



# HIGHLIGHTS & TREASURES

École Debden Public School

## Principal's Message

October 31, 2024



The weather is getting chillier and soon snow, winter, and likely very cold temperatures, will be upon us. As October comes to a close, let's reflect on what we've already achieved this school year.

October has been full of academic rigor, collaborative learning, and growth across all grade levels – both inside and outside of the classroom. Our students' enthusiasm for learning and their commitment to excellence is often impressive. From diving into challenging projects to engaging in critical thinking, many students are showing diligence and creativity in their academic pursuits. We have engaging learning activities – in all areas, but with a focus on reading, writing and math. Thank you to our dedicated staff and parents/guardians who guide students on their educational journey.

In addition to academic pursuits, our extracurricular programs are in full swing. These experiences provide students with a chance to pursue other passions, build new skills, and foster friendships. We had students involved in school sports throughout the month – Cross Country Running, Volleyball and Football. Also, our Student Leadership Council (SLC), under the guidance of Mrs. Lafond and Miss Hiebert, have been taking the lead on a number of engaging student activities.

This month, we were fortunate to be allocated an additional .5 EA time. We welcomed Mrs. Jillian Poirier, who is joining us for the remainder of 2024-2025, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays.

We have much to look forward to in November – both curricular and extra-curricular. Of particular importance, are the upcoming Progress Conferences. They take place on Tuesday, November 12th; please remember to sign up. Your school involvement plays a crucial role in your child(ren)'s education; it's important for home-school communication to be ongoing and consistent. This month we will host our annual Remembrance Day Service. The Scholastic Book Fair is coming up. Volleyball and Football will be wrapping up. Keep an eye on the school calendar to keep track of the important dates.

Thank you for the support and trust you place in our school. Together, we form a school community dedicated to nurturing students. Please continue to contact your child(ren)'s teachers when you have questions or comments regarding their instruction or well-being. Please remember to contact the office for absences, or report them using the Edsby App.

If have any other comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 724-2181, or [cschwehr@srsd119.ca](mailto:cschwehr@srsd119.ca) .

Wishing you a wonderful November,  
Mrs. Corrine Schwehr

## Remembrance Day

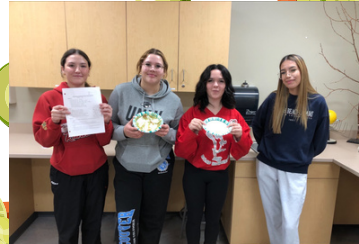


Remembrance Day is a special time of the year where we recognize those who fought and died for our country. In honour of this day, École Debden Public School will host a Remembrance Day Ceremony Thursday, November 7th, starting at 11:10 a.m.. All public members are invited to attend our ceremony. Further, to honour Remembrance Day, we ask that you wear a poppy over the left side of your chest, over your heart, both prior to and on Remembrance Day. We hope to see you there!



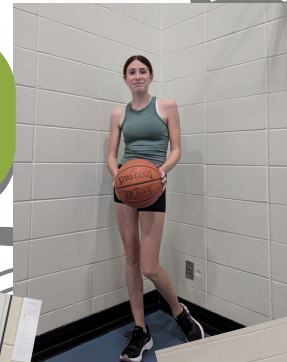
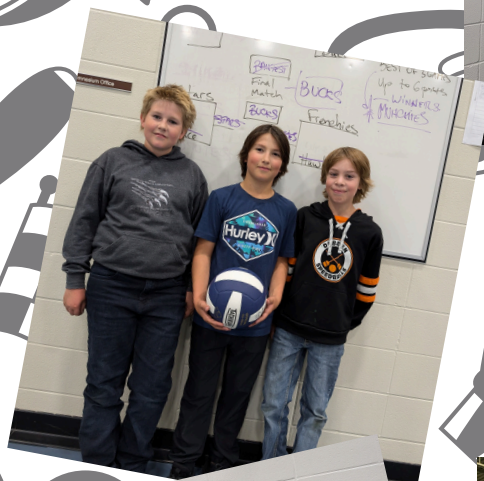
## GUACA'MOLE'

Thursday, October 10, students in Physical Science 20 with Miss Hiebert, made guaca'mole' using what they know about the topic they are currently learning, The Mole. A mole is a counting number, like a dozen, that is commonly used in chemistry. Students were given a recipe written entirely in moles, and using what they learned, had to convert to mass or parts and add the determined amount to their bowl. Much fun was had, and students ended class by eating their homemade guaca'mole'.



