



WASCANA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Principals' Corner

Welcome back! We're off and running with a new school year and we couldn't be more excited about all of the possibilities this school year offers! A summer break, especially one with such great weather, is always both relaxing and energizing and we trust that you're as ready to get things going as we are!



This will be the final year for our dear old building! We look forward to celebrating its history and great memories this building has provided our community.

We also look forward to our transition to our new home next fall at Seven Stones Community School!

This building represents a shift in both teaching and learning. You will notice many changes this year in order to prepare us for this opportunity. First, we boast a dynamic new team of teachers who chose to join the Bison family this year! Also, a great deal more collaborative learning, flexible grouping and inquiry based learning. To assist us in that shift you will notice plenty of new furniture in our current building and a huge increase in technology.



We encourage you to visit our website www.wascana.rbe.sk.ca for more information. We also encourage you to attend our Open House on September 12th at 6:30 to meet the new team and find out about what we plan to offer your child(ren) this year!

We would like to thank the community for welcoming us so warmly already. One thing that is very clear even this early in the year, "We are great and getting greater"!!

Mr. J. Fladager, Principal

Mrs. M. Gavel, Vice Principal



Start and End Times for 2013 – 2014

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Education has mandated additional minutes of instructional time beginning in the fall of 2013. This means that **school starts at 8:53 am and ends at 3:37** at ALL Regina Public Schools. Bus / Cab transportation times will be adjusted for the additional minutes of school next year. Recess and lunch hour are not affected.

Wascana Community School Staff List

Mr. J. Fladager	Principal	Office
Mrs. M. Gavel	Vice-Principal / Teacher Librarian	Office / Library
Mr. S. Lapchuk	Pre-Kindergarten a.m. / p.m.	Room 4
Ms. M. Whittle	Kindergarten a.m. / p.m	Room 1
Mrs. D. Bird-Frater	Grade 1/2	Room 6
Mrs. M. Hubbard	Grade 1/2	Room 3
Mrs. L. Crawford	Grade 2/3	Room 2
Mrs. C. Onieu	Grade 3/4	Room 17
Ms. J. Leach	Grade 3/4	Room 14
Ms. A. Kimbley	Grade 4/5	Room 19
Mr. J. Howse	Grade 5/6	Room 23
Ms. L. Bird	Grade 7/8	Room 25
Ms. N. Agecoutay-Sweet	Grade 7/8	Room 27
Ms. J. Casper	Literacy / Numeracy Support	Room 11
Mrs. K. McMillen	LRT	Room 11
Mrs. K. Clauson	LRT	Room 11
Ms. S. Olynick	EAL Support (0.2)	Room 11
Ms. S. Olynick	Resource (0.8)	Room 11
Mrs. M. Gavel	Teacher Librarian (0.5)	Library
Mrs. J. McDonald	Specialist	Room 20
Ms. M. Elles	Specialist	Room 29
Ms. S. Roe	Specialist (0.6) (Walker)	Room 20
Mrs. B. McRedmond	Reading Intervention Teacher	Room 5
Mr. C. Dusyk	Transition Teacher (0.5) (Scott)	Room 11
Mrs. B. Shukin	Community School Nutrition Coordinator	Room 10
Mr. J. Hamilton	Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 PM) (McVeety)	Room 4
Mrs. B. Reles	Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 AM)	Room 4
Mrs. B. Reles	Community School Teacher Associate (0.5)	
Mrs. M. Linkewich	Community School Teacher Associate	
Ms. N. Arzab	Special Education Assistant	
Mrs. K. Schneider	Special Education Assistant	
Mrs. T. Brady	Administrative Assistant	Office
Mr. L. Baxter	Head Facility Technician	
Mr. L. Dahl	Evening Facilities Technician	
Mr. B. Ambrose	Evening Facilities Technician	
Mrs. S. Cote	Dream Broker	Room 11
Mrs. M. Lehmann	Resource Centre Assistant	Library
Mrs. L. Stettner	Band – Day 5 PM sectionals, Day 2 Full Band	
Mrs. L. Caufield	Public Health Nurse	
Const. T. Lerat	School Resource Officer	
Mrs. J. Taypotat	Instructional Consultant	
Mrs. K. Zirk	Speech & Language Pathologist	Library Office
Ms. K. Pedscalny	Social Worker	
Mr. M. White	Psychologist	
Mrs. A. Youck	Instructional Consultant	
Elder B. McKenna	Elder	
Mrs. S. Nistor	Superintendent	



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 assembly: October 2nd at 9:30 am.



