

ECOLE DEBDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

EDSBY

Parents and students are encouraged to download the Edsby app to stay connected and up to date on student learning. Please phone or swing by the school if you are unsure how to sign in to the app and connect it to your children.

Tracking grades on Edsby - As our teachers update and share their grade books, students and parents can track grades, see incomplete/late assignments and get feedback through the Edsby app.

Marking Absences on Edsby - Through the app, parents have the ability and are encouraged to input any known/planned absences. This creates efficiencies for our teachers and office staff. Parents are also notified through the app when students have unexplained absences.

Communication on Edsby - Parents and students can connect with their teachers through Edsby. Extra-curricular teams and groups will also connect through the Edsby app.

Edsby guide for parents



Back to School & Meet the Staff Event

When: Thurs. Sept. 18th 5:30 p.m.

Where: School Gazebo



Hamburger Combo: burger,
chips & pop \$8.00

Hotdog combo: hotdog, chips
& pop \$5.00

Please place your order through
School Cash. Orders and
payment due: Sept 13th. All
proceeds go to the School
Community Council



The SCC will be having their
Annual General Meeting
at 7 p.m. in the Library.
Everyone is welcome.



The SCC will provide activities for
students of parents attending the
SCC meeting.



2025-2026 - Staff List

Corine Amundson - Secretary
Serena Collins - EA
Connie Bailey - EA (0.5)
Liz Bilodeau - EA (0.5)
Marie Hutcheson - EA (0.5)
Rachelle Little - Librarian (0.5)
Casey Kvinlaug - Intern (Mrs. Person)
Ben Lafond - Intern (Mrs. Cyr)
Von Bondame - Head Custodian
Delyth Richards - Custodian

Brenda Eversen - K-2 IMM Teacher
Kendall Person - K-2 ENG Teacher
Denise Dumais - 3/4 IMM Teacher
Cheryl Tiezsen - 3/4 ENG Teacher (0.5)
Barbara Tanner - 3/4 ENG & 7-12 Teacher
Carley Winhold - 5 IMM Teacher
Angela Thiessen - 5/6 ENG Teacher
Diana Couture - 7-12 Teacher
Bailey Hiebert - 9-12 Teacher
Carole Poche - 7-12 Teacher & IEC

Amanda Cyr - SR Teacher & Classroom Support
Coach
Celeste Fortier - School Social Worker (Mon/Thur)
Cecil Collins - Bus Driver
Tom Collins - Bus Driver
Kim Shadlock - Bus Driver
Derek Simonar - Bus Driver
Jeremy Sawatsky - Bus Driver
Chris Kelly - Vice-Principal
Armand Tetreault - Principal

FACEBOOK

Keep up to date on some of the great things happening in our school by following our Facebook page. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to be redirected to the page.



Principal's Message

Students, Parents, Guardians & Community Members,



The 2025-26 school year is underway! After a one-year hiatus working as a Principal in Big River, I was presented with the opportunity to come back home and assume the principal role in Debden. For new families in our area that may not know me, I grew up in Debden and attended this school from K-12. My family and I returned to the area in 2012, and I worked as a teacher and VP for the 12 years before taking the Principal job in Big River for the 2024/25 school year. In addition to my responsibilities as a teacher/school administrator, I enjoy playing and coaching sports, woodworking, spending time in the outdoors, canoeing, camping, hiking, biking, skiing... and playing music. I have two children who attend Debden school and my wife Stacey works as a mentor in Canwood School and Big River High School.

I am excited to welcome all returning families and staff back to our school, and I extend a warm welcome to those who are joining our school community for the first time. This year, we are happy to have some new staff members joining our staff, Ms. Poche teaching 9-12 subjects and Ed. Support (IEC), Ms. Tanner teaching 3/4 and 7-12 subjects and Ms. Fortier, our new School Social Worker, who will be here on Mondays and Thursdays. We also have Ms. Winhold returning to our school in the 5/6 IMM classroom and two interns joining us until the Christmas break, Mr. Ben Lafond and Ms. Casey Kvinlaug.

The month of September brings lots of excitement in a school, with staff working to ensure they have everything in order to deliver their courses and students returning to school recharged after a restful summer break. Many students are already involved in SLC, Volleyball, Cross-Country Running and Fall Golf. We wish them luck as they represent our school and community with pride and dignity.

I encourage families to stay connected to their child(ren)'s education through Edsby, reading the monthly newsletter, following the school Facebook page, and connecting with teachers when necessary. Let's work together to ensure that all students feel welcome, are happy and find success in their high school years as they work towards graduation.

Thank you for your engagement in the education of your child(ren),
Mr. Tetreault

SLC Fees & Class Fundraisers

We are bringing back the SLC fee for the 2025/26 school year. It will be **15\$ for K-6s** and **20\$ for 7-12s**. Fees have been added to School Cash, please pay at your earliest convenience.

We will also be running some fundraisers throughout the school year. Watch Facebook, the newsletter and school cash for more info.

Money from SLC fees and fundraisers will go towards supporting **student activities, trips, presenters, and extra-curricular offerings**. The fun stuff :)



School Mentor

I'd like to give an update on our school mentor application. The SRPSD joint JP application was submitted at the end of the last school year, but we have yet to hear any news on the status of the application.

What does this mean for Debden School? For the 2025/26 school year, we no longer have a staff member working the role of JP school mentor. We will try to continue to support the students as best as we can.

