



# SEVEN STONES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### *Principal's Corner*

Welcome to our brand new school! Six years after the closure of Herchmer, our new school now stands as a beautiful representation of the work of our community and its many partners. I want to express my thanks to the amazing team lead by Number 10 Architecture, Clark's Builders and Regina Public Schools and the innumerable contractors who made this dream come to life! The school's design sets the bar for a whole new standard of education. Our students have been provided a 21<sup>st</sup> century facility with new technologies, modern equipment, and environmental benefits in which we will provide your children with a collaborative, flexible and inclusive environment for reflection, research and resolving (the new 3 R's of education). And we can't wait to get started! Congratulations to our entire community of the achievement of Seven Stones Community School. Let this be the beginning of amazing achievements to come!



**We Are GREAT & GETTING GREATER!!**



### Calendar of Events

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

- Sept 2 – return to school, 8:53 am
- Sept 3 – opening assembly at 10:45 am
- Sept 8 – Awasis Child Care Co-op opens
- Sept 15 - first day of Pre Kindergarten
- Sept 16 – Grand Opening – 10:00 am
- Sept 17 – Cross Country running
- Sept 18 – Open House – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Sept 24 – SCC Mtg, 3:00 pm
- Sept 26 – Terry Fox Walk
- Oct 1 – NO SCHOOL PM ONLY
- Oct 2 – Belonging Assembly – 9:30 am
- Oct 6 – School Pictures
- Oct 9 - Goal Setting Conferences
  - No regular classes for Gr K-8
- Oct 10 – No School – PD Day
- Oct 13 – No School



### GRAND OPENING!

You are invited to attend the grand opening on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. There will be presentations by the Ministry of Education, the building designers and our students to officially open Seven Stones. On that day we will raise our flag for the first time and seal up our time capsule.



## Start and End Times for 2014 – 2015

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Education has mandated additional minutes of instructional time that began 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 have been adjusted for the additional minutes of school. Recess and lunch hour are not affected.

### Seven Stones Community School Staff

Jay Fladager	Principal	Office
Milissa Gavel	Vice-Principal (0.6) / Teacher Librarian (0.4)	Office
Sasha Lapchuk	Pre-Kindergarten a.m. / p.m.	PLC 1 Collab
Lindsay Geiss (Melissa Burnett)	Early Developmental Centre a.m. / p.m.	IELC
Mehley Whittle	Kindergarten a.m. / p.m.	PLC 1 Collab
Debbie Bird-Frater	PLC 1	PLC 1 Collab
Marnie Hubbard	PLC 1	PLC 1 Collab
Chelsey Doka	PLC 1	PLC 1 Collab
Kari Anderson	PLC 2	PLC 2 Collab
Jenn Leach	PLC 2	PLC 2 Collab
Alison Kimbley	PLC 2	PLC 2 Collab
Jason Howse	PLC 3	PLC 3 Collab
Leatha Bird	PLC 3	PLC 3 Collab
Natalie Agecutay-Sweet	PLC 3	PLC 3 Collab
Jackie Casper	Literacy / Numeracy Support	SET Office
Krista McMillen	LRT	SET Office
Carleen Onieu	LRT	SET Office
Karalyn Picard (Jolene Siemens)	LRT (0.5)	SET Office
Starla Olynick	EAL Support (0.2)	SET Office
Starla Olynick	Behavior Specialist (0.8)	SET Office
Joan McDonald	Specialist	Arts / Culture Studio
Mandi Elles	Specialist	Arts / Culture Studio
Sarah Adams	Specialist (0.5) (Walker)	Arts / Culture Studio
Bahiyiyh McRedmond	Reading Intervention Teacher	PLC 1 Collab
Ceane Dusyk	Transition Teacher (0.5) (Scott)	PLC 3 Collab
Brenda Shukin	Community School Nutrition Coordinator	Nutrition Cafe
Jason Hamilton	Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 PM) (McVeety)	
Brandi Reles	Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 AM)	
Brandi Reles	Community School Teacher Associate (0.5)	
Margaret Linkewich	Community School Teacher Associate	
Stacey McLeod-Klein	Developmental Centre Assistant	IELC
Michelle Cheung	Developmental Centre Assistant (AM)	IELC
Amber McGonigal	Developmental Centre Assistant (PM)	IELC
Loretta Etchner	Developmental Centre R.N.	IELC
Nell Arzab	Special Education Assistant	
Trudy Kolbenson	Special Education Assistant	
Rene Kettering	Special Education Assistant	
Andrea Gould	Special Education Assistant	
Angela Johnson	Special Education Assistant	
Ronda Keck	Special Education Assistant (PM)	
TBA	Special Education Assistant (6 week transitions)	
Terilyn Brady	Administrative Assistant	Office
TBA	Head Facility Technician	Office
TBA	Evening Facilities Technician	
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Sabrina Cote	Dream Broker	Office
Marlene Lehmann	Resource Centre Assistant	Library
Lindsay Stetner	Band – Day 5 PM sectionals, Day 2 Full Band	
Lana Caufield	Public Health Nurse	
Const. Pascal Chagnon	School Resource Officer	
Jackie Taypotat	Instructional Consultant	
Kristina Thunberg	Speech & Language Pathologist	
Karen Pedscalny	Social Worker	Meeting Room
Mike White	Psychologist	Meeting Room
TBA	Occupational Therapist	
Andrea Youck	Instructional Consultant	
Betty McKenna	Elder	
TBA	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.