## SPORTS WEEK

October 7- 10





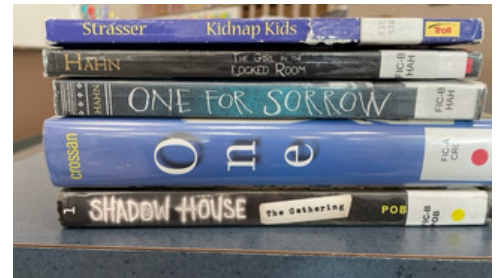


# LIBRARY NEWS



The Saskatchewan Library Association held a Book Spine Poetry Contest last month. Students in Grades 5-8 took some time to stack books – using the titles on the spines – to create their poem. It was great to watch our students take part in a new activity in our library. Thank you to Mrs. Couture, Mme Poirier and Mrs. Thiessen for their help with this fun library project!

–Mrs. Little



Our school will be holding a food drive in December. The food items that we collect will be given to families in need within our community.

If your family is facing food insecurities and you would like to receive a food hamper, please contact our school social worker, Laurel or our mentor, Rachelle.

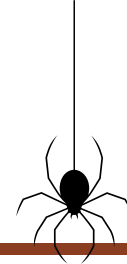








# STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS



SLC Vision for the Year: Building Community and Life Long Memories

September was a busy month for all as we got back into the swing of school; but October was the month that the SLC took an opportunity to shine! This year, the Student Leadership Council, is comprised of three committees: Executive, Council, and Members at Large. Our executive is comprised of Grade 12 students, looking to flex their leadership skills as they take on the main duties of the SLC.

Lucy Lockhart- President

Rayna Vaadeland and Afton Grimard- Vice Presidents

Alexis Beaulieu- Secretary

Our Council is comprised of Grade 10 and 11 students who have experience on the SLC and want to take a more involved role in planning; these members are Avery Cyr, Peyton Turner, Roan Amundson, Raef De Bruijn, and Emily Eversen.

Staff Advisors include Mrs. Shayleen Lafond and Miss Bailey Hiebert.

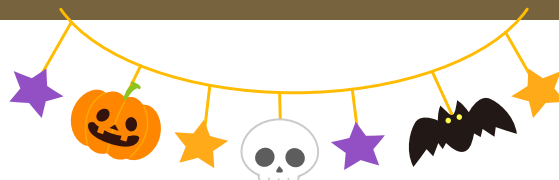
This year we have fifteen members at large between Grades 7-10. What an amazing display of school involvement! They are learning all the fun things an SLC can do in a school and are an important part of our brainstorming team. Together with the Executive and Council, we are planning a year full of school activities and spirit!

## Current SLC Initiatives

- Pajama Day on the first Monday of every month, and one lucky class will get hot chocolate
- SLC Instagram page promoting events and student success
- Student(s) of the Month: A new program aimed at celebrating student achievement in both Elementary and High School. Each month, one K-6 student will be awarded a certificate for displaying kindness above and beyond what is expected. In Grades 7-12, one student will be recognized for reaching a high level of achievement, in school or outside of it.

The students who gained these high levels of achievement for this month, will be announced on Friday, Nov. 1

- School Houses- Students have been sorted into four school houses. Houses will gain points through participation in spirit days, assemblies, and school activities. These points can be used to claim prizes for the students in the houses. We hope this encourages participation and gives students of all ages an opportunity to get to know each other.



