



October 2024

West Central Public School

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As September vanished quicker than the soup at our Harvest Meal, we reflect on a busy month filled with exciting events and activities. From Cross Country meets and our Welcome Back Barbeque to a field trip to Batoche, Picture Day, and Truth and Reconciliation Week, our students have jumped back into the school routine with enthusiasm. We are proud of the meaningful teaching and learning that has taken place amidst all the excitement.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Welcome Back Barbeque. It was wonderful to see so many families and enjoy a relaxing evening together. The large turnout truly shows the strong support we have from our parents, guardians, and community. Special thanks to our volunteers who helped with preparations and grilling, allowing our staff to reconnect with families.

This year, we are shifting our focus from math to literacy for our smart goal. We have seen positive growth in our math initiatives and are excited to concentrate on the University of Florida Literacy Initiative (UFLI) program, which we began last year. This systematic program teaches foundational skills necessary for proficient reading and will be implemented in our younger grades, with support for grades 4-8. Mrs. Scragg, our Dreamcatcher Literacy Coach, is receiving ongoing training in these programs and will share her expertise with our teachers, ensuring our students experience success in Language Arts. We will continue our efforts in math, where we've seen significant progress over the past four years, and will also incorporate the division's new Experiential Play initiative, allowing students to engage in hands-on learning.

Extracurricular activities are thriving! Ms. Risling's Cross Country team has participated in three meets and will conclude the season at Spruce Home on October 1, representing our school proudly. We also have three volleyball teams actively practicing and competing.

Our grade 3/4 students recently enjoyed a field trip to Batoche, and we are proud of their exemplary behavior and engagement. The staff at Batoche commended our students, reflecting the wonderful support we have from our families. Thank you for your commitment to fostering such positive behavior.

Looking ahead, our Coop Card Fundraiser kicks off on October 4. We aim to raise funds for activities, field trips, technology, and other resources to support our literacy goal. Students will have the chance to earn prizes for their efforts. The Coop Cards allow you to donate while receiving the full value back in cards, making it a great opportunity for everyone involved. We are grateful to Lake Country Coop for their continued support, which helps make these initiatives possible. Last year, we exceeded our fundraising goals, and we're excited to do it again!

October is packed with events, including our Cross Country Extravaganza, Coop Card Fundraiser, a PLC day on the 11th, a 7/8 trip to the Conservation Learning Center, a walkathon, Boston Pizza nights on the 10th and 25th, and the start of hot meals. Please note that Education Week has been moved to November.

If you have any questions, concerns, or celebrations to share, feel free to reach out to me at the school (306-922-8339), on Edsby, or via email at ktait@srsd119.ca.

Wishing you all a fantastic October!

Best regards,
Kevin Tait

Upcoming Dates

October 1 – Cross Country Extravaganza @ Spruce Home
October 7 – Co-op Fundraiser Begins
October 10 – Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
October 10 – Walk-a-thon
October 11– PLC Day/No School
October 14 – Thanksgiving – No School
October 16 – SCC Meeting
October 18 – SCC Hot Meal
October 25 – Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
November 7 – Progress Conference
November 7 – Picture Retakes & Family/Group Pictures (More info to come)
November 4 – 8 – Scholastic Book Fair
November 24 – 30 – Education Week

Co-op Card Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser will run **October 7th to 14th**. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we always appreciate how much time and effort you put in to helping out our school. This year the proceeds will go toward updating technology, funding special activities and events at our school. Information packages will be sent home on Thursday, October 3rd



Hats for Science



Friday Hat Day will continue this year. Everyone who pays \$1 on Fridays will receive a stamp and will get to wear their hat that day. All money raised will support the School Science Fair costs, including sending our students to the Regional Science Fair in April



Walk-a-thon

This year's walk-a-thon is held on **Thursday, October 10th**. We will start our walk at 1:00 pm and follow the same route as previous years (down Bannerman Rd to Cloak's, ~ 2 km)

This event is open to everyone. It's an excellent opportunity to spend time with loved ones and strengthen our community.

This year, we are going to put a spin on things. We are going to bring items that we can utilize for hot meals and PAA classes in the new kitchen. Here's a list of items that would be much appreciated. Anything that comes in a surplus will be donated to the food bank.

- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Small bag of flour
- Baking powder
- Vanilla
- Salt

- Small bag of sugar
- Canned corn
- Canned beans
- Tomatoe paste
- Canned tomato
- Iced tea mix
- Hot chocolate mix
- Lemonade mix
- Marshmallows
- Oatmeal
- Pudding/Jell-O mix
- Gravy mix
- Pie filling
- Stuffing
- Noodles
- Cups
- Reusable bowls
- Reusable plates
- Reusable cutlery
- Napkins
- Dream whip powder
- Non-dairy milk (non-refrigerated)
- Chocolate chips
- Box of single bag Doritos
- Oil
- Muffin mix
- Muffin liners
- Baking soda

- Mayonnaise
- Large cans of fruit cocktail
- Ice cream cones
- Ice cream syrups (chocolate, strawberry, caramel, etc.)
- Sprinkles
- Parchment paper
- Saran wrap
- Tin foil

Frozen items:

- Butter
- Margarine
- Frozen berries/vegetables
- Shredded cheese
- Buns
- Ice Cream
- Popsicles
- Freezies

Emergency Lunches:

- Fruit cups
- Canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken, etc.)
- Nut-free granola bars



SCC News

Elections for Representative Members were held at the first SCC meeting on September 16th, 2024. Karla Ethier stepped down as the Chair but will remain active within the SCC as the Vice Chair. The SCC would like to thank Karla for her many years of dedication in this role. Many hours were poured into school activities and meals, as well as initiatives to make our new school kitchen become a reality. Alanna Potter was nominated as the new SCC chair and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Cassie Tenkink will continue with the secretary position. Thank you to all our new and continuing members for your support in making our SCC an active and successful group within our school!

Stay tuned for upcoming SCC events! The next SCC meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

Picture Retakes

Retakes will be on November 7th in the afternoon. You will have the opportunity to have family or group pictures taken by Genelle Mazurak during the Progress Conferences. Information regarding pricing will be provided in the coming weeks.



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 1st, at the Spruce Home School. Good luck to our Wolverines!



Our volleyball season is in full swing here at West Central Public School. Our 5/6 girls, 7/8 girls, and 5-8 boys teams 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!

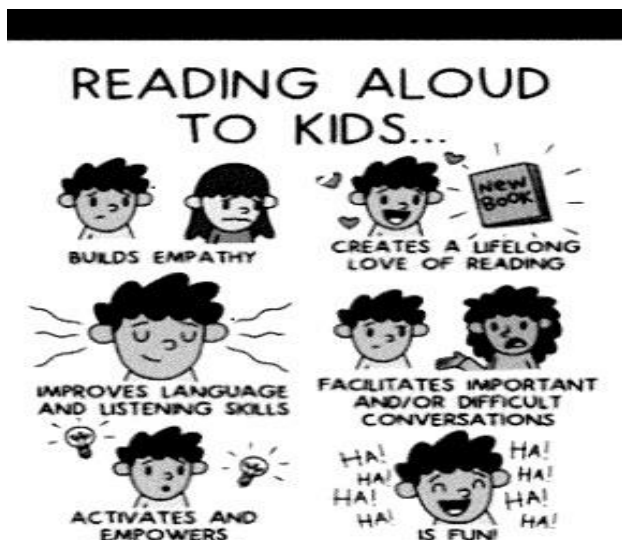
Scholastic Book Fair

It is that time of year again! Come shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair. Each class will have opportunities during the week of November 4th, as well as recess to shop at the fair. It will also be open for parents to shop during Progress Conferences on November 7th, 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.



Literacy Corner



Boston Pizza Lunches

We sure love our Boston Pizza lunches here at West Central! With our online payment system, ordering is easier than ever! Our next lunch will be October 10th and then again on October 25th.



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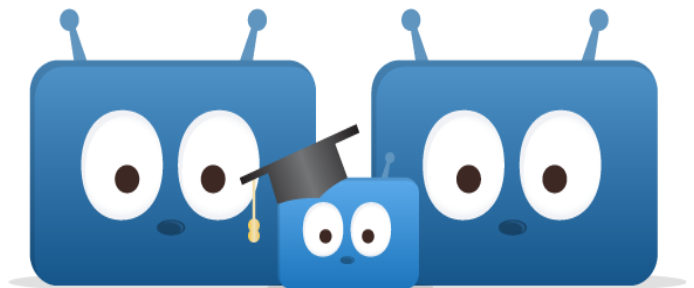
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Edsby Information


Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is using Edsby as a communication tool and learning management system. Edsby keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school division. If you would like to learn more about Edsby security, there is a lot of information here: <https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/>



Edsby makes it easy for parents to observe all of the wonderful things that are happening in our classroom. From time to time, we will post grades, notes, pictures, videos, or audio clips of your child learning at school. This will help you see the progress your child is making in their learning journey.