**First assembly: October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am.**



## School Community Council

The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**. We would love to see you out! Elections will occur before the end of October. There is plenty of room for members.



## Welcome Back Open House

Our welcome back Open House will take place on **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Goal Setting Conferences are set for **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no regular classes that day. 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.



## Reminders from the Office

- Please call the school, 306-523-3740, 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 \$2.00 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.

### **WANTED - 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS**

If you have a child who wants to learn and have fun then the Seven Stones 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 2014-2015 school year.

For more information call 306-523-3740 or visit the office for an application form.



## 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.

**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 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.**

~ Ms. Shukin, Nutrition Coordinator

## 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 25**. 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

7 STONES - Grade 6 – September 15<sup>th</sup> pm  
7 STONES - Grade 7 - September 15<sup>th</sup> pm  
7 STONES - Grade 8 - September 15<sup>th</sup> pm

### First Day of Full Band (all schools)

GRADE 6 - September 24 - 1-2pm  
GRADE 7/8 - September 17 - 2-3pm

### GRADE 6 HEADSTART CLINIC

Our Grade 6 Headstart clinic will be held at McLurg School on September 17, from 4-7pm (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!

Seven Stones 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. McDonald will be organizing. If students or parents have any questions about Fiddle Club, feel free to contact the school.



### Cross Country Running

Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Kimbley are welcoming grade 4 – 8 students interested in cross country running. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school beginning Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. The first meet is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at Douglas Park after school. Look for a permission form coming home with your child.





## Community News

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### New School Visits

**Our new school is beautiful,  
we can't wait to share it.  
But back to school takes focus,  
Please be kind and respect it.**

**Join us for the Open House or the  
Grand Opening indeed.  
But we are students in school,  
And not yet open for all to see.**

**So, thanks for your kindness,  
generosity and support.  
Soon we will tour you,  
please wait for your part!**

### GIRL GUIDES

Girl Guides will be holding registration for girls between the ages of 6-18.

Date: Tues. September 9 and Wednesday September 10, 2014.

Time: 6:30pm -8:30pm

Address: 1340 Robinson St (use front door)

Location: school lobby

Contact person for information is Brenda McElree 352-0708 for any questions.

## **September 2014 at the Early Years Family Centre**

### **New Adventures at EYFC**

We are thrilled to be **opening a third location** this month and can't wait for you to visit at our New Location—**Miller High School** (upstairs)

We also invite you to visit our **Dr. Hanna Location** (this is a relocation of our Gathering Place Location).

And we can't forget that our **Scott Location** remains open for you - however, we have changed a few things around so you will want to come see the new opportunities for learning that are available for you and your children!

All of our spaces are **free** for children from birth to 6 years and their parents or caregivers. Come and use our play and learn space or take part in our drop-in or registered programs.

### **Drop In Play and Learn Times for September**

Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 4:00

Friday 9:00 to 1:00

Tuesday (Scott Location only) 9:00 to 7:00

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Lynda and the EYFC Team