



December 2023 Newsletter

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It has been the best spring ever! I know it is only November, however, the weather has been fantastic. The students love being unable to deal with snow and wind. As we head into December, all students need to make sure they are dressed properly.

Our Winter Family Fun Night is planned for December 14th, from 6:00-8:00 pm. We have a short program in the gym, involving our students. This will begin at 6:15 pm. We will have other activities in the school after the program. There will be some great outdoor activities, including sliding, sleigh rides and a bonfire. Our SCC and students have created Christmas Baskets to be raffled off. The themes of the baskets are Movie Night Basket (Kindergarten), Game Night (Grade 1/2), Crafts Baskets (Grade 3/4), Sleepover (Grade 5/6) and Mom Basket and Dad Basket (Grade 7/8). Please come out and enjoy the interaction with our school.

Volleyball season is over. It was an awesome season. The students represented our school very well. They had a good time while improving and taking the game seriously. Their hard work showed on the court, with many successful matches. Thank you to the coaches of these teams. By giving their time, they were able to provide a positive experience for our students. We need to support our coaches so they will continue coaching at our school.

We are very excited about attending the play, "The Little Mermaid", on December 7th. The play begins at 10 am so we will be leaving the school shortly after nine. The date was moved to allow some of the families to attend. If you want to attend, please contact the box office.

We have been asked about parents volunteering at the school. Now that we are back to normal, we would love to have volunteers. Right now, we have many parents volunteering for our hot lunches. If you would like to help with that, you can contact Karla Either, Melissa Robertson or any SCC member to get some information. At school, we are looking for adults to read with students. We have seen some great improvements in our student's reading skills with the implementation of the new UFLI program. The more practice by the students, the greater the benefit to their reading abilities. Please contact the school or an individual teacher to set up a time.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call the school at 306 922 8339, send an Edsby message or email ktait@srsd119.ca.

Thanks,

Kevin Tait

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 7 – Boston Pizza Lunch
Dec. 8 – all used items for the Christmas Shop due in
Dec. 11 – All new items for Family Fun Night Baskets due in
Dec. 12 – Christmas Shop open to all students
Dec. 15 – SCC Hot Meal
Dec. 18-22 – Spirit Week
Dec. 14 – Family Fun Night
Dec. 21 – Boston Pizza Lunch
Dec. 22 – Last day of school
Jan. 8 – School Resumes
Jan. 8 – Basketball League begins.

Dressed for the Season

Students must dress appropriately for the weather. They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometer walk in case of an emergency. Our bus drivers have the authority to warn/educate a student on a first offense, and refuse transportation on the second. Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division's complete Board Policies, Administrative Procedures and Transportation Manual can be reviewed on our website at www.srsd119.ca.

Clothing and Board Games Needed

The school is looking for gently used clothing such as mitts, toques, sweats, shorts, t-shirts, bunny hugs, ski pants. These items will be helpful in those small emergency situations. The school would also appreciate age-appropriate, dealing with math and English, board games. Please contact the school for more information.



SCC News

We are beginning to phase out the use of disposable plates, cups, and cutlery. Not only are these items costly, but they are also not environmentally friendly, and they are increasingly difficult to find. It used to be the norm that children brought their own dishes from home for hot meals, but we have all become a little complacent with this task. We are asking that you please send reusable plates/bowls, forks, spoons, and cups with your child. We will be setting up a washing station in the gym for children to wash their own plates. We expect that kids of all ages can complete this task, as it is often a norm in many pre-K classrooms. There will be an older student or parent volunteer to help with the dish washing for the first couple of times. Some of the teachers have also directed students to wash and store plates in their home rooms, they will have mentioned this to your children or communication in Edsby. There will be a place to keep your child's clean dishes in the school. If you would rather have your child, bring their dishes home, please feel free to have that discussion with your own child. It is helpful to send a large ziploc bag with them to place dirty dishes in to avoid messy backpacks.

Thank you for your cooperation - The SCC

Holiday Gift Shop

Last year, we had a lot of positive feedback about the Holiday Gift Shop. We are excited to announce that we will be setting this up for kids to shop again!! The Holiday Gift Shop is your child's chance to do their own Christmas shopping for parents/guardians and siblings. This year's gift shop will be held on December 12th. Items will be priced from 25¢ to \$5.



