



September 2024

West Central Public School

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Kevin Tait, Principal

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. We are fortunate to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the weather in this great province. We are also very fortunate to be a part of an amazing school community. Mrs. Robertson has the school shining and ready for all our awesome students.

We would like to welcome a few new people to our staff. In the Grade 1/2 room, we have Ms. Risling. Her classroom is all set up for an amazing year of learning. We have Ms. Scragg joining us in the grade 7/8 room. She will be teaching different subjects from grades 3 to 8. Mrs. Prytula will be joining our Education Support Team. She will be here half-time and will increase the support for our students. In the grade 3/4 class, we have Ms. Franc joining us until December. She will be interning with Mrs. Dugan. We are very fortunate to have these quality people joining our fantastic staff.

We will have our picture day on September 12. The retake will happen in October. We have switched photo providers this year, so we will have class pictures.

We will be having our Back-to-School Barbeque on September 14th. All families are welcome to eat, meet the staff and reconnect with the school community. The event will run from 5:00 to 7:00. The teachers will be in their rooms from 6:00 to 7:00. We will be sending out order forms later this week.

We will be observing both Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day (September 30) at the end of the month. Our school is committed to fulfilling the TRC's Calls for Action by recognizing the importance of these events. Even though our school incorporates First Nations and Metis content in our classes, we will be involved in different activities throughout the week. We will be introducing the First Nations Seven Teachings throughout the year.

Our first sports activity will be Cross Country. Miss Risling and I will be coaching. Students will sign up shortly. We will also be starting volleyball in the next few weeks. Students will need to attend the practices in order to participate in the games. Parents will also be in charge of setting up rides for their children.

This is our fourth year for the school math goal. We will also begin looking at new Literacy and Experiential Play goals for our schools. The literacy goal incorporates the new UFLI program. This program will be directed at K-3 and used from 4-8 for support. Mrs. Dugan will continue on as our Dreamcatcher coach. She will be supporting our staff in the new programs.

Our Coop Card fundraiser has been moved up from September 11th to September 20th. This year we will be raising funds to buy new technology items. Depending on how much we raise, we will also use the money for different school activities throughout the year. There will be prizes for students who bring in donations. By buying the Coop Cards you support our school, and you will get back the same amount you donate in Coop Cards. If you donate \$50 you will get \$50 in Coop Cards. It is a win-win situation for all.

We are expecting to have a fantastic year. Our school is wonderful, however, there are times when we may have a conflict. When these times occur, we would appreciate your cooperation and patience as we find a suitable resolution. We want our students to work through a situation, grow from the experience and become better school community members. At West Central School, we have great support from our parents. Thank you for all you do for the school.

If you have any questions, concerns or praise, please feel free to give me a call at the school (3069228339) or email ktait@srsd119.ca.

Thanks,

Kevin Tait

Times for our School Day

AM Classes	8:50 a.m.
AM Recess	10:13 – 10:28 a.m.
Lunch	11:46 – 12:36 p.m.
PM Classes	12:36 p.m.
PM Recess	1:54 – 2:09 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

Upcoming Events

September 12 – Welcome Back Barbeque 5pm to 7pm
September 16 – SCC Meeting 6 pm
September 17 – Picture Day
September 19 – Cross Country at Murray Point, Emma Lake
September 23 – Cross Country at W.J. Berezowsky
September 26 – Cross Country at Mar Park
September 27 – Boston Pizza Lunch
September 30 – Orange Shirt Day

October 1 – Cross Country Running Extravaganza
October 2 – Immunizations for Grade 6
October 7 to October 16 – Co-op Card Fund Raiser

Absences from School

Please call the school at 306-922-8339 if your children will be absent. We will also continue to use Edsby to communicate between home and school. You are able, and

also encouraged to enter absences via the Edsby app. Please find more information regarding Edsby in this newsletter.

Dropping off Students:

Student supervision begins at 8:35 each morning, once the buses dismiss their students. If you are dropping your child off, please ensure they are not here before 8:35 for safety reasons.



Picking up Students:

If you are picking your children up at the end of the day, please park in the staff parking areas and wait there, or stand at the end of the sidewalks. This will help to keep students safe from any mishaps.

Please do not park parallel to the buses (on or across from the roadway), as students are tempted to run between buses to get to their ride. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe!

Transportation

Our buses are busy again transporting our students to and from school. Our bus drivers do an amazing job of keeping your children safe. If you need information on bus routes or driver contact info, please check our SRSD119 website and search under Bus Information (near bottom of Homepage) or contact the school.



