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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

With each passing month we get closer to our new home at Seven Stones! We also move closer to embracing the philosophy and daily routine of 21st Century learning. It is exciting to see classrooms embedding balanced literacy through the Daily 5 and constructivist math through Explore +4. We are so proud to see our students working hard on self-regulation and self-responsibility. Leaders are emerging as the expectations for success are raised. Great job Bisons, you are great and getting greater!



December 2012



June 2013



September 2013

We want to invite students and caregivers to be thinking about our new identity at Seven Stones. What will our logo look like? Will we have a mascot? How do we honour the history of the Herchmer Hawks and Wascana Bisons? What will our school colours be? Should we have a school motto? Stay tuned for your opportunity to put in your thoughts, suggestions, and drawings.



A huge thank you to all the families who have been able to join us for our Open House, Goal Setting Conferences, Books and Bagels etc. It has been a very successful start to the school year and we want you to know we couldn't do it without you! Thank you for your support and for the privilege to work with your children!

Mr. J. Fladager
Principal

Mrs. M. Gavel
Vice Principal



TERM 1 REPORT CARDS
Friday, November 22nd



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 *Belonging*:

Jamin, Kathleen, Deshawn, Shawn, Keith, Romeo, Marlaina, Zackrey, Cassidy, Kane, Cassie, Van Awl, and Aaliyah.

Join us for our next celebrations!

Nov 1st at 1:00 pm & Nov 29th at 9:30 am



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!

We are currently looking for new members for the SCC! There are several vacant positions ranging from the Executive to Member at Large. Meetings occur once per month. Childcare is provided at meetings. See Mr. Fladager or Mrs. Gavel to volunteer.



Calendar of Events

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

Oct 31 – Orange and Black Day
Nov 1 – Celebration Assembly -1:00pm
Nov 4 – Photo Retakes – PM
Nov 7 – Celebration of Peace for
Remembrance Day- 10:45 AM
Gr 7/8's to Scott Collegiate for
Remembrance Program PM
Nov 8 – No School (PD Day)
Nov 11 – No School
Nov 14 – Gr 6 Curling
Nov 21 – Pre K Family Day
Grade 6 Curling
Nov 22 – Term 1 Report Cards
Nov 23 – Grey Cup Parade
Nov 28 – Gr 6 Curling
Nov 29 – Celebration Assembly -9:30 AM



Learning Improvement Plan

Each year we develop learning goals that we work towards achieving. See our goals for 2013/14 below. We also set stretch goals for 2016. For our complete Learning Improvement Plan, visit <http://wascana.rbe.sk.ca>

Literacy Goal - 80% of Grade 3 students will be reading at or above grade level by June 2014, 90% by June 2015, and 95% by June 2016 as measured by the Fountas and Pinnell assessment (F&P).

Literacy Goal - 80% of Grade 4 to 8 students will achieve a Level 15 or higher by June 2014, 90% by June 2015 and 95% by June 2016 as measured by the Reading Assessment District (RAD).

Literacy Goal - 80% of Grade 3 to 8 students will achieve a Level 3 or higher by June 2014, 90% by June 2015 and 95% by June 2016 on the Value Added Writing Assessment (VaaW).

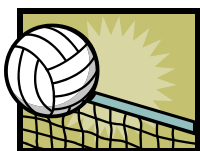
Literacy Goal - 85% of Kindergarten students will achieve the Green level on at least 3 of 5 indicators on the Early Years Evaluation (EYE-TA) by June 2014.

Equity Goal - 80% of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will achieve a Level 16 or higher by June 2014, 90% by June 2015 and 95% by June 2016 on the Aboriginal Worldview assessment.

Numeracy Goal - 80% of Grade 1 - 8 students will achieve a Level 3 or higher by June 2014, 90% by June 2015 and 95% by June 2016 as measured by the Diagnostic Numeracy Assessment (DNA).