In the next few days your school will send you an email invitation from Edsby. It will contain the link you will need to create your new account or connect additional children to your existing account. This 2-minute video is very helpful: <https://tinyurl.com/mr26cv4b>

Community News



OPEN HOUSE

Prince Albert Collegiate Institute
Thursday, September 26th, 6:00 PM

Registration Information
Volunteer Opportunities
Lifelong Skills and Experiences
Camps Offered

Boys and Girls welcome ages
5-15 years

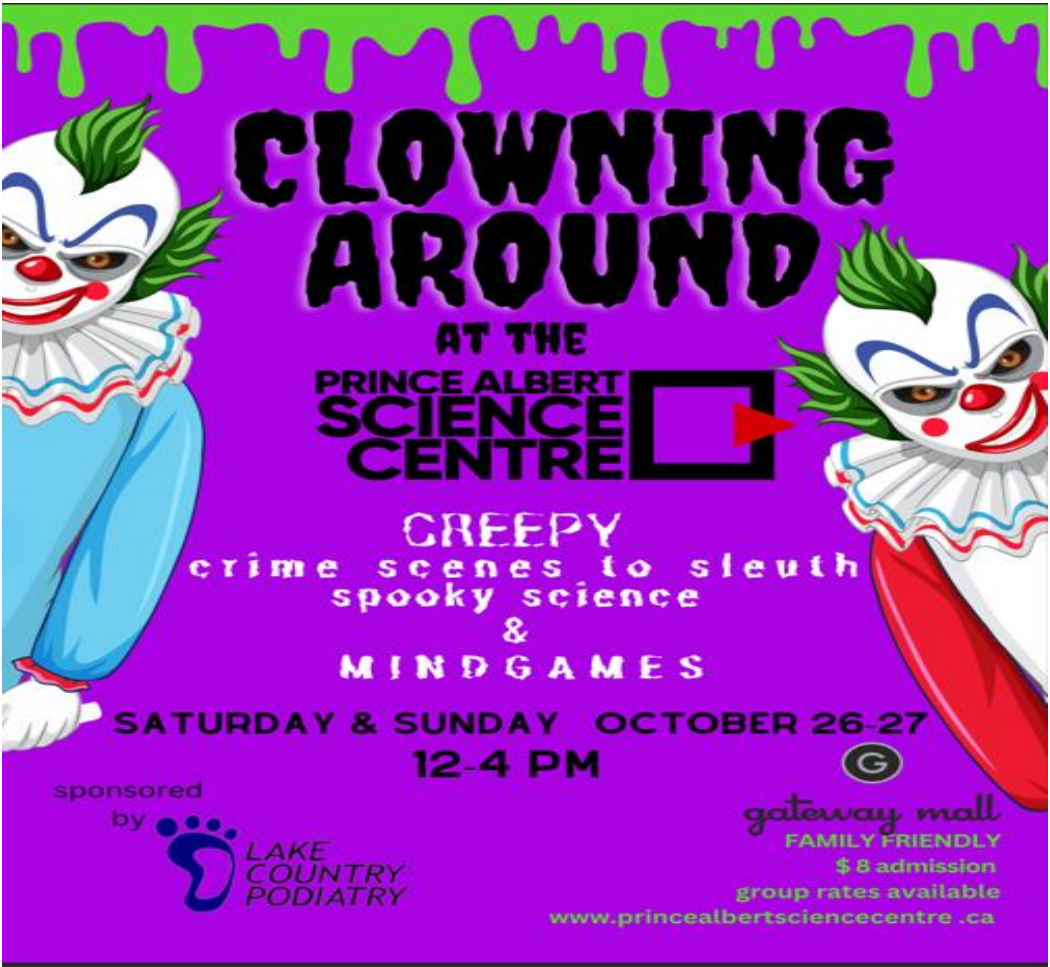


MacDowall & District Lions Club
Annual Harvest Ball
SATURDAY, November 2, 2024
MacDowall Lions Recreation Centre ~ Supper 7:00 p.m.

25th Ticket Out.....	\$25.00	175th Ticket Out.....	\$175.00
50th Ticket Out.....	\$50.00	200th Ticket Out.....	\$200.00
75th Ticket Out.....	\$75.00	225th Ticket Out.....	\$225.00
100th Ticket Out.....	\$100.00	249th Ticket Out.....	\$250.00
125th Ticket Out.....	\$125.00	250th Ticket Out.....	\$500.00
150th Ticket Out.....	\$150.00		

Only 250 tickets sold - Draw to be made at Harvest Ball.
Music by: Dean Bernier & Misdeal • Cocktails 6:30 p.m. • Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Admission: \$80.00/couple **NO MINORS**

Lottery Licence # SR24-1997 E-transfer: lionsmacdowall@gmail.com **Nº: 076**





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13	14 Thanksgiving No School	15(K)	16 SCC Meeting 6:00pm Gr. 7/8 to Conservation LC	17(K)	18(K) SCC Hot Lunch	19
20	21	22(K) Boston Pizza order forms due	23	24(K)	25 Boston Pizza Lunch	26
27	28	29 (K)	30	31(K) 		

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