School Community Council

The first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 pm**. We would love to see you out! Elections will occur before the end of October. There is plenty of room for members. Childcare is provided at meetings.



Welcome Back Open House

Our welcome back Open House will take place on **Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 pm**.

This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and see the classroom. There will also be a presentation in the gym on the new Seven Stones School.



Goal Setting Conferences

Conferences are set for **Wednesday, Oct 2nd and Thursday, Oct 3rd**. There will be no regular classes those afternoons. A separate letter will come home indicating your conference time(s). Please join us to set a plan for your child(ren)'s success this year at school.



Back to School Reminders

- Please label personal items you send to school with your child.
- Recess is part of our programming and students should be prepared to be outside each day, please dress for the weather.
- Please do not send your children prior to 8:38 am or 12:30 pm for supervision reasons.
- The front door is for parent and community access, students should enter through their designated door.
- We are a scent and nut free environment.
- Please do not bring pets to school as there are a number of teachers and students with severe allergies.
- Cell phones may be brought to school but should remain "out of sight" from others and cannot be used during school hours. The office phone is available for emergency calls by students.
- Please leave expensive items like gaming systems and iPods at home. Cameras are not permitted.
- Bikes should be locked up outside (record serial numbers at home). Skateboards must be placed in designated areas during the day and not used on the school grounds.
- Appropriate clothing with positive messaging is important to our school environment. Please no bandanas. Hats may be worn at recess.



Calendar of Events

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

- Sept 3 – students return to school
- Sept 4 – opening assembly at 10:45 am
- Sept 12 – Open House, 6:30 pm
- Sept 12 – Gr. 6-8 to Treaty 4
- Sept 16 – first day of Pre-K
- Sept 18 – Scott Collegiate Open House
- Sept 18 & 25 – Cross Country running
- Sept 19 – 6:00 pm – first SCC mtg
- Sept 24 – Scott Collegiate AGM
- Sept 26 – Terry Fox Walk
- Oct 2 & 3 - Goal Setting Conferences
 - No regular classes PM for Gr 1-8
- Oct 4– no school – PD Day
- Oct 7 – School Pictures



Reminders from the Office

- Please call the school, 791-8528, if your child is going to be absent for any reason.
- A form to update all of the student's contacts will be sent home soon. It is extremely important that this form be updated and sent back to school in the event of an emergency.
- **Agendas can be purchased through your child's teacher at \$2.50 each.**
- We love volunteers! See your child's teacher for volunteering opportunities. See Mrs. Brady to complete a Police Information Check or Driver's Authorization Form as needed.



Nutrition and Health

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

Fluoride rinse is provided once a week to each student. This is optional by signing the consent card.

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.

There is no charge to students staying for lunch who bring a lunch from home. We have 4 lunchrooms set up to accommodate this need. Positive behaviour is required in the lunchroom.

A lunchroom form is being sent home for you to indicate your child's attendance in any of these programs on a regular basis.

~ Ms. Shukin, Nutrition Coordinator

WANTED - 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

If you have a child who wants to learn and have fun then the Wascana Pre-Kindergarten program is the place for him or her. Our focus is teaching your child social skills and readiness skills for Kindergarten.

Classes run Monday to Thursday from 8:53 AM to 11:45 PM or 12:45 PM to 3:37 PM.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 school year.

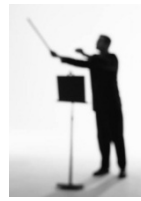
For more information call Wascana @ 791-8528 or visit the office for an application form.

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms will be hosting a variety of family days throughout the school year. Some family days will be held with both the Kindergarten and Pre-K classes together and others will be separate. Most of the family days that are separate are planned for the same day, one after another, for the convenience of those families who have children in both classes.

