

October 2023



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September vanished quicker than cookies in the staffroom. We enjoyed some great weather, allowing the students to quickly get back into the flow of school. Our school went from start-up, to co-op cards, to school pictures, to opening barbeque, to cross country meets, to a field trip, to Truth and Reconciliation week, to volleyball games, to a harvest meal, to etc, etc. While all these things were happening, we were still able to do some teaching.

I would like to thank everyone who came out for the Welcome Back Barbeque. It was so awesome to see everyone and have a relaxing evening. Our staff was pleasantly surprised with the high attendance of families in their rooms. It is impressive the support we have from our parents, guardians and school community. Thanks to all who attended.

Throughout this year we will be talking about the University of Florida Literacy Institution program in our ELA classes. It is an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. It follows a carefully developed scope and sequence designed to ensure that students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and confidence. We will use the programs specifically in the younger grades and as a support in the older grades. This program is being fully implemented across our entire division. We are excited to hear how powerful and successful this program is for students in our province.

We will continue our hard work on our Math Goal as the year progresses. We have seen some positive gains in our math scores. Mrs. Dugan, in her Dreamcatcher Math Coach role, supports our veteran teachers while preparing our new colleagues for our math programs. We are also incorporating the division's new initiative of Experiential Play. This program allows students to complete outcomes in a more hands-on and meaningful way.

Our extracurricular activities are in full swing. Ms. Risling's Cross Country team has been to three meets and will complete the year at Spruce Home on October 3. The students have represented us well and have placed high in their categories. We have two volleyball teams completing full practices and games. Our grade 3/4 went on a field trip to the Conservation Center. Mr. Manson had students compete in the Pass, Punt and Kick competition in Prince Albert.

Our Coop Card Fundraiser was a massive success. We sold over 80 thousand dollars of cards. This allowed us to easily reach our goal. A big thanks to Lake Country Coop for supporting us. I would also like to thank Ms. Olson for organizing all the money and cards. We will be using this money for technology and supporting some activities in and out of the school. Our school appreciates all who supported us and were able to change to the new time of our fundraiser.

So what is happening in October? Well, it is Education Week, starting on the 16th. Students will be involved in different activities. We are planning on having a muffin morning again for parents/guardians. There will be more information coming out next week.

If you have any questions, issues or celebrations, please feel free to contact me at the school (306 922 8339), on Edsby or ktait@srsd119.ca.

Have a great October,

Kevin Tait

Upcoming Dates

October 3 – Cross Country Extravaganza @ Spruce Home

October 6– PLC Day/No School

October 9 – Thanksgiving – No School

October 13 – Walk-a-thon

October 15 –21 – Education and Bus Appreciation Week

October 18 – SCC Meeting

October 20 – Muffin Morning

October 30 – November 3 – Scholastic Book Fair

November 2 – Progress Conferences

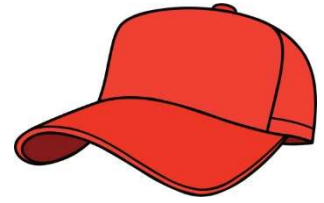
Co-op Card Fundraiser

This year we had another very successful fundraiser, all thanks to you! Because of the generosity of our school community and surrounding areas, we were able to collect \$80,000 worth of cards, allowing us to reach our goal. The funds will be used to replenish technology. We will also use the money for different school activities throughout the year. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this fundraiser, and as well to Lake Country Co-op for providing us with this amazing opportunity once again.



Hats for Science

Students (and staff) interested in wearing their hats on Fridays can now do so by paying a \$1.00. All money raised will go toward fundraising for the Science Fair costs. See Mrs. Abbey-Der for more details.



Walk-a-thon

The West Central community is coming together to support the Prince Albert Food Bank by organizing a 4KM walk on October 13, 2023. The event will not only promote fitness and wellness but also encourage participants to bring in non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank.

To make the event even more exciting, there will be raffle prizes up for grabs, giving participants a chance to win some great prizes while supporting a worthy cause.

The event is open to everyone, and families are encouraged to come and participate in the walk. It's an excellent opportunity to spend time with loved ones while supporting the community.

Let's come together as a community and make a difference by donating non-perishable food items to the Prince Albert Food Bank. Mark your calendars for 1:30 PM on October 13, 2023, and let's walk for a great cause!



Picture Retakes

If you would like a picture retake, please come ready on October 19th.



Clothing needed

The school is looking for gently used clothing such as sweats, shorts, t-shirts, bunny hugs, ski pants. These items will be helpful in those small emergency situations. Please contact the school for more information.



Wolverine News

Our Cross Country team has done tremendously well this season, and we are extremely proud. The final Extravaganza run will be on Tuesday, October 3rd, at the Spruce Home School. Good luck to our Wolverines!

Our volleyball season is in full swing here at West Central Public School. Our 6/7 Boys team and 7/8 Girls team are off to fantastic starts as they learn the game and how to play as a team! Extravaganza is about 6 weeks away so our students will be practicing hard and representing our school with pride and sportsmanship every step along the way! Go Wolverines, Go!



Scholastic Book Fair

It is that time of year again! Come shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair. Each class will have opportunities during the week of October 30th, as well as recess to shop at the fair. It will also be open for parents to shop during Progress Conferences on November 2nd, from 3:30-8:30pm. There will be a contest (or two) offered to allow the students in each classroom a chance to win some FREE books. These prizes are graciously supported by our SCC.



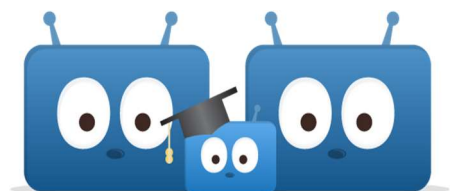
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Community News

It's going to be
a spooktacular
time!

Equine Elite 4H Club's

Halloween Family Dance

FRIDAY, October 27

6 PM - 10 PM

Lily Plain Co-Op Hall

Doors open at 5:45 pm

Admission: \$10/adult, \$5/child or \$20 for a family of 4

(aged 3 and under FREE)

Costume Prizes for all ages, Raffle Draws, Games, Canteen

For more info contact Jodi ☎ 306-940-9250



Prince Albert Golf & Curling Centre Junior Curling Program



Juniors - ages 11 - 19 - Mondays & / or Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30 pm

League includes league play & instruction

League runs October 23 to March 6

Cost - \$80 - Sliders & brooms are supplied

For more information, contact Pat Bibby 306-961-5353 or the PAG&CC office 306-765-5201

**Junior League - ages 14 - 21 - previous curling experience preferred
Wednesdays 7:00 pm - \$100 - October 18 to December 20**

**Registration is available online at pagcc.ca - curling - registration
Or at the curling office.**

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3(K) Cross Country Extravaganza 	4	5(K)	6 PLC Day No School	7
8	9 Thanksgiving No School 	10(K)	11	12(K) Boston Pizza Lunch	13 WALK-A-THON 	14
15 Education Week Begins	16 Bus Appreciation Day	17(K)	18 SCC Meeting 6:00pm	19(K) Boston Pizza Lunch	20(K) Muffin Morning	21
22	23	24(K)	25	26(K)	27	28
29	30 Scholastic Book Fair Begins	31	Book Fair			

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