



**SEVEN
STONES**
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Principals' Corner

We are so excited to welcome you back to school!

We are already so proud of what our students have accomplished and we LOVE working with you to provide the best learning environment for their continued development!

With this in mind, it is our goal to involve you as deeply as we can in your child's education. Please watch for upcoming family days, special events and volunteering opportunities. Or please just come by the office to talk about opportunities!

We are pleased to welcome some outstanding new staff to our team. Please see their names on the reverse of this page and come by to meet them!

Please note the enclosed information Regina Public's new Student Progress Reporting plan as well as changes to the Universal Lunchroom policy and Transportation policy. Please call or drop by with questions.

Please note that we will be continuing with our Adjusted School Day times listed on this page. We start our day a little later and end a little earlier. This maximizes 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 have appreciated how much this reduces conflict management time that takes away from learning time.

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 aim 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

2016-2017 Staff List

Jay Fladager	Principal	Office
Sherry Reavley	Vice-Principal (0.4) / LRT (0.5) / Specialist (0.1)	Office
Sasha Lapchuk	Pre-Kindergarten a.m. / p.m.	PLC 1 Collab
Melissa Burnett	Early Developmental Centre a.m. / p.m.	IELC
Mehley Macdonald	Kindergarten a.m. / p.m.	PLC 1 Collab
Debbie Bird-Frater	PLC 1	PLC 1 Collab
Chelsey Hicks	PLC 1	PLC 1 Collab
Jill Ward*	PLC 1	PLC 1 Collab
Kim Hodgson	Early Reading Intervention	PLC 1 Collab
Kari Anderson	PLC 2	PLC 2 Collab
Ashlyn Schutte*	PLC 2	PLC 2 Collab
Sydney Lemieux	PLC 2	PLC 2 Collab
Kevin Parisien	PLC 2	PLC 2 Collab
Justin McKay*	PLC 2 – Literacy / Numeracy Support	PLC 2 Collab
Megan Weisbrod	PLC 3	PLC 3 Collab
Morgan Hunter	PLC 3	PLC 3 Collab
Cassie Fisher	PLC 3	PLC 3 Collab
Jason Howse	PLC 3 - Literacy / Numeracy Support	PLC 3 Collab
Krista McMillen	LRT	SET Collab
Jolene Siemens*	LRT (0.5) PM	SET Collab
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Jackie Casper	Teacher Librarian (0.4) / Specialist (0.2) AMs + 2	SET Collab
Starla Olynick	Behavior Specialist (0.8) / Specialist (0.2)	SET Collab
Melanie Waldron	Specialist	Cultural Arts Studio
Mandi Elles	Specialist	Cultural Arts Studio
Alicia Reschny	Specialist (0.5) Days 1, 2, 3 AM - Imperial (0.5)	Cultural Arts Studio
Roxanne Smith	Administrative Assistant	Office
Brenda Shukin	Community School Nutrition Coordinator	Nutrition Cafe
Jason Hamilton	Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 PM)(McVeety-AM)	Pre K
Brandi Reles	Pre-K. Teacher Associate (0.5 AM)	Pre K
Brandi Reles	Community School Teacher Associate (0.5 PM)	PLC 3
Stacey MacLeod-Klein	Developmental Centre Assistant	IELC
Marytes Viray	Developmental Centre Assistant	IELC
Angela Stewart	Developmental Centre R.N.	IELC
Nell Arzab	Special Education Assistant	PLC 1
Cassandra Stachowich	Special Education Assistant	Kindergarten
Tracy Nostbakken	Special Education Assistant	PLC 2
Angela Johnson	Special Education Assistant	PLC 2
Meghan Dawson	Special Education Assistant	PLC 2
Rene Kettering	Special Education Assistant	PLC 1
Ramona Nelson	Special Education Assistant	PLC 1
Nico Inocolla	Special Education Assistant	PLC 2
Chris Hamilton	Head Facility Technician	Office
Ray Santiago	Evening Facilities Technician (8 hour)	
Timo Myrta	Evening Facilities Technician (4 hour)	
Sabrina Cote-Brooks	Dream Broker	Office
Marlene Lehmann	Resource Centre Assistant	Media Centre
Lindsay Stetner	Band – Day 5 PM sectionals, Day 2 Full Band	
Elaine Abroor	Public Health Nurse	
Const. Richard Claude	School Resource Officer	Scott Collegiate
Kristina Thunberg	Speech & Language Pathologist	SET Collab
Karen Pedscalny	Social Worker	Meeting Room
Mike White	Psychologist	Meeting Room
Vanessa Pham	Occupational Therapist	
Betty McKenna	Elder	
Lois Herridge	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: September 29th 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 2 – first day of breakfast program
- Sept 5 – no school, Labour Day
- Sept 12 – first day of Pre Kindergarten
- Sept 12 – first day of Band program
- Sept 14 – Cross Country Running
- Sept 17 – Honouring Our Parents event
3:30 – 5:30 pm
- Sept 17 – Gr 6 band head start clinic
- Sept 23 – Goal Setting Conferences and
STEAM Challenge Day – PM
- Sept 27 - Immunizations
- Sept 28 – SCC Mtg, 2:45 pm pm
- Sept 28 – Cross Country Finals
- Sept 29 – Pre K and K Family Day
- Sept 30 – Terry Fox Walk
- Sept 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- Oct 3 – School Pictures
- Oct 7 – No School – PD Day
- Oct 10 – No School



