

Highlights & Treasures

January 2023



École Debden Public School

Principal's Message

Here we are – ½ way through the school year! What a wonderful month it's been compared to the realities of January 2022 with its blizzards, freezing rain, crazy winds, a bizarre range of high and low temperatures & of course Covid. We've been fortunate to enjoy some great January temperatures for this Saskatchewan winter, with much more normalcy this January in the routines of our school year.

Semester 2 officially began Tuesday, January 31st. A focus of January has been the completion of Semester 1 for grades 7-12, along with report card preparation and distribution across the grades. Watch for those reports cards electronically, and in paper form, at the end of the week. Contact your child(ren)'s teachers if you have questions or comments regarding their instruction or well-being.

There are other things to highlight from January. There is ongoing quality learning in classrooms every day. We've had various class excursions to the skating rink, curling rink, bowling alley, and the Manor. The SLC continues its great work. The junior basketball program has continued throughout the month. Our K-6 classes have a lot of fun on the playground and especially on the snow hills (if you drive or walk by, check out the tunnels!). Just a reminder to please ensure your child(ren) is/are always dressed appropriately for the temperatures.

Thank you for your continued support of the school – it's greatly appreciated and valued. As always, if you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school (306) 724-2181, or via email cschwehr@srsd119.ca.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

Mind Your Health Movement

With a focus on semester wrap-up and report cards in January, our students and staff did not have any new Mind Your Health Movement initiatives this month. However, we do have three ongoing projects:

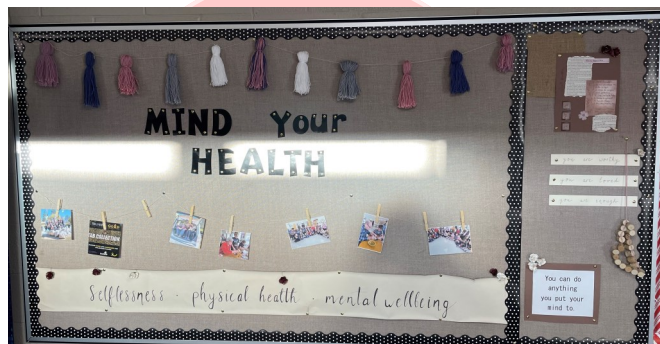
1. Aluminum Tab Collection – We continue to collect donations of aluminum tabs from cans. Our tabs will go to "Silver for Gold" – Childhood Cancer. Please collect tabs and send them to school with your child, or drop them off in person.
2. Bulletin Board – A Mind Your Health Movement bulletin board is in the Commons Area. Students use it to display positive comments and highlight positive activities.
3. Wellness Activity Books – The school received their order of "The Wellness Activity Books" for all students in grades 3-6. The book includes over 100 fun activities to learn about care for mental wellness.

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




Attention Parents/Guardians

If you haven't already activated your **Edsby** account—**please do it now!**

We have re-sent email invitations to parents who have not activated their account. Once you activate your account, download the **Edsby App** so you can:

- *access your child's marks & report cards
- *enter planned absences
- *receive important messages, etc.

It is so important for at least 1 parent/guardian to activate your Edsby account and begin using the App on a regular basis.



The school code is **srsd119**

If you haven't already done so,

Text **Yes to 978338** to begin receiving important messages from Debden School.

We use this text feature to inform our parents/guardians about the following:

- *bus cancellations
- *upcoming events
- *messages to check your email or Edsby account
- *other school related items.



Please use Edsby to enter your child's absence.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call the school.
306-724-2181

SLC

The S.L.C is excited to raise money for TELEMIRACLE. They are organizing a couple of fundraisers that will be starting in February.

TELEMIRACLE hands can be purchased at any time. All you need to do is send any donation amount to the school. The student will bring the money to the office and will receive a “Telemiracle Hand” in exchange. They will write their name on the hand. The hands will be placed on the gym wall. Our hope it to go around the gym with as many hands as we can. Any donation is accepted.



There will also be a candy jar guess in the glass case. Students can make a guess of how many candies are in the candy jar. Students can pay .50 cents per guess or 5 guesses for \$2. The winner will get the jar of candy and the proceeds will go to Telemiracle.

Also, the money collected from “Hat Day” (from Sept to Feb.) will be sent to Telemiracle.

