



SEVEN STONES

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Remembrance Choir



Share the Warmth



Integer Mini Golf



Family Day Talking Circle

Principals' Corner

Season's Greetings to you and your family! It is so hard to believe that we are already approaching the winter break this year. It seems like just last week that we opened our doors to start the year. It is equally hard to believe that our school has accomplished this much already in the school year! Seven Stones is a very positive and happy place to learn and work each day. We want to thank you for your support in creating this learning environment for your children. We are a family here, and like any family, there are challenges and bumps in the road. That said, we love the way you communicate with us and work with us to problem solve. Thank you!

We hope you are able to join us for our concert on December 15th to celebrate your children's performing arts talents! Perhaps you will also have time to join us for our assembly on the 18th (we will be caroling!) or for one of our upcoming SCC meetings. We would love to see you!

May the joy and peace of the season reach each and every one of you and your loved ones. Please enjoy a safe and happy holiday!

Sincerely,

Mr. Fladager and Mrs. Reavley



Calendar of Events

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

- Nov 30 – Independence Assembly and Heroes Calendar Launch, 1:00 pm
- Nov 24 – Dec 8 – Grade 8 PAA at CRP
- Dec 2 – PLC 1 & 2 Family Day 3:30 -5:00
Cookie dough order delivery.
- Dec 4 – PD Day, No School for Students
- Dec 5 – PLC 3 MacKenzie Art Club starts
- Dec 6 – Dreambroker Symphony outing
- Dec 7 – EDC to Dinoboucers
- Dec 8 – Steppers to Gabriel Manor
- Dec 9 and 10 – Treasure Store
- Dec 9 – EDC to Regent Library
- Dec 10 – Pre K / K Family Day
- Dec 11 – PLC 3 to Scott PM
- Dec 15 – Winter Concert, 6:30 pm
- Dec 16 – K's to Government House, AM
- Dec 17 – EDC to Northgate – Santa photos
- Dec 18 – K's to Government House –PM
Assembly – 9:45 am
Lunch & gifts from Evraz Place
2:30 dismissal
- Dec 19 – Jan 3 – Christmas Holidays
- Jan 4 – School resumes



School Community Council

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 13th at 2:45 pm**. We would love to see you out! There is always room for NEW members!



Character Education

We are a Circle of Courage school. We teach and 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.

**Next assemblies: November 30, 1:00 pm.
December 19, 9:45 am.**



Nutrition

The Nutrition Programs, Student Lunch Program will run Monday – Thursday weekly. A different lunch item will be offered daily some being hot and some being cold. The menu for lunches will be posted monthly. Lunches will only be offered thru a purchased lunch card, which must be purchased a day in advance of the student needing the lunch with No exceptions.

This is to allow for adequate numbers required for lunch preparation. If you have purchased a lunch card and you know your child will not be staying for lunch that day please inform the school. We prepare lunch for all students everyday who have a lunch card, if they do not show up the lunches are then wasted.

Cost of lunch cards is as follows: \$30.00 Lunch Card -11 lunches which include lunch, a drink (milk, water or juice) and dessert of the day. \$20.00 Lunch Card- 11 lunches which is lunch of the day only. Lunch Cards can be purchased by cash only from Ms. Shukin, Nutrition Coordinator

When new cards are needed to be purchased, a notice will go home with your child when they have only 2 remaining lunches left. This will allow another card to be purchased with a day in advance of the student needing lunch.



Grade 1 Transportation for the 2016-2017 School Year

Regina Public Schools, effective with the 2016-17 school year, will be changing its transportation procedures for Grade 1 students. You will have been contacted directly by letter if this change applies to your family. If you did not receive a letter, but think this applies to you, please contact your school principal.

Here are some of the details of the changes, for your information. Starting with the 2016-17 school year, only Grade 1 students who reside or whose caregivers reside more than 1,200 metres from their designated school will be eligible for transportation. This is a change from previous years where the distance from school requirement was 600 metres.

Transportation eligibility is based on Regina Public Schools Administrative Procedure and guidelines, as outlined below:

- **Eligibility for Regular Program transportation includes the following:**
 - a. Students must reside inside the transportation services area for the designated school,
 - b. Students must be enrolled and attending their designated school,
 - c. Kindergarten students who reside 0.6 km or farther from the designated elementary school are eligible for transportation,
 - d. Other elementary school students who reside 1.2 km or farther from the designated elementary school are eligible for transportation.