Allergy Awareness

All Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools strive to maintain nut-alert environments for the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors. We ask that everyone please check food labels to ensure that nut products are not listed as an ingredient when shopping for school food items.

- ✓ Please send nut-free snacks and lunches to school.
- ✓ Cross-contamination is a common cause of anaphylactic reactions. Foods that have come in contact with nut products or contaminated utensils can also trigger allergic reactions.
- ✓ Check packaging labels for peanut/nut ingredients. If a product has “may contain trace amounts of peanuts or nuts” this is NOT safe to bring to school.

As students and staff visit other buildings, for a variety of events, all schools try to keep everyone safe. Our School Division hopes to establish and maintain, but cannot guarantee: schools, school environments and buses free of peanuts and nut products. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety matter.

Water Bottle Reminder

The water fountains at school are no longer available. Please remember to send your child with a labelled refillable water bottle. Filling stations are available for their use.

Feel free to tell your child to leave their bottle at school during the week so it's one less thing they need to bring with them every morning.

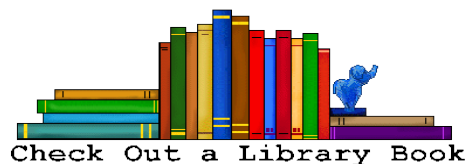
Cell Phone Use at School

Starting in the 2024-2025 school year, cell phones will not be permitted during class time across K-12 schools in Saskatchewan. Students have been informed about the new government policy regarding personal devices. Students should not have personal devices in the school or on school grounds. If they bring them to school, the devices must be turned off and secured. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please phone 306-922-8339. If they need to contact you, they may use a school phone, with staff permission. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



I Forgot My Lunch!!

It happens! Busy households, rushing for the bus etc. Don't worry about it - we have a few items at the school, which we can supplement for the odd lunch or snack here and there. If you would like to donate a few items to this stash of food it would be greatly appreciated. Non-perishable, quick fix items can be dropped off anytime (ie. Granola Bars (nut free), Fruit Cups, etc.). Thank you !



Check Out a Library Book

Library News

Mrs. LaFaver and Ms. Bradbury are very excited to welcome back all returning students and a warm welcome to new students to West Central School. Please remember to have your child bring their books back on time, so they can continue to check out books each week. If a book gets lost, please do your best to find it, as you may be charged a fee to replace the lost item. If a book gets damaged (accidents happen), please do not attempt to repair it at home. The Librarians will do their best to repair the item once it's returned.

Wolverine News

Cross Country begins September 11th and runs until the Extravaganza on October 1st.



If you are in grades 5-8 and are interested in joining Cross Country Running, please contact Ms. Scragg.

Volleyball sign up sheets are available outside the grade 7/8 room for grades 5 to 8. Additional information in the coming week.

Go Wolverines!!

Boston Pizza Lunches

We sure love our Boston Pizza lunches here at West Central! Starting in September, we will be having at least one a month, with most months including two lunches. With our online payment system, ordering will be easier than ever! Our first lunch will be September 27th.



Picture Day

Tuesday, September 17th is our picture day, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing around 11 a.m. We are pleased to have Genelle Amber Studios taking our students/staff portraits and class pictures. Information will be sent home with your student on picture day regarding how to order pictures.



Co-op Card Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser will commence in early October. 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. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



Welcome Back Barbeque

We will be having a Back-to-School Barbeque on Thursday, September 12th, to reconnect with our school community. The barbeque will be from 5pm to 7pm. To help with the amount of food needed to be prepared, there will be a form sent home with the students to get a better idea as to how many will be attending. Teachers will be around their classrooms from 6pm to 7pm. Come out for some food and conversations.

You're Invited to a



Before and After School Program (Kids' Club)

West Central's Before and After School Program (Kids' Club) is available for our students! There is drop in, part time and full time options available. The Policy and Registration Package 2024/25 is available to be sent home upon request or viewed online from our school website, as well as Edsby. Contact Kim Elles at the school for more information.



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.



SCC NEWS

Welcome back parents! We are so excited for the school year! The kitchen renovation project is in full swing and we can't express how much we appreciate your support. We couldn't have done it without our amazing community.

We want to formally acknowledge our funders.