## October Highlights

Fall Fest Spirit Days, including Camo, Leaf Colours, and Plaid days, Halloween Costume Contest, Trick or Treating and High School Halloween Movie afternoon Welcome Day Breakfast and Assembly



## Upcoming

**Nov. 4- Pajama Day**

**Nov. 7th - Remembrance Day:** Formal Wear for Students

**Nov. 24-30 Education Week:** Expect Spirit Days, Activities and Assemblies





## HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT



*Each month in the Highlights and Treasures we highlight something from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on three sections – Attendance & Punctuality; Informing the School about Absences, Lates, &/or Leaving Early; and Sign Out Policy. Our complete school handbook can be found on the school website.*



### Attendance & Punctuality

Students are expected to be on time and attend regularly, except in cases of illness or special circumstances. The Ministry of Education, under the Education Act, states that students must attend regularly and punctually. Regular and punctual attendance:

- are necessary to achieve the best results
- are the commitment a student makes when registering in a course
- develop positive attitudes
- are a factor contributing to the success of students

Individual teachers implement necessary strategies and/or consequences to encourage good attendance and punctuality.

These may include:

- A phone call, letter, email home
- A meeting with parents/ guardians and/ or administration
- Recommendation to withdraw from the course

When late or absent, students are always responsible to complete any missed work. For students to significantly benefit from classroom experiences, they must be in class. A large part of the final mark in all subjects is determined by assessing a student's progress from day to day. It is at the discretion of the 10-12 subject teacher to determine if each student has attended a sufficient number of classes and completed the necessary amount of work to pass the subject. Regular attendance is crucial for a student to experience the greatest success. Classroom teachers will make every effort to contact parents or guardians of students who are frequently late or who are absent from school for no legitimate reason. The number of absences per student will be recorded on progress reports.

### Informing the School about Absences, Lates, &/or Leaving Early

You can enter attendance information in Edsby, which is the most ideal way to report your child(ren)'s absence, lateness, or the need to leave school early. You can also call the school and inform the office or your child(ren)'s teacher(s).

If you have not reported your child's absence, at about 9:30am, you will receive an automated phone call from the office. These phone calls are put into place so that we can ensure the safety of our students. A quick phone call to the school or a reply to the automated phone call is appreciated.

### Sign Out Policy

If you need to pick up a student from the school during the school day, please stop at the office to sign the child out, and we will locate the student for you. If it is necessary for your child to leave the school during the day, and you are not picking them up, the student must have parent/ guardian permission and they must sign out at the office. They cannot sign themselves out without parent/ guardian permission. Parents/ guardians can provide this permission through Edsby, by contacting the office, or by contacting the class/ subject teacher.

Students who leave at noon and will not be returning for the afternoon are also required to sign out. If a student leaves and returns, he/ she must sign in at the office upon returning.

**Please note that there are always learning opportunities going on at school. Sometimes students will tell their parents that "we aren't doing anything in class today, we don't need to be there". If you have questions about what is going on at school on a particular day, please call the school. We always ask and encourage students' attendance at school whether it is a "regular" school day, or a day with other planned experiences – ie Terry Fox Run, Opening Doors to Tomorrow Career Fair, Gym Blast, Ski/Snowboard Trips. These experiences all have curricular connections. Also, please note that things like "Freshie week-end preparation" and "Skip Day" are not school sanctioned/ school excused absences.**



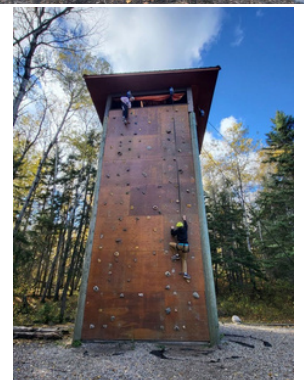
# Grade 10 Outdoor Ed Trip



## Camp Kadesh

From October 2-4, we had an unforgettable time with the Grade 10 class at Camp Kadesh! The three days were packed with canoeing, rock climbing, zip-lining, bracelet crafting, and an epic dance party. Every night, students joined in for campfire songs—yes, they were a bit corny, but a ton of fun! Despite the chilly weather, they mastered fire-building with flint and learned that the secret recipe includes wood, kindling, and, of course, love and, wow, did that love create some raging bonfires. With full bellies, new friends, and incredible memories, we came back closer than ever.

Mr. Kelly & Mrs. Cyr



## Regional Kids First

**Come join us at the Debden Heritage Manor - for kids 0-5 years.  
Nov. 13th from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

Prince Albert mobile early learning program (Regional Kids First) offers group and community based child development programs that encourage linguistics social emotional cognitive and fine and gross motor skill. Offered in small towns and rural communities.