Inclusion Goal - Students identified on the Personal and Social Growth Inclusion Rubric will make 80% overall growth by June 2014, 90% by June 2015 and 95% by June 2016.

Transitions Goal - 80% of Grade 8 graduates from Wascana will choose to register and attend Scott Collegiate by June 2014, 95% by June 2015.



Volleyball

Congratulations to this year's volleyball team members! Both the boys' and girls' teams are off to a fantastic start! The boys play on Tuesdays and the girls play on Wednesdays. Thanks to their coaches Mrs. Kimbley and Mrs. Bird and thanks to our supportive fans and volunteers!



Cross Country Running

Congratulations to all of our runners for their dedication through September and October. A special congratulations to our school's finalists: Jay, Cordelle, Paiten and Kathleen, you make Wascana proud!



Halloween

Wascana School will not be hosting a Halloween event. As such, please do NOT send your child to school in their costume. Unfortunately, costumes are often very distracting to learning and can get damaged during the school day.

Some classes may be planning small activities in class in recognition of the day. Please check with your child's teacher before sending treats to school.

Please talk to your child about safe Trick-or-Treating! Only go to houses you know, be with a supervising adult, wear clothing that can be seen at night, have an adult check your treats, don't over do it!

Our school works hard to support proper nutrition. Please do NOT send Halloween treats to school in the days and weeks following!



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:



<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.



Report Cards and Parent Portal

Last year we began a new reporting process. Instead of grading on assignments, teachers are now grading against the Provincial Outcomes. This year there is another new exciting option for you as parents of Grade 1 - 8 students!

At our Goal-Setting Conferences you were given a Login and Password for *Parent Portal*. If you missed getting your Login, simply drop by the office. By signing in to Parent Portal you will be able to view your child's learning progress at your convenience!

Term 1 Report Cards will be coming home on November 22nd. There are no scheduled conferences in November; however we encourage you to contact your child's teacher at any time for explanation and support on your child's growth.



Dress for the Weather

Like it or not, winter is certainly on its way! 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.



Celebration of Peace

Our grade 7/8 classes will be taking part in the Remembrance Program at Scott Collegiate on Nov. 7th in the afternoon.

Wascana will be hosting our own Celebration of Peace at 10:45 am on the 7th. Families are welcome to join us! Students will be given a poppy and are asked to make a nominal donation to the Royal Canadian Legion.



Art on Display

Congratulations to the six students who had their artwork chosen to be part of the Regina Public's Division Office collection. Their works will be on display for a month. The Open House was held on October 15th to honour the artists and their families.

Congratulations to: Aurora, Kathleen, Cyanna, Franky, Cherelle and Cordelle!



MUSIC NEWS:

Band Sectionals – Day 5 PM
Full Band – Day 2
Fiddle – Tuesday PM
Niska Boys' drum circle – Thursday PM
Sage Girls' drum circle – Tuesday PM



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.** 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 - such as lack of transportation, costs, equipment etc. I also provide on-going support to help ensure success in the program”.

- Ms. Sabrina Cote



Community New

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 Dalglish 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.

Parting Thoughts:



We're great and getting greater!!

SEVEN STONES



“Wascana School embraces the Seven Stones Philosophy. The seven stones are representative of the psychological needs of all people. If an individual is missing a stone, the whole community works on replacing the missing link.” ~ Elder Betty McKenna

Growth

Growth happens in four key areas: mental, spiritual, emotional and physical. Most people pay attention to the physical and mental aspects of growth, but neglect the other two important areas.

Order

We need order in our lives and some things from mother Earth provide that (the sun will always rise in the east and the directions never change).

Adequacy

Means living with enough and not getting caught up in consumerism. This includes sharing food and other necessities with everyone – not hoarding it for yourself.

Love

It is a basic human need – to love and be loved.

Social Approval

We all need social approval and can get that from friends, family, teachers, and other community members.

Security

To know there are others who support us, and look out for us to keep us safe.

Self-Esteem

To love yourself and know you are worthwhile.