I'd like to recognize the commitment Mrs. Little put in, supporting students over the last few years as our JP Mentor. Your efforts were very much appreciated. For now, we'll keep our fingers crossed that the role comes back to our school.

Emergency Evacuation/Fire Drills, Lockdown and Hold & Secure

Schools are required to complete a number of evacuation, lockdown and hold & secure drills throughout the year. We held our first fire drill on Friday, Sept 5. Students and staff did an excellent job clearing the building and making their way to the muster point.

On **Friday, Sept. 12** we will hold our first lockdown drill. Normally, we wouldn't let students know ahead of time when these drills are happening, but as a first drill, I like to let parents and students know. Lockdown drills can create some feelings of fear and anxiety for students, please have a discussion at home this weekend to ensure that students are comfortable and understand why we would need to have such drills.





School Cash

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Noon Meals

Noon meals will be starting up September 23rd. We are excited to be partnering up with our local business again this school year and will be rotating our Tuesday noon meals with the following menu below.

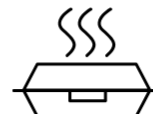
Lamplight Pizza - 1 large slice for \$3.00

Demers Chicken Combo:

(Option 1) 1 drumstick & 4 wedges for \$5.00

(Option 2) 4 chicken tenders & 4 wedges for \$7.00

Eddie's Twisted Grill: (new menu) Hashbrown casserole & sausage \$7.50

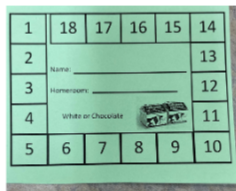


Our grade 10 PAA class will be starting up noon meals on Thursday, Oct. 2nd.

All meals can be ordered and purchased online through School Cash.

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Milk Cards



The cost for a Milk Card is \$20.00 This will get you 18 (250 ml container) milk squares on a card. Students can decide each day if they want milk. Once all the milk squares on their card have been used up - it is sent home with the student as a reminder to purchase another one if desired.

We have chocolate & white milk available for purchase through School Cash.

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SLC Fees

This year there will be an SLC fee to help cover costs for upcoming events, trips, transportation and activities throughout the school year.

- \$15.00 for K-6 students
- \$20.00 for 7-12 students

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Watch for emails from School Cash regarding new items. School Cash accepts the following payment options:

- credit card
- Apple pay
- Google pay
- eCheck (which is your bank acct # & transit #)

If you have any questions about school cash, please contact the school.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ATHLETICS



Football

New partnership with Shellbrook & Canwood
Coach: Mr. Devon Thorp (Shellbrook)

Junior Golf

Mr. T

Practices
Mondays and/or Thursdays

Senior Golf

Mr. Kelly

Practices - TBD
Debden is hosting the NCDAA provincial qualifier
@ Memorial Lake on Sept 17

Jr. 7/8 Volleyball

Ms. Kvinlaug
Mr. Tetreault

Practices - Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:45
Games - Tuesdays

SR. 9-12 Volleyball

Mrs. Amundson
Mrs. Person

Practices - Mondays 3:15-5pm
Games - Wednesdays

XC Running

Ms. Winhold

Practice - After School
3-4 Meets Sept/Oct

Curling

Coach TBD
If interested please contact Mr. T

December --> February

Jr. Badminton

Mr. T

January --> April

Sr. Badminton

Mr. Kelly

January --> April

Track & Field

TBD

May --> June

CLUBS

SLC

Ms. Hiebert
Mr. Lafond & Mrs. Cyr

First meeting Wed, Sept 10th

K-6 Games Club

Mrs. Eversen

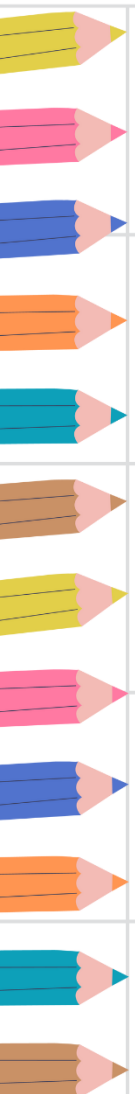
More info to come

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SEPTEMBER 2025

Our School Counselor, Celeste Fortier, will be here on Mondays & Thursdays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day	2 K Classes Begin 	3	4 K	5	6
7	8	9 K		11 K	12 K	13
14	15	16 K	17	18 K Back to School & Meet the Staff Event	19 Deadline to order Orange shirts	20
21	22	23 K Lamplight pizza	24 Grade 12 Outdoor Ed. Trip Sept. 24-26	25 K	26 K Terry Fox Run	27
28	29	30 K Orange Shirt Day Gr.3-6 Field Trip to Big River Bible Camp Demers Chicken Combo			Save the date: Oct. 14 th is Picture Day: 	



WE WILL ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVITY AND DISCUSS TOPICS SUCH AS SELF-CONFIDENCE, FRIENDSHIP, AND BODY IMAGE.

EVERY THURSDAY
12:10-12:40PM
(LUNCH TIME)
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

IN THE ART ROOM

GRADE 5 & 6 GIRLS
JOIN US TO EAT LUNCH, AND HAVE FUN!

GIRLS GROUP

COME AND JOIN US GRADE 5 & 6 BOYS TO EAT LUNCH AND HAVE FUN!

BOYS CLUB

Handy's 11:10pm - 11:50pm (lunch time) beginning September 19, 2025
In the Art Room

We will be discussing the following topics: friendship, anger, self-worth, and communication