

Highlights & Treasures

March 8, 2024

École Debden Public School

Principal's Message

February is behind us and we are well into March – in like a lion, hopefully out like a lamb. Here's hoping that we're completely done with no-bus days and indoor recesses! The days are already noticeably longer and I'm sure all of you are feeling the anxiousness for warm days outside.

The École Debden Public School staff has worked, and will continue to work, very hard to keep education and physical & mental health as our top priorities. We are hopeful that our Teachers Bargaining Committee and Government Trustees Bargaining Committee can come to a suitable agreement so that Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation sanctions can end. There are many things we all want to be able to look forward to in the months ahead – quality learning experiences in classrooms, a 9-12 ski trip, progress conferences, noon meals, class trips, badminton, track and field, SLC activities, outdoor education, graduation – just to name a few.

As we approach the middle of March, I encourage parents/caregivers to stay connected and involved in your child(ren)'s education. Please remember to make Progress Conferences a priority. When the time comes, please sign up for meeting times with your child(ren)'s teachers. Home-school communication and partnership play a pivotal role in ensuring well-being and success of students. Progress Conferences are an opportunity for meaningful discussions.

Let's continue to nurture the achievements of students and the collective positive spirit of École Debden Public School. Together we can make the rest of the academic year a continued time of growth, collaboration, and success.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

Progress Conferences

Progress Conferences (also known as Parent/Teacher Interviews)
are scheduled for **March 27th from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

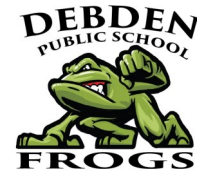
Please check Edsby for an upcoming notification/message to book your spot
with your child/ren's teachers.

Senior Mixed Curling

The Senior Curling season has come to a close. Districts took place in Prince Albert, Feb 14th and 15th. We played very well on Wednesday, with two big wins leading to more than 10 points. Thursday's games were close right until the very last end. Congratulations to our team for their efforts and hard work: Alexis Beaulieu, Dalton Sanders, Rayna Vaadeland, Raef DeBruijn and Alex Poirier. A special thanks goes out to our community coach Roland Svendsen. We enjoyed all your coaching techniques and your commitment to our team.

Until next year!

-Gisele Poirier
(curling manager)



5-6 Immersion Project

The grade 5/6 French class created communities to fit their "ink blot monster's" characters. They shared which adaptations were needed in order for their "monster" to survive. The students have also been learning how to adapt their "ink blot monsters" to their new environments as well. We finished the unit by sharing how we felt when needing to "adapt" to different communities.

Lévi Poirier gave a presentation about "adapting to a new environment" from his dorm room in Quebec City. The grade 5/6 French Immersion class learned about how he adapted to a new place.

Thanks, Lévi, you'll make a great teacher, one day!

Fun was had by all.

-Mme Poirier



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...


ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
 read well by the
 end of third grade

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
 pass important
 courses

HIGH SCHOOLERS
 stay on track for
 graduation

COLLEGE STUDENTS
 earn their degrees

WORKERS
 succeed in
 their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.


www.attendanceworks.org
Washroom Use

Thank you for talking with your child(ren) about the abuse of this privilege during class time, and the misuse of washroom spaces during breaks. We have seen improvements and are hopeful that these improvements will continue.



We continue to collect donations of aluminum tabs from cans. We donate the tabs to "Silver for Gold" – Childhood Cancer.

Please collect tabs and send them to school with your child, or drop them off in person.

**Class Pictures Available**

The school received a few extra copies of class pictures from Life Touch. If you did not order pictures, but want a copy of your child's class picture, please contact us or stop in for a copy.

First come, first serve.

Telemiracle Donation

Debden School donated **\$200.00** that was collected from 'Hat Fridays'.

Every Friday students can pay \$1.00 to wear their hat & throughout the year we donate the money to different organizations.



Handbook Highlight

Each month in the Highlights and Treasures we highlight sections from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on *Lunch Break Procedure & Canteen and Noon Meals*

Lunch Break Procedure

All students who are able to go home for lunch and return in time for afternoon classes are allowed to do so. If students stay at school for lunch, they will be supervised while eating lunch. It is expected all students will:

- o Act in a respectful and responsible manner.
- o Use a conversational voice.
- o Remain seated while eating.
- o Follow directions of supervisor(s).
- o Leave lunch areas clean

The lunch break is 40 minutes. There will be indoor and outdoor (on campus) supervision during the lunch breaks. Students who eat their lunch at school are expected to remain on school property unless they have parental permission to leave.

Bus students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 are only allowed to go uptown during the lunch break if a parent/ guardian has contacted the school and given permission. This permission must be provided to the office or homeroom teacher prior to the student leaving the school. The communication can be done through Edsby, a phone call, note, or text. All students in grades 9-12 are allowed to go uptown, unless parents/ guardians have informed the school otherwise. Leaving the school at lunch is a privilege and it can be revoked. Students who chose to go uptown over the lunch break must remember that they are still responsible to the school – and their parents/ guardians – for their behaviour.

When students are on their way to and from school and/or leave the school at noon, they are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and responsibly. The school works to nurture a positive relationship in the community. Students are expected to respect our neighbours and their property by being courteous and po-lite. They should not cut across lawns, block driveways, or litter. If they are driving, they should do so safely and courteously. Students are responsible to their parents/ guardians and to the school for behaviour to and from school and during noon.

Canteen and Noon Meals

We have a school canteen available with snacks for purchase. It is open for students in K-12 at noon, and for 7-12 students at 1st recess. We also have a noon meal service available for families, usually one day per week. More details about noon meals are provided each year from the school.

Elementary Art Work