If you are ready to do some purging to make room for holiday gifts, now is the time! Gently used items for all ages from babies, toddlers, child, teen to adult. Some examples include games, toys, picture frames, ornaments, tools, sports equipment, craft supplies, gardening supplies, stationery, etc. Please note that we are asking for gently used items only – so no need to head out to the store and buy anything. It is just a chance to get rid of items you would normally take to the thrift store!

Any surplus grocery/gift bags, tissue paper or wrapping paper can also be donated as well. Items can be dropped off at the school anytime until December 8th.

Leftover items will be saved for next year or donated to a school or non-profit organization in need.

Family Fun Night

The Family Fun Night is rapidly approaching. It will be held on December 14th from 6 to 8pm. We will have a short student program in the gym from 6:15 to 6:45pm. There will be other activities in the gym from 7 to 8pm. There are activities planned for outside as well. We will have sleigh rides, sledding (snow coming?), and a bonfire. Families can bring their own sleds for the hill. There will also be Hot Chocolate. Please come and join us for some fun and memories.

Family Fun Night Baskets

Family Fun Night will be held on December 14th at the school. Families buy tickets for the baskets at Family Fun Night and some lucky winners will take home their prizes!

Unlike the holiday shop, we are asking that the items donated for the baskets are new/unopened. We are asking families to donate a new item that coordinates with your child's classroom's theme. The themes are as follows:



- K - Movie Night Basket
- 1/2 - Game Night Basket
- 3/4 - Crafts Basket
- 5/6 - Sleepover Basket
- 7/8 - Mom Basket & Dad Basket

Thank you to Ms. Scragg and the 7/8 class for picking this year's theme. To help promote excitement for the event, the classroom with the most donated prizes will get a special reward from the SCC!!! We will start collecting items in December but wanted to give families as much notice as possible. These can be dropped off at school or sent to school with your child.

This fundraiser is something families look forward to each year and we couldn't pull it off without your support. Thank you so much!



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Wolverine News

Hey West Central families! Our volleyball teams rocked this season! Huge congratulations to the boys' team for winning the gold medal in the 6/7 league – they had an unbelievable season with their hard work, teamwork, and positive attitudes. Big thanks to all the parents for always having our back and cheering us on. You guys make a real difference! Shout-out to all our players for giving it their all. You've made this season awesome, and we can't wait for more victories together in the future!

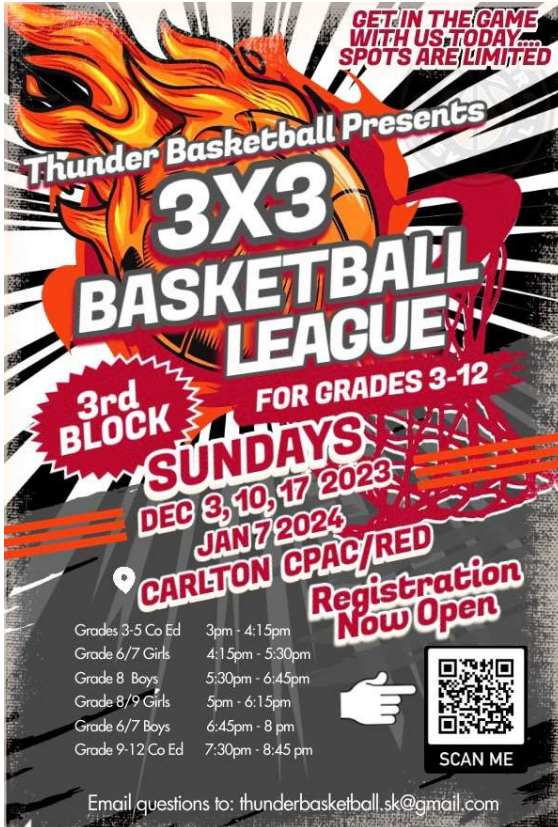
Thanks Wolverines!

