



**SEVEN  
STONES**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## *Principals' Corner*

We are so excited to welcome you back to school!

It is our second year in our new building and we have taken the focus this year of maximizing learning time! We are already so proud of what our students have accomplished but believe that a few minor adjustments will increase focus, reduce down time and create a safer and happier environment for your child.

With this in mind, please note the new Adjusted School Day times listed on this page. We now start our day a little later and end a little earlier. This will maximize the time staff have to hold meetings before and after school therefore increasing teacher to student contact time during the day. In addition, your children will get a little extra time for extracurricular sports and clubs after school. We will also have a shorter lunch period to avoid down time and unstructured time. We have adjusted the time your students traditionally received for play and physical activity at recesses to part of our school day in order to increase the supervision your child receives. We expect this will reduce conflict management time that takes away from learning time.

Our second major focus this year is to involve you as often as possible in your child's education! We will be inviting you more often this year and hope that you feel free to just drop by to see us and participate. If you have ideas to increase your involvement, we would love to hear from you!!

We are looking forward to a great year and consider it a privilege to work with your children!

~Mr. J. Fladager and Ms. S. Reavley



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

## Adjusted School Day

**A reminder of our school day times for this year. Our hope is to maximize learning time while reducing transitions and bullying. We have made arrangements to adjust bus times and maintain supervised physical play time in our school day.**

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

# 2015-2016 Staff List

Jay Fladager	<b>Principal</b>	Office
Sherry Reavley	<b>Vice-Principal (0.4) / LRT (0.5) / Specialist (0.1)</b>	Office
Sasha Lapchuk	<b>Pre-Kindergarten a.m. / p.m.</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Melissa Burnett	<b>Early Developmental Centre a.m. / p.m.</b>	IELC
Mehley Macdonald	<b>Kindergarten a.m. / p.m.</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Debbie Bird-Frater	<b>PLC 1</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Lindsay Geiss (Carleen Onieu*)	<b>PLC 1</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Chelsey Doka	<b>PLC 1</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Marnie Hubbard	<b>PLC 1 – Literacy / Numeracy Support</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Kari Anderson	<b>PLC 2</b>	PLC 2 Collab
Melissa Klaptchuk	<b>PLC 2</b>	PLC 2 Collab
Sydney Lemieux	<b>PLC 2</b>	PLC 2 Collab
Kevin Parisien	<b>PLC 2</b>	PLC 2 Collab
Alison Kimbley	<b>PLC 3</b>	PLC 3 Collab
Morgan Hunter	<b>PLC 3</b>	PLC 3 Collab
Cassie Fisher	<b>PLC 3</b>	PLC 3 Collab
Jason Howse	<b>PLC 3 - Literacy / Numeracy Support</b>	PLC 3 Collab
Krista McMillen	<b>LRT</b>	SET Collab
Kelsey Clausen	<b>LRT (0.5) PM</b>	SET Collab
Jolene Siemens	<b>LRT (0.5) AM</b>	SET Collab
Sheri Gordon (Jackie Casper*)	<b>Teacher Librarian (0.4) / Specialist (0.1) AM</b>	SET Collab
Starla Olynick	<b>Behavior Specialist (0.8) / Specialist (0.2)</b>	SET Collab
Joan McDonald	<b>Specialist</b>	Cultural Arts Studio
Mandi Elles	<b>Specialist</b>	Cultural Arts Studio
Sarah Adams	<b>Specialist (0.5) (Walker)</b>	Cultural Arts Studio
Bahiyiyh McRedmond	<b>Reading Intervention Teacher</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Roxanne Smith	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Office
Brenda Shukin	<b>Community School Nutrition Coordinator</b>	Nutrition Cafe
Jason Hamilton	<b>Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 PM) (McVeety)</b>	Pre K
Brandi Reles	<b>Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 AM)</b>	Pre K
Brandi Reles	<b>Community School Teacher Associate (0.5 PM)</b>	
Stacey MacLeod-Klein	<b>Developmental Centre Assistant</b>	IELC
Michelle Cheung	<b>Developmental Centre Assistant</b>	IELC
Angela Stewart	<b>Developmental Centre R.N.</b>	IELC
Nell Arzab	<b>Special Education Assistant</b>	PLC 1
Ronda Keck	<b>Special Education Assistant (0.5 AM)</b>	K
Rene Kettering	<b>Special Education Assistant</b>	PLC 1
Angela Johnson	<b>Special Education Assistant</b>	PLC 2
Tracy Nostbakken	<b>Special Education Assistant</b>	PLC 2
Ramona Nelson	<b>Special Education Assistant</b>	PLC 1
Meghan Dawson	<b>Special Education Assistant</b>	PLC 2
Mark Novak	<b>Head Facility Technician</b>	Office
Ray Santiago	<b>Evening Facilities Technician (8 hour)</b>	
Timo Myrta	<b>Evening Facilities Technician (4 hour)</b>	
Sabrina Cote-Brooks	<b>Dream Broker</b>	Office
Marlene Lehmann	<b>Resource Centre Assistant</b>	Media Centre
Dylan Wiest	<b>Band – Day 5 PM sectionals, Day 2 Full Band</b>	
Lana Caufield	<b>Public Health Nurse</b>	
Jean Claude Hagerimana	<b>SSWIS Worker</b>	
Const. Sieber	<b>School Resource Officer</b>	
Kristina Thunberg	<b>Speech &amp; Language Pathologist</b>	PLC 1 Collab
Karen Pedscalny	<b>Social Worker</b>	Meeting Room
Mike White	<b>Psychologist</b>	Meeting Room
Vanessa Pham	<b>Occupational Therapist</b>	
Andrea Youck	<b>Instructional Consultant (0.5) Ferguson (0.5)</b>	
Betty McKenna	<b>Elder</b>	
Lois Herridge	<b>Superintendent</b>	



