

HIGHLIGHTS & TREASURES

March 30, 2023

ÉCOLE DEBDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Message

We made it to the end of March and we're almost into the home stretch of the school year. Here's hoping that we've seen our final drop of snow and that April will bring sunshine, warm days and melting galore.

There are always many enjoyable learning experiences happening in classrooms, and during out-of-school curricular experiences. Of course, there's added excitement with extracurricular activities. We share pictures of many of these experiences on the school Facebook page and here in the Highlights & Treasures. We hope you take the time to take a peek! March had us enjoying a number of things like SLC activities (including Spirit Days), downhill skiing/snowboarding trips, PA Carnival, badminton, and from a community perspective – the home stretch of hockey and broomball. April, May and June will also bring many enjoyable experiences with quality learning inside & outside classrooms, noon meals, progress reports, class trips, track and field, SLC activities, outdoor education, and graduation.

Thank you for your ongoing support & respect for the staff of École Debden School, and for your engagement in the education of your child(ren). It is valued. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school. I can be reached at (306) 724-2181 or cschwehr@srsd119.ca. Let's continue to all do our best to bring learning, happiness and good health to each day.

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

Progress Conferences

Progress Conferences will be held on Wednesday, April 5th from 3:30p.m. until 8:30p.m. Although we encourage parents/caregivers to speak with teachers in person, the phone conference will continue to be an option. If you are unable to sign-up for progress conferences on this date 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 at another time.

For this round of conferences, we will be using the EDSBY parent-teacher interview scheduler. A message has been sent to your Edsby mailbox notifying you that interviews are open for booking. For our K-6 students, you'll only see your child's homeroom teacher as well as any other subjects taught by Miss Aarrestad. At the 7-12 level, you will see an option to book for most subjects that your child is currently taking (I tried to set it up so there would be one subject for each teacher that your child has). It is not required to book in for every subject/teacher, but at the very least, we do recommend that you book in to see the teachers of the core subjects (Math, English, French). Please do not book more than one timeslot per teacher as we will likely run out of slots.

If you would prefer a phone interview, you can indicate that in the notes once you select your time slot. Be sure to leave your preferred phone number.

If you have any questions or are having trouble booking interviews, please give us a call at the school.

-Mr. Tetreault

Here is a short 1-minute tutorial video that shows the process of booking interviews through Edsby.





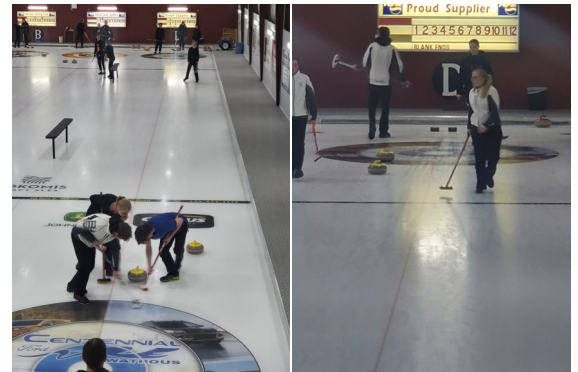
Senior Curling

Our Senior Curling team went to Watrous for Regionals. After one win and one loss, the team played hard through a nail biting game that went to an extra end. While they lost in the extra end, it was an excellent experience and competition. Special shout out to Cole Aarrestad and Desiree Beaulieu, former Debden School senior curling alumni. Cole coached our senior team leading up to Regionals and Desiree showed up in Watrous to coach them through their games. We sure appreciate our community support!

-Miss Aarrestad



Left to right: Miss Aarrestad (staff advisor), Alexis Beaulieu, Rayna Vaadeland, Aiden Beaulieu, Dalton Sanders & Desiree Beaulieu



SLC Activities

Spirit Days:

- April 5th - Wacky Hair Day
- April 20th - Twin/Squad Day (pair up with a friend to be twins or get a group of friends to all dress the same 'squad')

Show off your dance moves!