Please be aware, however, that students may be eligible for an exception for transportation based on the guidelines listed below.

- Exceptions may be permitted on Regular Program school buses but not on Regular Program light vehicle transportation (cabs, vans),
- Exceptions may be permitted for students attending their designated school only if,

The existing stop is more than 1,000 metres from the designated school,

The student walks to an existing stop and there is room available on the school bus, and

The student is in grade 1 to grade 5.

Exceptions will only be granted if doing so will not affect the safety, economy or efficiency of the transportation service.



Community News



ON SALE NOW for \$5.00 each!!!

Seven Stones has built a calendar celebrating our own community heroes. We asked students and families to nominate someone who they think has done something, large or small, that they value and would like to celebrate! Examples included personal role models, a community builder, a local success story, and family leaders. The people who were chosen from the list of nominations had their picture taken professionally. This appears along with a short biography, and a description of how they have been a hero. Students were involved with every step including nominations and interviewing the honorees. We put all of honorees into a calendar together with important school dates and some at home literacy tips for families. At Seven Stones we deeply value the work that the entire community does to raise our children. We believe that by working together as families, community and school we can best support the holistic development of our children. We also recognize that this work often goes uncelebrated. It is our goal to honor our community with this calendar and inspire our children with the great work of our community members. This calendar includes a diverse group of honorees whom we are proud to recognize.

Honorees:

Diane Big Eagle
 Henry Cote
 Elaine and Tony Nagy
 Amanda Dubois
 Kevin Vance
 Gilbert and Rhonda Lafromboise
 Brandon Brooks
 Brandi Reles
 Cordelle Williams
 Keitha Kennedy
 Rose Lafontaine
 Andrea Jackson

December 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Burger Veggie & Dip	2 Vegetable Beef Soup S Crackers	3 Pizza Sub & Fruit	4
7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Fruit	8 Breakfast Egg Wrap & Fruit	9 Baked Spaghetti With Garlic Bread	10 Egg Salad Sandwich & Veggies	11
14 Chicken Burger & Veggie	15 Pepperoni Cheese Pizza	16 Ham & Cheese Sub	17 Chicken Noodle Soup & Crackers	18

Lunch Menu



Cookie Dough Sales

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookie dough through our recent fundraiser. We have raised around \$900 for our SCC fund through this sale. This will in turn be used for family literacy events.

The dough will be delivered in early December for pick up.

A few extra tubs were purchased in our order. These will be available for sale the week of December 7th on a first come first serve basis at \$15 each.



Winter Concert!!

Please join us for our annual winter concert! It will be held on December 15th at 1:30 and 6:30 pm. See below for a schedule of rehearsals.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Winter Concert Rehearsal Schedule for students Gr 3-8 Please eat lunch quickly before coming to rehearsals	Nov. 30 th Choir 12:15 Ukulele 2:15-2:40 Day 5	9:00 Dance Choir 12:15 Ukulele 2:15-2:40 Day 1	9:00 Dance 12:00 Drums Day 2	Dance 9am Choir 2:15-2:40 Day 3	No School Students	4
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SEVEN STONES PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN FAMILY DAY

On Thursday, November 19, the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten families participated in a unique Family Day, which was based on the theme "Time for the First Teacher". Parents and caregivers are the child's first and most important teacher. The purpose of this unique family day was to build a collaborative relationship between family members and educators, and get input on what families want to gain from family days.

Led by Elder Lillian Piapot, along with Kindergarten grandmother Keitha Kennedy, families participated in a sharing circle, a learning carousel, and meaningful conversations. Families shared ideas for future family days, which included fun activities, community resources and supports, as well as educational supports. Many also offered to lead a family days in a particular area of interest or expertise.

This family day was extremely powerful for those adults who are in a parenting role, as well as for educators and administrators, as it allowed families and educators an authentic opportunity to develop deeper relationships with each other.

A huge thank you to all families who participated and supported us in developing a plan for future family days, as well as for sharing with the group. Thank you Elder Lillian Piapot and grandmother Keitha Kennedy for leading our family day. Thank you Lori Godwin and the United Way for donating storybooks and learning activities for each family. Thank you to Greg Enion, Director of Education, for your involvement. And thank you to all Seven Stones staff for making changes to your school day in support of our family day.



Bannock making for community competition.



Creative rhythms to Pharrell's "Happy".



Poetry night at the MacKenzie Gallery.



Fiddlers performing for Remembrance Day.