The purpose of the "Family Day" is to allow families to become directly involved in the education process, for the child to see the family as "teachers" and role models, network with other families in the program, and to provide learning opportunities to help you and your family grow and to have fun learning together. Family days may include several different experiences such as field trips, workshops, literacy, math, or art experiences, cooking, and/or physical activities. Younger siblings are always welcome.

Our first family day of the year is on Thursday, September 26. This is a literacy experience based on Audrey Penn's book *The Kissing Hand*. Pre-K and Kindergarten families can look forward to receiving more information in the next few weeks.



BAND NEWS:

First Day of Sectionals

WASCANA - Grade 6 - September 9th pm
WASCANA - Grade 7 - September 9th pm
WASCANA - Grade 8 - September 9th pm

First Day of Full Band (all schools)

GRADE 6 - September 25 - 1-2pm
GRADE 7/8 - September 18 - 2-3pm

GRADE 6 HEADSTART CLINIC

Our Grade 6 Headstart clinic will be held at McLurg School on September 18, from 3-7pm (students will be bussed to McLurg at 3pm, but will need a ride home at 7pm) All Grade 6 band students should be in attendance as we will be learning all of the basics of their particular instrument that evening.

Mrs. Strykiwsky & Mrs. Stetner

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.



Attention Fiddlers!

Wascana School is excited to have students participating in Fiddle Club this year! Mr. Ward will be teaching 3 different groups of students: Beginners, Intermediates and Senior Fiddlers. He is looking for anyone wanting to continue playing the fiddle as well as any students who are interested in learning the instrument! Fiddlers should stay tuned for practice sessions that Mrs. Clauson will be organizing during lunch hours. If students or parents have any questions about Fiddle Club, feel free to contact Mrs. Clauson.



**Aboriginal Grandmothers Caring for Grandchildren
Support Network Meeting**

**Friday, September 13, 2013
9:30 am with lunch to follow**

**at Lifelong Learning Centre
2155 College Avenue at Cornwall Street – Regina**

Guest: Bob Pringle

SK Advocate for Children and Youth

Join Bob Pringle to let him know about the challenges you face as Grandmothers caring for grandchildren and advocacy efforts to get support needed for you and your grandchildren.

This is a great opportunity to share your stories with Bob so that they can be shared with those who can assist ...

Tea & Bannock are always served at Support Network Meetings and for this special meeting we will have lunch to follow.

*Childcare will be provided if requested in advance.
Regina City buses are FREE on Fridays in September!*

**Welcome gift for all NEW Grandmothers in attendance
& ALL Grandmothers at the meeting will receive a gift**

**Please call Hertha at 306-585-5766 by September 6
to register, reserve your lunch, and get more information.
Let Hertha know if you need childcare & take FREE bus to LLC!**

University
of Regina

Lifelong Learning Centre
306.585.5816
www.lregina.ca/llc/llceng

Ukrainian Language Program

For over 28 years, Regina Public Schools has offered Ukrainian language classes. In the Ukrainian Language Program, students have the opportunity to learn the language and experience the rich cultural heritage of Ukraine through music, drama, literature, cultural celebrations, traditional crafts, and special guest speakers.

Classes are held at Massey School during regular school hours for one half day per week for students in Grades 1 to 8. Cultural community activities and the Ukrainian arts program provide some of the learning opportunities within this program. No previous knowledge of Ukrainian is necessary to enroll. Children may enter the program in Grades 1- 3.

The Regina Public School Board provides transportation both to and from Massey School. Transportation arrangements may be made by contacting the school.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Ukrainian Language Program, please contact the teacher, Mrs. Roma Barnes, or the principal of Massey School at 306-791-8504. A copy of the brochure is posted on the Regina Board of Education web site at www.rbe.sk.ca under "Our Schools" and then "Languages".

My name is Mrs. Cote - I can be found in room 11 beside the office or you can call me at 306-527-3869

Parting Thoughts:

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude".

~ Scott Hamilton

"A bad attitude is like a flat tire, you can't go anywhere until you change it!"