K-6 Spring Dance Party

On Thursday, April 6th, students from K-6 can go to the gym after lunch (12:30p.m.) for a Dance Party. Students who have been practicing with Mme Dumais will display their dance moves: Footloose, Cadillac Ranch & other group songs.

Mind Your Health Movement

Our students and staff continued with Mind Your Health Movement initiatives in March.

1. Aluminum Tab Collection – We continue to collect donations of aluminum tabs from cans. Our tabs 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. Inspiring Hope – We have partnered up with Canwood Public School to book a stop from an award-winning youth speaker during his cross country “Backpack Tour”. Sam Demma will speak to Debden/Canwood grades 5-12 students and staff in Canwood, this May.
3. Head & Heart, SK – We are working on finalizing a date for Landan Waite to share a powerful message regarding mental illness with our high school students, hopefully in May.

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

Ski Trips

K-8 Ski Trip to Timber Ridge

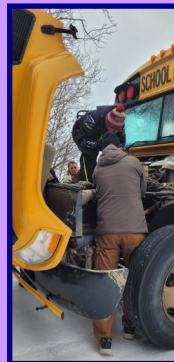
On Friday, March 10th, the K-8 students had the opportunity to go skiing at Timber Ridge. Once again, we were very fortunate to have a beautiful day to learn and refine our downhill skiing and snowboarding skills. I'd like to make a shoutout to our students who were very well behaved at the hill and stayed within their skiing/snowboarding abilities. A big thank-you to the staff and instructors at Timber Ridge for helping our students learn these wonderful winter sports. Also, thank-you to the many parents that came out and enjoyed the day with us and helped with supervision, including on the bunny hill. Some of you were even lucky enough to catch the BIG wipeout at the end of the day. 😊

-Mr. T



9-12 Ski Trip to Table Mountain

On Thursday, March 16th, our high school 9-12 students loaded up bright and early and started making our way to Table Mountain. After a brief roadside stop waiting for a replacement bus, we did make it to the hill a tad later than we hoped, but still managed to get a good day of skiing in. After leaving the hill, we kept our tradition of stopping at A&W for supper before making the long trek home to Debden. Once again, it was a great trip had by all. Thank-you to Mr. Prosser for booking the hill and helping organize the trip.



Handbook Highlight

Each month in the Highlights and Treasures, we highlight something from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on *Health Concerns*.

Health Concerns

Head Lice

Parents/ guardians of children with lice will be contacted and children will be sent home as soon as possible. Parents/guardians will be notified that their child will not be able to return to school until nits are no longer visible in the hair. You will be contacted as a parent/ guardian if your child has lice. If your child's classroom has been identified as having lice, a lice alert letter will go home with instructions for treatment and other helpful hints.

Illness

Certain diseases are labeled communicable (ex. Covid-19, Chicken Pox, Fifth Disease) according to the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region. If your child has symptoms of any of these diseases, they cannot attend school until the contagious stage has passed. Parents must contact the school as soon as possible to ensure the safety of other children. Letters are sent home to inform families regarding situations of concern.

Medication

We encourage parents/ guardians to administer prescribed medication at home. If it is necessary for a staff member to administer medication throughout the school day, a Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Medication Dispensing Form must be completed. Contact the school office for more information.

Allergies

There are several allergies in the school: nuts, fish, eggs, and scents. Please refrain from sending any bought or home baked foods containing nuts, peanuts and nut oils, as well as fish or egg products. Also, we ask that students, staff, and visitors in our school be cautious with the scent products they use. We appreciate your cooperation.

Screen Printing - CCF & Société historique

On Wednesday, March 22, students were very lucky to take part in a t-shirt screen printing activity in conjunction with the CCFD (Comité Culturel Fransaskois de Debden) and the Société Historique. Student from grades 1-8 were invited to the community center where they first learned about the Fransaskois sash and the significance of the colors. Then they made their way next door to the Golden Age and all got to choose a logo and screen print it on a t-shirt, free of charge. A huge "THANK-YOU" goes out to the board members of the CCFD who funded this cultural and language activity for our students and who took time out of their days to volunteer throughout the day.

-Mr. Tetreault