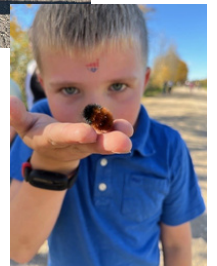
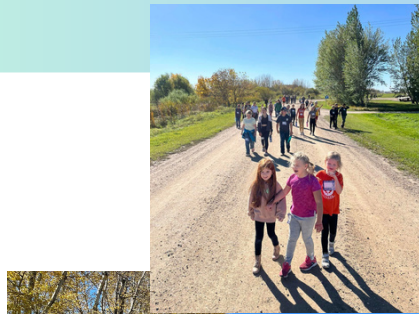




# Terry Fox

Our annual Terry Fox School Run was a success! With views of harvest machines, pastures full of cows, and the familiar black and brown caterpillars, the run was held on the sunny but windy afternoon of Friday, September 27th. We are very excited to announce that together, our students and our community raised \$2755.50! Thanks to Mrs. Collins and Rheagan who ran the water station, and to Mrs. Schwehr for passing out freezies to the students when they got back. The organizers would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated and donated this year.

Mrs. Dumais and Mrs. Couture



## National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation is a time to honor and remember those children lost to Residential Schools, witness the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. On October 30th, we welcomed a local drumming group, Eagle Boy Singers, to our school. Each song shared held value and importance. We listened with great care as we continue to hold space for those on the journey of healing and reconciliation. We ended the morning with a round dance and thoughtful questions from our students.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Eagle Boy Singers for singing to us and for sharing such meaningful teachings with us today.

Mrs. Little,  
JP Mentor





# PAA 9 Project

The PAA 9 class recently built wooden plant pots, which they will fill with plants that they started from seedlings. On October 25th, students had the opportunity to collaborate with residents at The Manor to decorate their plant pots. Some residents chose to watch while students customized their plant pots with their names, things they liked, or portraits, while others chose to get in on the action and make their own designs on some of the plant pots. Great work Grade 9's!!

-Miss Hiebert



## Driver Education

Driver Education begins on November 25th and goes until December 18th. Classes will be at the school from 3:30p.m.-5:30p.m. Monday -Thursday. Students have been given information sheets about driver ed. and the deadline for steps 1 & 2 must be complete before Nov. 25th. For more information, please contact the school.



## Progress Conferences/Parent Teacher Interviews


This year, we will be conducting progress conferences on Tuesday, November 12th from 3:30pm - 8:30pm. Please watch for a message from Edsby about booking your timeslot for progress conferences. If, for some reason you are unable to book through Edsby, please contact the school directly to schedule a time.

## School Cash Temporarily down

School Cash will temporarily be down from Nov. 5-19th. The noon meals from Nov. 12 to 21st have been added to school cash and are ready for purchase. **Please make sure to go in and place your orders for these noon meals before November 4th.** We ask that everyone please stay out of School Cash from Nov. 5-19th. Thank you for your understanding and we apologize for any inconvenience.

# November 2024

Picture retakes are on Dec. 17th.  
Also, Kindergarten cap & gown pics and  
Grade 12 cap & gown pics are Dec. 17th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Laurel, our school counselor, is here on Thursdays.				1 K SLC Welcome Day	2 Sr. Girls Volleyball Conference in Canwood
3 Noon meal orders (Nov. 12-21st) are duel	4 Pajama Day	5 K Jr. Girls Volleyball Playoff Tourney No Noon Meal	6 Eddie's -perogies & sausage	7 K Remembrance Day Service 11:10am No Noon Meal	8 No Classes	9
10	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY Left no fight No Classes	12 K Demers Chicken Combo Progress Conferences 3:30pm - 8:30pm	13	14 K Chicken Caesar wraps dessert: choc. chip cookie	15	16
17	18	19 K Lamplight pizza	20	21 K Sweet & sour meatballs & rice Dessert: pumpkin bars	22 K	23
24 Education Week (Nov. 24-30) Learning is a Journey	25 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Driver's Ed. Begins	26 K Demers Chicken Combo	27	28 K Smudge Teachings Pizza buns & Caesar salad Dessert: unbaked cookies	29	30

Book Fair - Nov. 12-14