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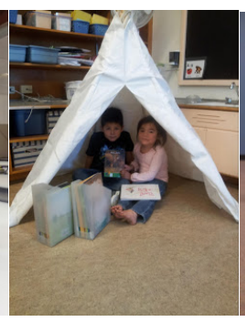
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all of our students, families and staff for a GREAT month of November! As you could tell from the report cards coming home, we are very proud of all our students for their academic and social growth this fall. While we don't have formal conferences scheduled until February, we encourage you to make an appointment or stop by any time to discuss your child(ren)'s progress.

We had so many fantastic events and opportunities in November! Our jigging team performed at Louis Riel Days, our cheer team made a cheer for the Grey Cup Parade that was featured on CJME and our school was featured in the NCCA newsletter! We welcomed diverse presenters from a 14 year old Métis Achievement Award winner to internationally recognized leaders of a pilot project called Destination Imagination. We celebrated the arts through our Remembrance Program, CREATE artists, and MacKenzie Gallery visits. We wrapped up our volleyball seasons and tried out sports like curling. Thank you to our amazing staff for making all of this and MUCH more possible!



We are VERY excited to be taking two huge steps forward this month on the Seven Stones new build!! We are excited that staff will have the opportunity to be standing inside the new build during the month of December! This will be an emotional moment for us as we actually feel what it will be like next year! We are hopeful that by spring we will be ready to tour students and parents through for the first time! The second piece of exciting news is that our contest for our new logo / mascot / motto has closed and we will be revealing the results this month… stay tuned!

December always brings with it the excitement for Christmas holidays! We will be celebrating in a few different ways this year. Our Treasure Store will be set up on December 11th and 12th for the students to do holiday shopping for their families. We will hold our annual Winter Concert on December 18th. We will also host a special turkey lunch for the students, sponsored by Evraz, on December 20th. We will follow that lunch up with some caroling, gifts from Evraz and early dismissal for the holidays.

From our Wascana family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Mr. J. Fladager
Principal

Mrs. M. Gavel
Vice Principal

Winter Break
December 21 – January 5
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
School Resumes January 6 at 8:53 am

Character Education

We are a Circle of Courage school. We teach the values of Generosity, Belonging, Mastery and Independence. Each month we will focus on one of these four areas and recognize students for their achievements at a monthly assembly. The awards are sponsored by our partners in education, EVRAZ.

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized as leaders for *Generosity*:
Cyanna (Pre K), Kyla and Brianna (K), Elijah and Sean (1/2), Mika (2/3), Robert and Baylee (3/4), Mcxen (4/5), Alex (5/6), Shelby Ann and Breanna (7/8).

Join us for our next celebrations!
Nov 29th at 9:30 am & Dec 20 at 1:00 pm.

School Community Council

There has never been a more exciting time to be involved with your child's education at school! Our transition to Seven Stones provides the perfect opportunity to have input in what school will look like in the 21st Century!

The next meeting is December 4th at 1:00 pm.

Congratulations to Keri Ponace and Susan Batke who were elected to the SCC. We are currently looking for additional members for the SCC, please attend this meeting or drop by the office to volunteer.

Calendar of Events

For a full year calendar of school events, please check our website: http://wascana.rbe.sk.ca

Nov 29 – Celebration Assembly, 9:30 am
Dec 3 – Trustee/Community mtg at Scott, 7:00pm
Dec 4 – SCC meeting, 1:00 pm
Dec 5 – Volleyball Tournament at Scott, 2:00 pm
Dec 12 – Pre K and K Family Day
Dec 11 and 12 – Treasure Store
Dec 17 – Immunizations
Dec 18 – Winter Concert: "Winter Warm Up"
1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Dec 20 – Christmas Lunch for students
Assembly and Caroling at 1:00 pm
2:30 pm Dismissal
Dec 21 – Jan 5 – Winter Holidays
Jan 6 – School Resumes at 8:53 am

School Cash Online

Now available to parents/students of Regina Public Schools!

Starting the 2013-14 school year, parents and students now have the option to pay school fees online through School Cash Online. Benefits of online fee payment include:

- Safe - less cash travelling to school with students.
- Efficient - less cash to count and handle at the school office.
- Convenient for parents/students – make payments anytime, online.
- Payment flexibility through a secure website – debit, credit card (MC and VISA) and eWallet

Here's how to register:

Step 1: Click on the following button to get to the School Cash Online website:

School Cash Online
Click Here to Pay Online

https://rbe.schoolcashonline.com

Step 2: Follow the registration steps to set up an account and link your child/self to the account. A LETTER WAS SENT HOME AT CONFERENCES WITH YOUR LOGIN ID AND PASSWORD.

Step 3: Access your School Cash Online account to review your account and make online payments.

Note: The friendly staff at the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk are available to 24/7 (365 days) to provide any assistance you may require using the online system. Assistance is available on the School Cash Online website, by emailing parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or by phone at 1-866-961-1803.

