

Highlights & Treasures

March 28, 2024

Principal's Message

We've almost made it to the end of March and we're near the home stretch of the school year. With Easter just around the corner, it's an opportunity to pause, reflect, and re-energize. When we return after the break, it will be a week into April, and hopefully the days will regularly be filled with sunshine and warmth.

March brought students and staff many enjoyable learning experiences in classrooms, as well as out-of-school curricular experiences. The K-8 and 9-12 skiing/snowboarding trips were a highlight, as were the chick hatching visits to the Manor. 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 enjoy them. It's our plan and hope that April, May and June also bring many great school-based experiences. From a community perspective, March brought the end to hockey and broomball.

March was also the time for spring Progress Conferences at the school. If you were unable to speak with your child(rens)'s teacher (s) at this time, please contact the school to make alternate arrangements. Thank you 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, through Edsby, or at cschwehr@srsd119.ca.

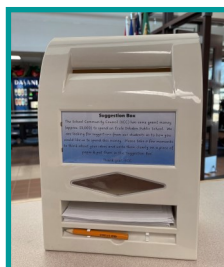
I wish you all a joyful and rejuvenating Easter season filled with love, laughter, and moments of reflection.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Corrine Schwehr



Suggestion Box



Students, we want your suggestions!!

The purpose of the suggestion box is to give voice to the students and gather suggestions on how best to spend SCC funds to meet needs in the school that are not already being met. Ideas can be small, ie. ensuring every child received a treat at Valentine's Day, or large, like equipment purchases. Get creative and suggest anything that will benefit the entire student body at École Debden Public School

Handbook Highlight

Each month in the Highlights and Treasures we highlight sections from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on Visitors and Volunteers.

Visitors

In the interest of child safety and security, and to assist teachers to deliver instruction with minimal interruption, all visitors to the school during the school day (including parents/ guardians and other family members) must report to the office upon arrival. Your child (ren) will be located and called to the office. Please enter the school using the main entrance (you will have to be buzzed in); all doors remain locked for the duration of the school day. If you are visiting a child, and not picking him/her up, please do so at break or noon.

Student visitors from other schools are not allowed in the school unless they have been granted permission from the Principal or Vice Principal.

Volunteers

As per Saskatchewan Rivers Administrative Procedure 473:

"The Division values the contributions of volunteers in enhancing learning opportunities while still recognizing its responsibility to provide a safe and caring environment for staff and students alike."

École Debden Public School follows Administrative Procedure 473 in any the use of any volunteers in the school.

Students are encouraged to become active volunteers in areas of their choice. This could be in our school, in our communities, or in other projects locally, provincially, nationally, or internationally. The benefits of volunteerism are numerous including being a significant factor when individuals are being considered for post-secondary scholarships.



Checking out the newly hatched chicks at the manor.

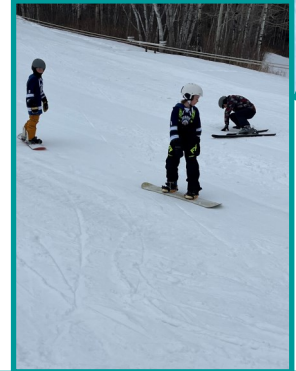
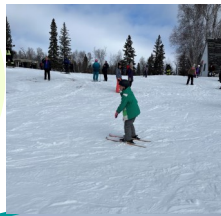


4 WAYS TO STAY SAFE TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

- 1 Recognize Safe Adults**
Teach your children to recognize safe adults such as teachers, staff, and other parents to go to if they need help. Remind them not to accept gifts or go anywhere with someone they do not know
- 2 Walk in a Group**
Encourage you child to walk or bike to school with friends or in groups. There is safety in numbers. Consider organizing a walking school bus for younger students.
- 3 Traffic Safety**
Remind your child to follow all traffic rules. Use designated crosswalks, obey traffic signals, and never dash out onto the street. Be alert in parking lots and around vehicles. If your child has their license please remind them to put their cell phones away while driving.
- 4 Bullying Prevention**
Encourage your child to talk to you or a trusted adult if they feel they are being bullied or witness bullying. Talk to them about the importance of reporting such incidents to school staff as soon as possible when appropriate.

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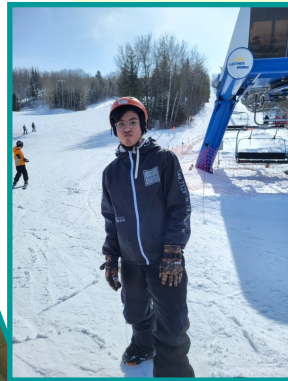
K-8 Ski Trip to Timber Ridge



Thanks to
Timber Ridge &
Table Mountain
for a great ski
day with our
students!



9-12 Ski Trip to Table Mountain



HEALTHY LUNCH IDEAS

FRUITS

VEGETABLES

PROTEIN

DAIRY

GRAINS

What makes a good, healthy lunch?

- limit prepackaged lunch items
- limit items that are high in sugar
- include vegetables, fruit, protein
- have your child help pack their lunch
- use leftovers to make wraps or sandwiches
- make a homemade fruit salad and muffins
- use a thermos to keep foods warm
- mix it up - provide different options each day
- send a water bottle
- prep lunches the night before
- share lunch ideas with others

We are a nut-free school.

Please make sure that all food items do not contain nuts.

Thank you!



Screens and the Brain Presentation

Thank you to Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Mental Health Coach, Carol Lemire. Carol came to our school on Wednesday, March 13th to present to, and do activities with, our K-2, 3/4, and 5/6 classes. Her topic was screens and the brain. A key component was the visual representation of balance with regards to screen time and brain development.