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 am.**



## Calendar of Events

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

- Sept 1 – return to school at 9:23 am
- Sept 2 – opening assembly at 11:00 am
- Sept 7 – no school, Labour Day
- Sept 8 – first day of lunch program
- Sept 14 – first day of Pre Kindergarten
- Sept 14 – first day of Band program
- Sept 16 – Cross Country Running
- Sept 17 – Honouring Our Parents event  
3:30 – 5:30 pm
- Sept 17 – Gr 6 band head start clinic
- Sept 23 – SCC Mtg, 3:00 pm
- Sept 30 – Cross Country Finals
- Sept 30 – Terry Fox Walk
- Oct 1 – Belonging Assembly – 9:45 am
- Oct 2 – Goal Setting Conferences  
(no regular classes)
- Oct 5 – School Pictures
- Oct 9 – No School – PD Day
- Oct 12 – No School



## School Community Council

The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</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 NEW members.

# *Honouring Our Parents*

Please join us for a celebration of you, the parents and caregivers of our Seven Stones students. We would like to honour the important role you play in your child's education! Please join us on:

**September 17, 3:30 – 5:30 pm**

### Featuring:

**Yellow Horse Drum Group  
Bannock  
Family Activities  
Give-Aways**



## Goal Setting Conferences

Goal Setting Conferences are set for **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</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.



## 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. Smith to complete a Police Information Check or Driver's Authorization Form as needed.



## Back to School Reminders

- Please label personal items you send to school with your child.
- Please do not send your children prior to 9:08 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.
- The office phone is available for emergency calls by students. Student cell phones may only be used at teacher discretion.
- 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 on the playground.



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

If you have a child who wants to learn and have fun then the Seven Stones Community School 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 9:23 AM to 12:00 PM or 12:45 PM to 3:22 PM.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015-2016 school year.

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



## 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.

## September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Burger, Veggies & Dip	9 Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Fruit	10 Hamburger Soup with Goldfish Crackers	11	12
13	14 French Toast with Syrup & Fruit	15 Ham & Cheese Sub	16 Baked Spaghetti & Cheese Stick	17 Pepperoni Cheese Pizza	18	19
20	21 Breakfast Wrap & Fruit	22 Chicken Noodle Soup & Crackers	23 Egg Salad Sandwich & Veggies	24 Chili with Bun & Veggies	25	26
27	28 Ham, Cheese Veggie Wrap & Fruit	29 Vegetable Soup with Crackers	30 BBQ Beef On a Bun with Veggies & Dip			



## 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 24**. 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.

## 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.

~ Sabrina Cote-Brooks



### School Cash Online: Safe, convenient online payments!

Regina Public Schools parents and guardians can now pay for a variety of school based fees directly online. This saves the hassle of writing checks and eliminates the need for students to carry cash or cheques to school.

Please take five minutes of your time to register to the secure site. Sign up is as easy as:

1. Go to the Regina Public Schools *School Cash Online* website:

<https://rbe.schoolcashonline.com>

2. Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" button and follow the steps

3. After you receive a confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login and add each of your children (if more than one) to your household account.

*Please Note: If you have any questions during the registration process, or while paying fees online, please select the SUPPORT button. You can also access the School Cash Online-Parent Help Desk by calling toll free 1-866-961-1803, or by email at [Parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:Parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com). The Help Desk is open to answer your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and on holidays.*



### 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

We are welcoming grade 4 – 8 students interested in cross country running. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school beginning Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first meet is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> at Douglas Park after school. Look for a permission form coming home with your child.



## Community News



Girl Guides of Canada  
Guides du Canada

My name is Brenda McElree I am the Contact Guider for North Central Guiding Units.

We welcome ages 5-17 for:

Sparks 5 & 6

Brownies 7 & 8

Guides 9-11

### **Registration will be held on:**

Wednesday September 9, 2015

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Seven Stones Community School

1101 Princess Street

(North Entrance off of Parking lot)

Pathfinders 12-14

Registration will be held on:

Tuesday September 8, 2015

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Albert School 1340 Robinson St.

Guiding is bold, fund and energetic. It gives girls the tools and resources they need to achieve Greatness!

Call Brenda at 306-352-0708

## Every Day Counts! Provincial Students' Day



Regina Public Schools, together with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) and other school boards across the province, is promoting the importance of being present and participating at school. The theme is "Be present at school -- every day counts".

To honour and reinforce the importance of education, Sept. 1, 2015 – the first day back at school in Saskatchewan – was proclaimed Provincial Students' Day in the province by the Hon. Don Morgan, Minister of Education and this theme was announced by school divisions and the SSBA. According to Minister Morgan, "Provincial Students' Day highlights the importance of being ready to learn in the classroom today and throughout the year."

The theme of "Be present at school – every day counts" is Student First and supports the targets set out in the Education Sector Strategic Plan to improve student achievement in Saskatchewan.

A video featuring the theme has been produced to promote Provincial Students' Day and the theme and is available for viewing here: <http://youtu.be/JLpU6UuIOtc>.