SLC Spirit Days

- Tuesday, February 7th- Anything but a water bottle day**

This means students can come to school with a bowl, a cup, or even a rubber boot, to hold their water. We must be mindful of the rules already set in place. We cannot allow any inappropriate sayings or alcohol or drug promotion on items that students bring to school. We can still be respectful and have fun.
- Tuesday, February 14th- Valentine's Day - wear red, white or pink**



Candy bags will be sold during the week of January 31st to February 3rd. This is similar to the Candy Cane grams sold in December. During recess, students can pre-purchase candy bags for themselves and their friends. The S.L.C will deliver the actual candy in the bags on Valentines Day Tuesday, February 14th.

Candy bags are \$1.00 each

Lost & Found



Above are pictures of lost & found items. We are getting quite a collection of jewelry, shoes, mitts, toques, bunny hugs, etc. Please take a look at the pictures or stop by the lost & found bin. If the item is yours, please claim it.

SCHEDULE A COUNSELLING SESSION

→ We're helping people find the right support in times of need through free access to rapid access counselling sessions.

This service is available to children, youth, adults and families in Saskatchewan.

www.counsellingconnectsask.ca



Important

Terry Fox Run

The results of our Terry Fox School Run are in! École Debden Public School successfully surpassed last year's fundraising total and raised \$3,944.80 for groundbreaking cancer research. We are so proud and grateful to have such a dedicated and supportive community in pursuit of Terry's dream of a world without cancer. #terryfoxschoolrun

All students must have 2 pairs of shoes for school.

- 1 INDOOR PAIR of SHOES - to be worn indoor only.
- 1 OUTERWEAR SHOES/BOOTS

Lets do our part & keep our school clean!

Handbook Highlight

Each month in the Highlights and Treasures we highlight something from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on four brief sections.

Arrival To & Departure From School

The morning bell rings at 8:50. Students are to arrive at school between 8:35am and 8:45am. Students are dismissed at 3:15. Teachers, Educational Associates, and other staff, supervise classrooms, hallways, and bus loading areas to ensure students arrive and depart in a safe and efficient manner.

The driver of the bus is in complete charge of the bus and passengers. Non-compliance to bus expectations may result in disciplinary action by the bus driver and/ or school administrators and may include exclusion from bus service.

Classroom Expectations

Teachers incorporate classroom routines, procedures, guidelines, consequences, and rewards within their educational programs. Teachers go through these expectations with students early in the school year. The expectations will be followed in order to run an effective and efficient classroom.

Communication To & From School

Regular communication between home and school is an integral part of our school’s operation. Teachers are expected to maintain ongoing contact with parents/ guardians of their students regarding academic progress, attitude/ behaviour, attendance/ lates, etc. Teachers will share both student strengths and areas requiring growth. This may be in the form of progress reports, phone calls, emails, texts, Edsby messages, progress conferences, in-person meetings, and/ or letters.

Progress Conferences/ Progress Reports

Progress Conferences are held twice per year – once in October/ November and once in March/ April. Progress Reports are provided two times per year – once at the end of January/ early February and once at the end of June.

Noon meals

Mrs. Cyr’s grade 10 PAA class will be starting up noon meals for Thursdays again. Please see the list below of noon meals for the month of February, including our regular local restaurant options.

Please note that the PAA meals are subject to change - depending on availability, sales, etc. As always, an email from SchoolCash will be sent out to all parents/guardians with the meal options and a link to purchase the meals. If you have any questions about SchoolCash, please contact the school.

*** Reminder - there is no noon meal on Thursday, February 2nd**

Date	Supplier	Meal Option (Price)
Feb. 7, 2023	Demers Shopping Centre	Demers Chicken Combo - Drumstick combo (\$3) or 4-Tenders combo (\$6)
Feb. 9	Debden School PAA 10 class	Pizza buns with Caesar salad (\$4)
Feb. 14	Lamplight Cuisine	Pizza - 1 slice (\$3) or 2 slices (\$5)
Feb. 16	Debden School PAA 10 class	Sweet & Sour meatballs with rice (\$4)
Feb. 28	Eddie’s Twisted Grill	Spaghetti & meat sauce (\$5)
March 2	Debden School PAA 10 class	Taco in a bag (\$4)