

Highlights & Treasures

École Debden Public School

School website: <https://db.srsd119.ca/>



Principal's Message

We've stepped into the autumn season and the school year is in full swing. As the air turns crisp and the leaves are changing, we're reminded of the beauty of growth — something we see every day in the students.

Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to create an environment where each child feels valued, supported, and challenged. Whether it's through academic rigor, extracurricular activities, social-emotional learning, or any other area of development, we are committed to helping every student thrive. We work hard at building strong connections within our school community and encouraging every student to reach their full potential.

There are many highlights and treasures from the month of September, and some of these things will continue into October. Students have been involved in engaging classroom projects and activities, including learning experiences that go beyond the classroom. We've already had a number of co-curricular and extra-curricular experiences. The SLC is busy planning its activities for the year. The Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change representatives attended their first meeting at the Education Centre. We have students involved in Volleyball, Cross Country Running and Football. The School Community Council hosted a Back-to-School Event. We are looking forward to an equally enjoyable and rewarding October.

We encourage parents and guardians to stay involved. Your partnership is vital to the success of our school community. Please stay connected with your child(ren)'s teacher(s), and our school, through the various means available. Please join us at upcoming events, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Together, we will make this school year a journey of growth and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an essential part of what makes École Debden Public School a special place to learn and grow. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, for me, I can be reached at 724-2181, or cschwehr@srsd119.ca.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Corrine Schwehr


School Grounds

Reminder – As a safety precaution, we ask that the public only access the school grounds (all areas including the track and playground) outside of regular school hours. That means it can be accessed prior to 8:00am and after 3:45pm on school days, and anytime on weekends and holidays. Please be respectful and responsible with its use. School property is not public property; it is the private property of Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division. We have the responsibility & authority to manage access to it, and to ensure orderly & safe operations (Education Act, Articles 344 and 367).

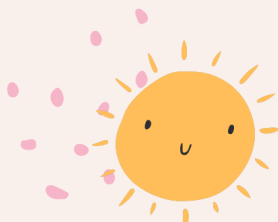


hello FALL






DEBDEN
PUBLIC SCHOOL




MORNING TOAST & FRUIT
STARTING OCTOBER 2ND

Every Monday - Toast



Every Wednesday - Fruit



If you would like to support our breakfast program,
please contact the school.



Thank You

SENDING A **BIG** THANK YOU
TO ANGELA VAADELAND
FOR DONATING BOOKS TO
OUR LIBRARY!

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO ADD
THE CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA COLLECTION TO
OUR SHELVES!



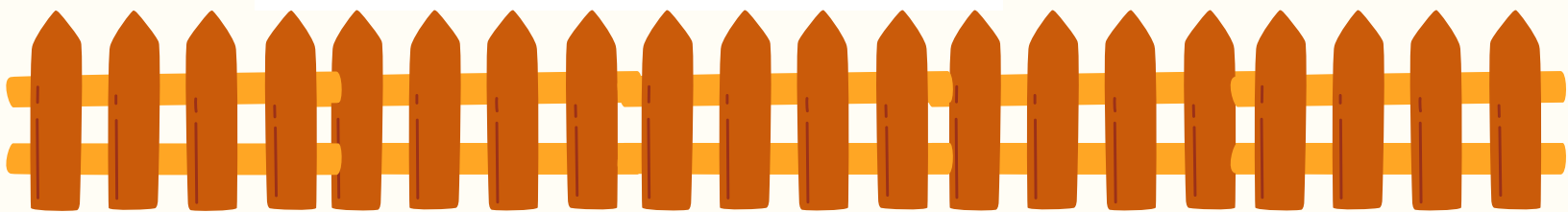
Library News

Our school has been awarded a Little Free Library through the Impact Library Grant Award. What a great addition to our schoolyard & town! The Little Free Library can be found in our gazebo. Anyone may take a book – students, community members, visitors – the books are always free. Book donations are welcome at our Little Free Library! Take a book. Share a book.

–Mrs. Little



Little Free Library.
Take a Book. Share a Book.



Aluminum Tab Collection

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.



About Silver for Gold

Silver for Gold was created by EcoGenX Agricultural Recycling with the help of Small But Mighty SK. The team of EcoGenX was compelled to start Silver for Gold when a child in their community was diagnosed with cancer. The team got a hold of Small But Mighty SK, asking how they could help, and the idea grew from there. Silver for Gold collects pop can tabs from across the country to raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer. Our drop off spot is Venice House in Prince Albert. The Annual Gold Walk, held in September in Saskatoon by Small But Mighty SK, is the mass collection day for all the tabs collected by families, businesses, and individuals. The tabs are then hauled to a JK Metals in Broadview, SK, by EcoGenX and 100% of the money is donated to Childhood Cancer Canada.



Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change

Congratulations to the three students who have been selected to be our representatives for 2024–2025: Lucy Lockhart, Alexis Beaulieu, and Avery Cyr.

The Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change comes together regularly to discuss challenges and opportunities in education, to take part in leadership and learning opportunities, to plan actions and events, and to advocate for student learning and wellbeing. The SRSC provides advice and student perspective directly to the school board on a regular basis through two elected student trustees, with a focus on bettering student experiences in schools and improving results for the division.

The SRPSD Board has committed to directly involve students in the governance of the school division; to provide for a mechanism where students could share their perspectives and opinions on education with their locally elected trustees; to maximize student voice and the opportunities available for young people to engage in division-wide leadership and capacity building. Amplifying student voice in the decision-making structures of the school division has also paved the way for partnership building, innovation, enhanced student engagement and a critical cultural shift in school and division culture where students are invited to lead change and affect student achievement and outcomes.

All SRPSD K–12/ High Schools provide 2–3 student leaders to represent their school on the SRSC to bring forward local school concerns, information items and actions to the SRSC committee and subsequently to our Board of Education. A focus in the selection of the students is the divisional context of the SRSC outlined above, as well as other considerations. The effort is made to include students: who reflect the school demographics, have diverse experiences, provide leadership within the school, have capacity to further develop their skills as student-leaders, are willing to authentically engage and contribute to the governance process of the school division, and who have the ability to commit to meetings.





HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT



Each month in the Highlights and Treasures we highlight something from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on the Administrative Services, Emergencies, Progress Conferences/ Progress Reports, Student Attire, and Vaping/ Tobacco, Alcohol, & Illegal Drug Use. Our complete school handbook can be found on the [school website](#).

Administrative Services

The main office is located at the main entrance of the school and is open from 8:30am to 4:00pm. All visitors and guests must be “buzzed in” and report directly to the school office for information and assistance.

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, parents/ guardians can reach their child by phoning the school. If an emergency should arise at school, the child’s parent/ guardian will be contacted as soon as possible. The emergency contact person will be notified if parents/ guardians cannot be reached. In the event that the parent/guardian or the emergency contact person cannot be reached, the in-school administration will take charge. Office personnel will act to ensure student comfort and safety by contacting the appropriate resource. Parents/ guardians will be notified as soon as possible.

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.

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).



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.

These guidelines align with Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Administrative Procedure 337.

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

Reminder:
Cell Phones
are not
permitted
during class
time

**How will
this help?**

- ✓ Removing Distraction
- ✓ Improve focus & Engagement
- ✓ Reduce anxiety caused by constant connectivity
- ✓ Promote face- to-face interactions

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Public School Division
Excellence for Every Learner



DID YOU KNOW?

Saskatchewan Health covers the
cost of annual eye exams for
all children under the age of 18

? When should my child receive their first eye exam?
We recommend that children have their first eye exam between 6 and 9 months of age.

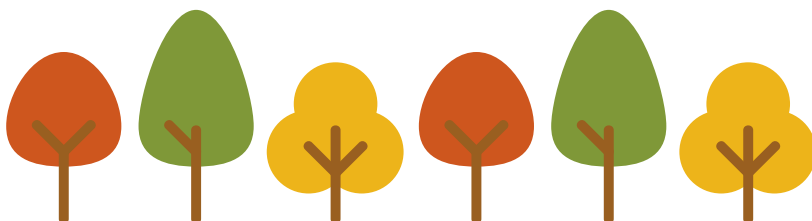
? How often should my child get their eyes examined?
Once between 6 and 9 months, once between the ages 2 and 5, and annually after the age of 5.

To find an optometrist near you,
or for more information, visit
childrensvision.ca

Saskatchewan
Association of
Optometrists

Text
Yes to 978338

To begin receiving messages from
School Messenger.
We use School messenger to send
text messages about noon meal
reminders, bus cancellations, and
other important information.



October 2024

École Debden Public School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day	1 K X Country Extravaganza Eddies: Perogies & sausage	2	3 K Lasagna & garlic toast Dessert: Vanilla pudding cracker cake	4	5
	Gr. 10 Outdoor Ed. Oct. 2-4					
6	7	8 K Lamplight pizza	9	10 K BBQ Chicken pita Dessert: sugar cookie	11 PLC No classes	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day No Classes	15 K Picture Day Demers Chicken Combo	16 SRPSD Career Fair (gr. 9-12) Sr. girls V-ball Debden hosting	17 K Beef Dip Dessert: banana cream pie Jr. girls V-ball Debden hosting	18 K	19
20	21	22 K Eddies: Perogies & sausage	23 Digital Citizen Day	24 K Chicken bacon pizza Dessert: brownie	25	26 Sr. Girls volleyball tourney in Medstead
27	28 MADD Presentation (gr. 7-12)	29 K Lamplight pizza	30	31 K Beef barley soup with cheese bread Dessert: cinnamon tortilla chips & fruit	Save the date: Nov. 7 th – School Remembrance Day Service Nov. 12 th – Progress Conferences	

