



SEVEN STONES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Corner

Here we are at the half way point of the school year! It is hard to believe. Here's hoping that the nice weather we enjoyed most of January sticks around in February.

A big welcome to our new administrative assistant, Mrs. Roxanne Smith. Mrs. Smith comes to us with a wealth of experience from outside Regina Public. We are so lucky to have her! Welcome to the Seven Stones team Mrs. Smith!

Welcome to Mr. Weist, our band teacher for the remainder of the year as Ms Stetner has moved to Balfour Collegiate. Welcome to Mr. Blondeau, our new evening caretaker. Mr. Grover is now part of the CRP custodial team.

Our next set of 3 Way Conferences are on Friday, February 6th. There are no regular classes that day. Please see the note coming home regarding your meeting time.

Also, a reminder about the upcoming February Break. There are no classes the week of February 16 – 20. We hope you use this time to reconnect with family and friends. A good book every day is a great idea too!

Please find on the upcoming pages important announcements about Cold Weather Policy, Safety Updates as well as the Adjusted School Day for the 2015 / 2016 school year.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to work with your amazing children, we love them and are so proud of the progress they are making!

Sincerely,

Mr. Fladager and Mrs. Gavel



PLC 1 learning Smartboard basics with Mrs. Gavel.



Calendar of Events

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

- Jan 30- No School, PD Day
- Feb 3 – Immunizations
- Feb 4 – EDC to Regent Library
- Feb 5 – Community Stories – PLC 1
- Feb 6 – 3 Way Conferences Pre K – 8 and EDC
(No regular classes)
- Feb 9 – 13 – School Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb 9 – 100th day of School
- Feb 11 – EDC to Museum
- Feb 11 – Gr 7/8 Super Band at McLurg
- Feb 11 – Teddy Bear Clinic – PLC 1
- Feb 13 – Pre K Conferences
- Feb 16 – 20 – No School (February Break)
- Feb 24 – Buffalo Book Launch
- Feb 24 – Scott Open House for Gr. 9, 6:00 pm
- Feb 25 – SCC Mtg at 3:00
- Feb 26 – EDC to Science Centre
- Feb 27 – Assembly – 1:00 pm



Clubs, Teams, Arts and Culture

- Fiddle – Tuesday afternoon
- Full Band – Day 2
- Band Sectionals – Day 5
- Seven Stones Steppers – on going
- Library Club – Wednesday at noon
- HOPE – Friday at noon
- Book Club - Thursdays
- Niska Boys – Thursday PM
- Sage Girls – Thursday AM
- GSA – first meeting coming soon
- Rock 100 – Day 5 at noon
- ACT – Tuesday after school
- Girls Basketball – Wednesday Games
- Boys Basketball – Tuesday Games



School Community Council

Meetings are held once per month, you do not need to be elected to become involved. **Please consider joining us for our next meeting in February on the 25th at 3:00pm!**



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.

Upcoming Date: February 27, 1:00 pm



New Cold Weather Transportation Procedures

Regina Public Schools transportation has implemented a new cold weather procedure effective in the 2014-2015 school year.

If the wind chill is -45C or higher at 7:00 a.m., all student transportation will be cancelled.

If the wind chill is -40C or higher at 7:00 a.m., transportation for students requiring vehicles equipped with lifts (for students in wheelchairs) will be cancelled.

All schools will remain open, unless otherwise notified.

In the event of any cold weather/wind chill cancellations, parents will be notified by school connects telephone or text notification system. Please ensure that your correct contact information has been recorded at your school.

In the event of a transportation system-wide transportation cancellation or school closure due to weather, all local Regina TV, newspaper and radio outlets will broadcast this information both on the web and on the air.

Information will also be tweeted by @RegPublicSchool, and announced at www.rbe.sk.ca in the Important Announcement section.



SAFETY UPDATES

For the safety of your children, our front doors will soon have a lock on the inside of the front door vestibule. This will mean that when you arrive, we will 'buzz' you in to the school. If we don't happen to see you right away, there will be an intercom to call for assistance. We understand that this may be somewhat inconvenient; however, we must put the safety and security of your children FIRST!

You will also soon see new parking signage on both Princess and McTavish Streets from the City of Regina. This is intended to create safe spaces for children to enter and leave the school. Please mind the signage when parking to pick up or drop off your child.



Nutrition

Morning snack is provided to all students at 8:53 am every morning. There is no charge for this program.

New this year to our Nutrition Program is the addition of a Student Lunch Program which 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 by noon a day in advance of the student needing the lunch. To allow for adequate numbers required for lunch preparation.

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 thru our school online system or by cash to Ms. Shukin, Nutrition Coordinator.

When cards are 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.



Adjusted School Day for 2015 / 2016 School Year

In order to maximize instructional time and time on task at Seven Stones Community School, we have been approved to adjust the school day as follows for the 2015-2016 school year. Thank you to the SCC, RPSTA, CUPE, LINC and Regina Public School Division for their support in creating this plan that we believe provides the *Best Experience for Students*. This plan puts us in alignment with Albert, Kitchener and Sacred Heart Schools in our area.

Please be assured that this plan does not change any of our high quality programming options nor any extra-curricular options. Transportation times will be adjusted to accommodate this structure.

9:08 AM to 9:23 AM	Supervised AM Recess	15 minutes
9:23 AM – 12:00 noon	Instructional time AM	157 minutes
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Lunch Break	30 minutes
12:30 PM – 12:45 PM	Supervised PM Recess	15 minutes
12:45 PM to 3:22 PM	Instructional time PM	157 minutes

The Adjusted School Day - Planning for the *Best Experience for Students*:

1. *Before School Programming*: Students would be supervised from 9:08 to 9:23 AM.
2. *Recess Breaks*: Instead of the current 10:30-10:45 and 2:15-2:30 15 minute recess breaks, students will be provided with physical education and classroom breaks (such as brain-breaks) in a regulated setting. Students will have positive interaction time with other students during the planned breaks with their classes and familiar supervisors/teachers, thus eliminating most peer to peer conflict time and the time away from instruction spent on daily problem solving and intervention. We hope to see a significant reduction in bullying and conflict management which currently take hundreds of minutes each week to resolve. In addition, up to 30 minutes a day are currently spent on transitioning students in and out of the building for recess. This time can be reclaimed for teaching and learning.
3. *Lunch Break* - The forty-five minute break allows for students to go home for lunch if they chose to do so. Those who stay for lunch will have 30 minutes in their designated lunchroom and will be supervised after lunch for a recess break from 12:30 to 12:45 PM.
4. *After School Programming*: Extra-curricular sports programs, Dream Broker programs, ACT, Jigging, Library club, GSA, safety courses etc. would begin earlier (3:22 pm) and increase time for much needed programs.

This adjusted schedule will run for the 2015-2016 school year at Seven Stones. It will require a new proposal and vote to continue beyond next year. Therefore, we will be soliciting your feedback on the new structure between September and December next year before resubmitting our intentions.

We truly believe that offering your children a slightly shorter, less interrupted and more supervised day, we will be able to increase student time-on-task and improve learning outcomes!

Yours in education,

Mr. J. Fladager
Principal