School Community Council

The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28th at 2:45 pm.** We would love to see you out! Elections will occur before the end of October. There is plenty of room for NEW members.



Inviting All Families to our combined Goal Setting and Science STEAM Challenge Event!

Friday, September 23
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Come and Go Event

Pre K to 8 students in the gym participating in hands-on science and engineering challenges with their peers while families participate in goal setting conferences with classroom teachers.

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Report Cards

Please note that all Regina Public Schools will be formally reporting on student progress twice per year beginning in 2016-2017. Report Cards will come out to families on February 1st at the end of Term 1 and on June 29th at the end of Term 2. This will match Grade 1-8 practice with previous practice for our Pre K and K students and well as High School student progress reporting. There will still be two formal opportunities to meet with your child's teacher as well. Once in November and once in March. Progress reporting is always on-going and is available at any time through the school year on Parent Portal (see the office for an access code) or by making an appointment with your child's teacher.



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.



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 2016-2017 school year.

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



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



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.



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



Nutrition

The Nutrition Programs, Student Lunch Program will run Monday – Thursday weekly (There is NO lunch program on Fridays). 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. Students who have lunch cards need to be at school by 10:00 am to get a lunch that day.

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.

05	06	07	08	09
12	13	14	15	16
Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Fruit	Burger, Veggies & Dip	Hamburger Soup & Crackers	Ham and Cheese Sub	
19	20	21	22	23
Pepperoni Cheese Pizza & Fruit	Chicken Noodle Soup & Crackers	Baked Spaghetti & Garlic Toast	Egg Salad Sandwich & Fruit	
26	27	28	29	30
French Toast with Syrup and Fruit	Sloppy Joes with Veggies	Vegetable Soup & Crackers	Saucy Meatballs & Rice	



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 3rd. The first meet is scheduled for September 14th at Douglas Park after school. Look for a permission form coming home with your child. Thanks to Ms. Fisher, Ms. Lemieux, Mr. McKay and Mrs. Hunter for their leadership!



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 29**. This is a literacy experience. Pre-K and Kindergarten families can look forward to receiving more information in the next few weeks.



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.schoolcashionline.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@schoolcashionline.com. The Help Desk is open to answer your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and on holidays.