Mr. Manson

Miss Scragg



Community News



GET IN THE GAME WITH US TODAY... SPOTS ARE LIMITED

Thunder Basketball Presents

3X3 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

3rd BLOCK FOR GRADES 3-12

SUNDAYS
DEC 3, 10, 17 2023
JAN 7 2024

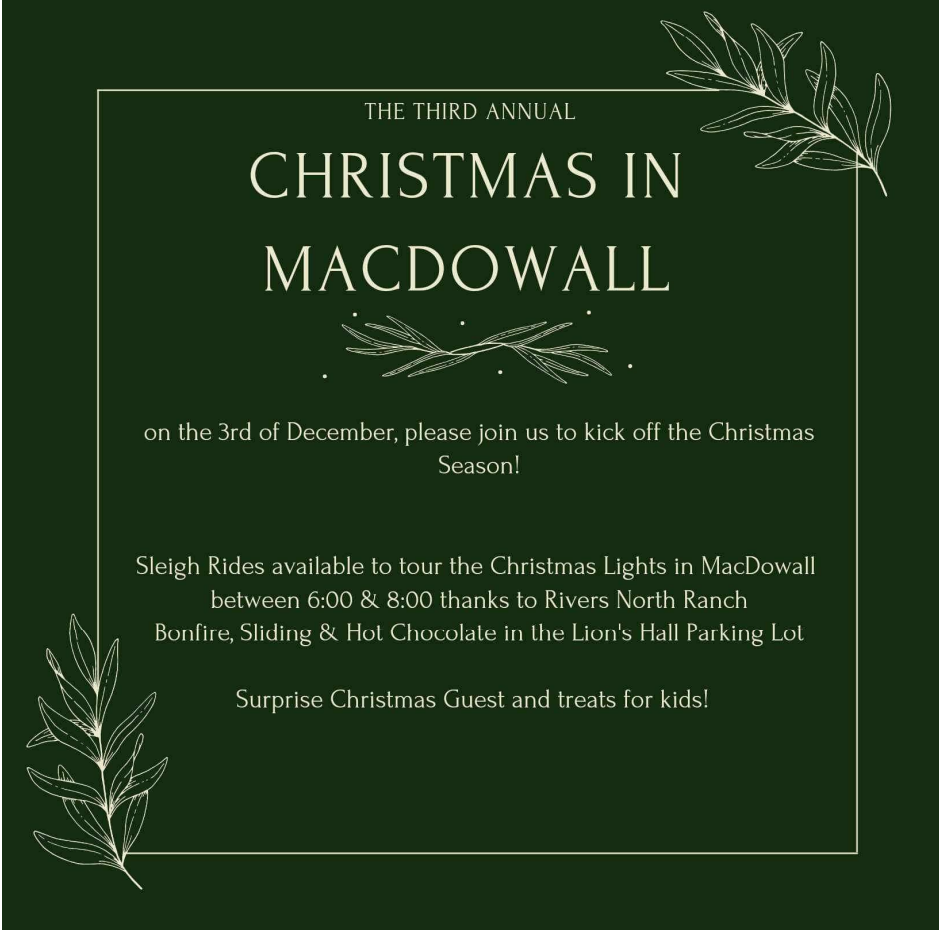
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Registration Now Open

Grades 3-5 Co Ed	3pm - 4:15pm
Grade 6/7 Girls	4:15pm - 5:30pm
Grade 8 Boys	5:30pm - 6:45pm
Grade 8/9 Girls	5pm - 6:15pm
Grade 6/7 Boys	6:45pm - 8 pm
Grade 9-12 Co Ed	7:30pm - 8:45 pm

SCAN ME

Email questions to: thunderbasketball.sk@gmail.com



THE THIRD ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS IN MACDOWALL




on the 3rd of December, please join us to kick off the Christmas Season!

Sleigh Rides available to tour the Christmas Lights in MacDowall between 6:00 & 8:00 thanks to Rivers North Ranch
Bonfire, Sliding & Hot Chocolate in the Lion's Hall Parking Lot

Surprise Christmas Guest and treats for kids!

DECEMBER 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5(K)	6	7(K) School going to Little Mermaid Play at EA Rawlinson 9:00am-11:30am BP Lunch	8 All used items for Christmas Shop deadline for drop off	9
10	11 All new items for Family Fun Night Baskets deadline for drop off	12(K) Christmas Shop Open	13	14(K) Family Fun Night 6-8pm	15(K) Hot Meal	16
17	18	19(K)	20	21(K) BP Lunch	22 Last Day of School	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31	Jan 1 	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6
Jan 7	Jan 8 School Resumes	Jan 9(K)	Jan 10	Jan 11(K)	Jan 12(K)	Jan 13

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