We received 2 grants. The first was from the **Northern Lights Community Development Corporation** for \$10,000. The Northern Lights Community Development Corporation (NLCDC) mission is "to promote the well-being of communities and organizations through financial contribution." To learn more about the NLCDC please visit their website: <https://www.nlcde.ca/> Our second grant was also for \$10,000 from **Farm to Cafeteria Canada**. Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC) is a non-profit charitable organization that works to transform how food is experienced, learned and celebrated in all schools across Canada. As part of the F2CC collaboration, we will also be working with local food producers and farmers to increase food literacy for our students as well as to foster relationships between local food producers and the community. You will be hearing more about this concept throughout the year. To learn more about F2CC, please visit their website at: <https://www.farmtocafeteriacanada.ca/>

We also had 2 separate community members who donated \$5,000 each to our kitchen renovation project. We can't thank them enough for their support. Diamond North Credit Union also contributed \$500 and we received many donations for our auction that raised over \$10,000!!!

We have a really fun, knowledgeable and committed SCC but we are always looking for parents to join us! We meet about 5 times a year. SCC members have a unique opportunity to provide feedback and assist in making decisions about the school. It is also a great way to be informed about things that are happening in and out of the classroom.

Please join us at our first SCC meeting of the year on **September 16, 2024.**

Online Payment System



Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

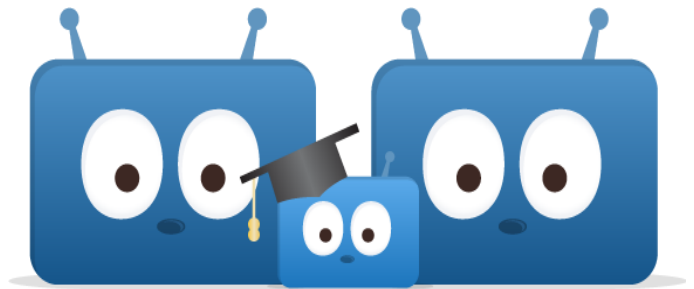


Please visit www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions.

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 and School Events

Build-A-Furry Friend Workshop



**Craft a cuddly companion at our next
Workshop**

Where little imaginations take shape!

When: September 24'th

Where: West Central Public School MacDowall

Time: 10:30-12pm

Ages: 0-5 years

Cost: Free

Circle Time, Story, Build a bear time, Activities, Crafts and more...



Please Register 1 306 812-7674
Spots are limited for this workshop!!!

School Board Election

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

The school division is divided into **ONE (1) CITY SUBDIVISION** in which **FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS** are to be elected and **FIVE (5) RURAL SUBDIVISIONS** in which **ONE (1) BOARD MEMBER** from each subdivision is to be elected.

Qualifications of Candidates....

A person is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for and hold office as a **BOARD MEMBER** for a school division if the person:

- (a) is a voter of the school division on the day of the election;
- (b) is a Canadian citizen at the time he or she submits his or her nomination paper; and
- (c) has resided:
 - in the school division for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted the nomination paper; and
 - in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted the nomination paper.

A candidate may choose to run in the **IN-CITY SUBDIVISION AREA** or **ONE** of the **FIVE OUT-OF-CITY AREAS** of the school division, regardless of his or her residency in the division; however, he or she must obtain signatures of voters of only that subdivision area in which he or she intends to run.

Nomination Forms....

A person may be nominated as a candidate for election by filing a nomination paper in the prescribed form, signed by ten voters residing in the subdivision in which he or she intends to run.

Filing Nomination Papers....

Nominations will be received by election officials during regular office hours from **September 23 until October 8** and on **Nomination Day, Wednesday, the 9th day of October, 2024** from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- **Rural Subdivisions at the Education Centre, Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division No. 119 545 – 11th Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 1B1 (regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**
- **In-City Subdivisions at the City of Prince Albert, 1084 Central Avenue, Prince Albert S6V 7P3 (regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.)**

Nomination papers may be submitted personally or by agent by personal service, by registered mail, by ordinary mail, by fax, by email or as otherwise specified by the returning officer and must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$100 or by a certified cheque or money order in that amount made payable to the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division.

For more information visit us at www.srsd119.ca

Be a Candidate!

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No school	3 (K) First day of school 	4	5 (K)	6	7
8	9 Cross Country Running begins	10 (K)	11	12 (K) Welcome Back BBQ 5-7pm You're Invited to a 	13 (K)	14
15	16 SCC Meeting 6:00pm	17 (K)  Picture Day	18	19 (K) Cross Country Murray Point (Emma Lake)	20	21
22	23 Cross Country W.J. Berezowsky Public School	24 (K)	25	26 (K) Cross Country Mair Park	27 (K)	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day 					

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