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 5-12 for:

Sparks 5 & 6

Brownies 7 & 8

Guides 9-11

Brownies Registration will be held on:

Wednesday September 14, 2016

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

Universal Lunchroom Program Information for Families



Background Information

On December 14, 2015, the Regina Public Schools Board of Trustees approved a plan for universal lunchroom supervision.

[From 2008 to present], anecdotally schools have reported a substantial increased workload associated with organizing and maintaining the free lunch hour supervision program. Additionally, schools have reported an increase of pressure on school staffs. Finally, the associated costs with funding a free universal elementary lunch hour supervision program have increased.

(Review of Universal Lunchroom Supervision Program and Implementation Plan for the 2016-17 School Year, December 2015)

Implementation Plan

1. Parents of all Grades 1 to 8 students staying at noon who do not qualify for transportation by the division will be required to pay a registration fee at the beginning of the school year.
2. Parents of Grades 1 to 8 students whose child will stay at noon must complete a lunchroom registration form for each child who will be using the lunchroom services of the school.
3. Parents will identify the following:
 - a. Transported or qualify for transportation by the school division (bus/cab), **or**
 - b. Not transported by the school division, full-time usage of lunchroom, **or**
 - c. Not transported by the school division, part-time usage of lunchroom.
4. Full-time is defined as 51% or more usage; part-time is defined as 50% or less usage.
5. In the event that a student is not transported or does not qualify for transportation by the school division, the fee rate will be as follows:
 - a. Full-time - \$100 per year per child
 - b. Part-time - \$50 per year per child
6. Students registered at a Regina Public school after January 31st, will pay the pro-rated rate of \$50/\$25 per child for that school year.
7. Fees will be paid one time through the school office. A receipt of payment of noon-hour supervision fees will be provided to parents. Parents will be encouraged to pay in full at the beginning of the school year. To support families who may have financial need, there is the option of splitting the payments, half in September and half in February.
8. If a family moves from one Regina Public school to another, the fee is transferable but is non-refundable.
9. Where there is financial need, families may contact their school principal.
10. The maximum paid by one family to supervise all of their children will be \$200. This applies to both full-time and part-time usage, as well as registrations after Jan. 31st.
11. For further information, please contact Mr. Fladager.



Grade 1 Transportation for the 2016-2017 School Year

Regina Public Schools, effective with the 2016-17 school year, will be changing its transportation procedures for Grade 1 students. You will have been contacted directly by letter if this change applies to your family. If you did not receive a letter, but think this applies to you, please contact your school principal.

Here are some of the details of the changes, for your information. Starting with the 2016-17 school year, only Grade 1 students who reside or whose caregivers reside more than 1,200 metres from their designated school will be eligible for transportation. This is a change from previous years where the distance from school requirement was 600 metres.

Transportation eligibility is based on Regina Public Schools Administrative Procedure and guidelines, as outlined below:

- **Eligibility for Regular Program transportation includes the following:**
 - a. Students must reside inside the transportation services area for the designated school,
 - b. Students must be enrolled and attending their designated school,
 - c. Kindergarten students who reside 0.6 km or farther from the designated elementary school are eligible for transportation,
 - d. Other elementary school students who reside 1.2 km or farther from the designated elementary school are eligible for transportation.

Please be aware, however, that students may be eligible for an exception for transportation based on the guidelines listed below.

A Exceptions may be permitted on Regular Program school buses but not on Regular Program light vehicle transportation (cabs, vans),

B Exceptions may be permitted for students attending their designated school only if,

The existing stop is more than 1,000 metres from the designated school,

The student walks to an existing stop and there is room available on the school bus, and

The student is in grade 1 to grade 5.

Exceptions will only be granted if doing so will not affect the safety, economy or efficiency of the transportation service.

2016 – 2017 School Year Calendar



- Planning/Orientation/In-service
- Holiday (No school for all students and RPS staff)
- Elementary Staff Development Day (No school for students)
- No school for students and staff
- Teachers' Convention (No school for all students)
- First and last day of school for students
- Last day for staff

Special Event



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