarian



Food Hamper - Dec. 5-9th

This year from Dec. 5-9th, the SLC is collecting for a Food Hamper. Not only is this a great cause for those in need, but students can also earn points for their school house team by donating non-perishable food items.



Candy Cane Grams - Dec. 5-9th.



The S.L.C will be set up in the Commons Area to take orders for Candy Cane Grams during the week of Dec. 5-9th. Students can purchase a candy cane for their friends or teachers at school and they can purchase as many candy canes as they wish. The ‘Gram’ can be left anonymous or students can write who the candy cane is from. The price of candy cane grams are .50 each or 5 for \$2.00

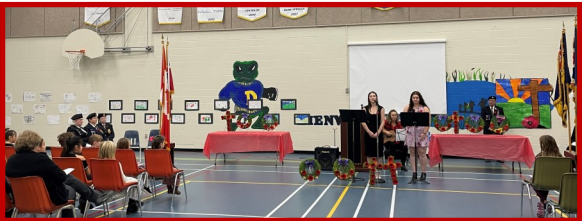
Candy Canes Grams will be **delivered on Monday, December 19th.**

SLC - Spirit Days

- Dec. 14 - Christmas Character Day**
- Dec. 15 - Snowflake Day** (wear blue, white/grey/sparkles (anything snow))
- Dec. 16 - Pajama Day**
- Dec. 19 - Candy Cane Day** (wear red & white)
- Dec. 20 - Formal Day**



On November 9th, we held our Remembrance Day Ceremony, organized by Mrs. Cyr & Madame Poirier. Thank you to Mr. Thompson and the Canwood Legion, and to the Debden Knights of Columbus for joining us.



Handbook Highlight

Each month in the Highlights and Treasures we highlight something from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on ***Student Attire & Vaping/ Tobacco, & Illegal Drug Use.***

Student Attire

The school encourages positive lifestyles and choices; clothes worn should reflect that. Attire guidelines apply to students and staff during the school day and at all school activities. Students are expected to cooperate with staff should they be requested to modify their mode of dress. We ask for parent/guardian support to ensure their child (ren) are appropriately dressed.

- For safety and hygienic reasons, students in the school must wear footwear. Students must have two pairs of footwear. One pair is for indoor use and one pair for outdoor use.
- Sunglasses will not be worn.
- Hats, toques and hoods are not permitted to be worn.
- Clothing will be free from messages contrary to healthy lifestyle choices (for example, messages or pictures endorsing or supporting the use of vulgarity, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, offensive language, violence, and/ or sexual activity).

Please note that we ask parents/ caregivers and students demonstrate conservative choices for attire – some examples are sweaters, cardigans, hoodies over: crop tops, strapless or thin strapped attire; no display of undergarments; no excessively short skirts/ dresses, shirts or shorts.

Vaping/ Tobacco, Alcohol, & Illegal Drug Use

According to government legislation, Saskatchewan schools are tobacco-free zones. Tobacco use, both smoked and smokeless tobacco, as well as vapour products are banned in schools and on school grounds. This legislation does not apply to the sacred or ceremonial use of tobacco. *The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* supports healthy environments for students and families in the school community and applies to everyone, not just students and staff.

Vaping/ tobacco, alcohol and illegal drug use/ abuse is a serious problem in today's society. Substance abuse not only has a negative impact on performance at school, but also can have horrendous lifelong effects. The staff, therefore, wishes to address this issue in a proactive way. We will continue to address this from an educational perspective. However, if we are given reason to believe that any of our students may be involved with drugs or alcohol, we will deal with it on a personal, individual basis.

The school, together with parents/ guardians and the RCMP, work to discourage and prevent the use of vapes, tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs.

Students who vape/ smoke need to be off school property, and should not be leaving to vape/ smoke during the instructional portion of the school day. Vaping/ smoking paraphernalia must not be visible on school property. Home contact will be made when a student is suspected of – or found to be – vaping or smoking on school property.

In accordance with the Education Act and the law, students are not allowed to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while in attendance at school or when involved in any school-sanctioned activity. Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited on school property.

If there is cause for suspicion that a student is under the influence or in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol, the following steps are taken:

1. Classroom teachers and/ or in-school administration is notified, and they investigate.
2. Upon obtaining proof of use of alcohol or drugs and/or possession, (during school hours or at school activities/ functions), classroom teachers/in-school administration shall inform parents/guardians and arrange for the child to go home for the remainder of the day. A referral may be made to the school counsellor or to a Prince Albert Parkland Health Addictions Counselor to undergo an assessment. The parents/ guardians will be involved in determining any further action.
3. (a) The student, along with the evidence, may be turned over to the RCMP and charges may be laid.
(b) Classroom teachers/ in-school administrators may request further assessment by health authorities for the possibility of "inpatient treatment."
(c) Refusal by a student and his/ her parent/ guardian to agree to an addictions program or health assessment may result in suspensions, expulsions, and/ or the matter being referred to the Board of Education.
(d) Any trafficking of drugs/ alcohol is an automatic referral to the Director/ Board of Education for expulsion. RCMP involvement is mandatory.

Please note that we do not allow energy drinks or other energy enhancements products/ substances in school.

OurSCHOOL 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 caregivers, 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/caregivers with children in Grades 4-12

When: November 29th – December 5th, 2022

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 web-site [here](https://www.ourschool.net/2022parentscaregivers) (or "Google" OurSCHOOL Survey).

To access the survey, manually enter the provided website address or Ctrl + Click <http://www.ourschool.net/2022parentscaregivers>.

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



The PAA 30 students braved the cold weather to complete their construction project. This year, students built a shelter for the Snow Traveler's Club. Later this winter, you will find it along the snowmobile trail between Debden and Canwood.

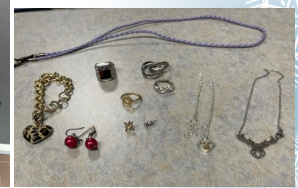
- Mr. Jean



PAA 30 Project



Lost & Found Items



Mind Your Health Movement

For the month of November, the Mind Your Health Movement had three main initiatives on-the-go.

1. Aluminum Tab Collection – We continue to collect donations of aluminum tabs from cans. After researching the possibilities for tab drop offs it looks like all our tabs will go to "Silver for Gold" – Childhood Cancer. Please collect tabs and send them to school with your child, or drop them off in person.



2. Bulletin Board – A Mind Your Health Movement bulletin board is in the Commons Area. Students use it to display positive comments and highlight positive activities.

3. Snow Shoveling – Gracie has purchased a few snow shovels so that volunteer snow shoveling can take place at times during the winter months.

The Mind Your Health Movement leads activities related to important work in three main areas – Mental Wellness, Physical Health, and Selflessness – including activities as the Student Leadership Council (SLC).

Let's all remember to mind our health!

Gracie Cyr – Student Leader

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr – Staff Advisor