Pre K News: NOV. FAMILY DAY

FOR OUR 3RD FAMILY DAY OF THE YEAR, WE HAD OUR FAMILIES PARTICIPATE IN LITERACY ACTIVITIES USING ERIC CARLE'S "POLAR BEAR POLAR BEAR, WHAT DO YOU HEAR". THE FAMILIES ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE THEIR OWN BOOK, WHICH WAS THEN LAMINATED AND BOUND TO TAKE HOME. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

ACT! Anti-Racist Cross-Cultural Team

Team Members – Megan N., Kura W., Alexis M., Braden M., Sydney M., Aurora C., Alexandria G., Hailey L. *New members are always welcome!*

On Tues, Oct 29th, students from Albert, Imperial, McDermid and Wascana Schools attended the ACT Elementary Retreat held at Thom Collegiate. All students enjoyed an action packed day meeting new friends and participating in various activities.

Students from Thom facilitated discussion and guided elementary students through hands on workshops which promote understanding of the devastating consequences that occur from acts of racism, bullying and any other types of discrimination that happen at school and in the community. Everyone also learned new ways in which we can begin to prevent bullying and discrimination from occurring by educating ourselves and our peers learning how much we have in common with others and celebrate our differences instead of being intimidated by them.

At the end of the day, everyone came away from this workshop with renewed hope that *Together We Are Stronger*. Wascana's ACT Team is very excited to share what they are learning with their peers and do their best to make our school a place where everyone feels safe to learn and grow.

Facilitators: Ms Reles, Ms Onieu,
Ms Elles and Ms Kimbley.

Dress for the Weather

Like it or not, winter is here! A reminder that we will continue to have outdoor recess until the dangerously low temperatures arrive. Therefore it is important that your child dress for the weather! If you need support in finding heavier winter clothing for your child, talk to your child's teacher as we have some items to give away. We also have some available backpacks if you are in need of support in getting one for your child.

Clubs, Teams, & the Arts

Band Sectionals – Day 5 PM
Full Band – Day 2
Fiddle – Tuesday PM
Niska Boys' drum circle – Thursday PM
Sage Girls' drum circle – Tuesday PM
Grade 3 to 5 Choir – Day 1 at noon
Grade 6 to 8 Choir – Day 4 at noon
ACT – Tuesdays after school
Jigging Team – lunch rehearsals
Basketball – begins in January

Nutrition

Lunch cards are sold for $25.00 (10 lunches). The lunch cards can be purchased from the Nutrition Room. Lunches will consist of a sandwich, juice box, cereal bar and fruit or veggies. **Lunches cannot be purchased on an individual daily basis, only through the purchase of a card (Cash only, no cheques please).** Lunch cards can be used throughout the school year and do not expire.

Please note that our lunchrooms DO NOT have microwaves. Our old building cannot support the electrical use. Please do not send food requiring a microwave.

~ Ms. Shukin, Nutrition Coordinator

Message from your school Dream Broker:

"What is a Dream Broker? I will help you seek out and register for various program/activities. I work directly with the student and families to engage them into existing art, sport, culture and recreational programs. I help remove barriers to participation - suck as lack of transportation, costs, equipment etc. I also provide on-going support to help ensure success in the program".

- Ms. Sabrina Cote

Community News

Need help coping with your children?
C.O.P.E. (Community Parent Education Program) is an effective research-based parenting program that helps parents to develop a more positive approach to parenting and reduces problem behaviour in children.

All C.O.P.E. programs are FREE of charge!
Refreshments will be provided.
Supervised activity groups for children ages 3-5, and skill development/activity groups for children ages 6-12, will be provided at NO CHARGE.
C.O.P.E programs are facilitated by qualified professionals.

The C.O.P.E. program is planned for the following dates at:

Centennial School, 6903 Dalgliesh Dr.
Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
February 4 to March 25 (no group February 18), 2014

Grant Road School, 2501 Grant Road.,
Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
April 9 to May 28 (no group April 23), 2014

To register or for more information on either program, please contact The Randall Kinship Centre at 766-6780.

COMMUNITY YOUR VOICE Voices

Look for the article about Seven Stones / Wascana in the December issue of the North Central Community Association (NCCA) newsletter called *Community Voices*. Thank you Ms. Kimbley for making this happen!

REGINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education / School Community Council Forum 2013-14

You are invited to join the Regina Board of Education and senior members of Regina Public Schools administration for an evening of dialogue about opportunities and challenges as we plan for the future of Regina Public Schools.

The Board of Education has committed to creating this opportunity as part of its work plan for the 2013-2014 school year.

The evening will include a discussion of issues and developments relating to increasing student diversity and shifting student enrolment across the school division and in your specific subdivision.

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Place: Scott Collegiate

The evening will feature a 30 minute presentation, followed by a question and answer period for all School Community Council members and parents. We look forward to seeing you. Please email info@rbe.sk.ca if you have any questions.

If you would like to see a map of your subdivision, a listing of schools, or information about the Trustees on the Board of Education, please visit: http://www.rbe.sk.ca/board-education.

Parting Thoughts:

Lose Gracefully, Win Humbly;
Live Locally, Care Globally

We're great and getting greater!!