



# *November 2024*

## **West Central Public School**

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Kevin Tait, Principal

### **November, you're up!**

It has been a fantastic start to our school year. We have accomplished many great things and are excited to experience the rest of the year. Our staff's goal is to strengthen engagement within our parent, family, and school community. We have noticed an increase in the connections we're making and in the number of people attending our events.

Our Coop Card Fundraiser was a massive success! We sold over \$66,000 worth of cards, allowing us to easily reach our goal. A big thanks to Lake Country Coop for their support, as well as to Mrs. Bradbury and Mrs. LaFaver for organizing all the money and cards. We will be using these funds to support technology and various activities in and out of the school. Our school greatly appreciates all who supported us and adapted to the new timing of our fundraiser.

Our school teams have either completed or are nearing the end of their seasons. Mrs. Either's team finished their season at the Cross-Country Extravaganza at Spruce Home, consistently placing high in their categories and achieving fourth place among all small schools. The volleyball teams have shown great success, fantastic sportsmanship, and have served as excellent ambassadors for our school. This year, our coaches formed three teams rather than the usual two. A big thanks to Miss Scragg, Mr. Milligan, and Miss Blanchard for their dedication and for going the extra mile in coaching our teams.

We will hold our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 7th. It will include a brief ceremony to honor those who have sacrificed for our freedom. The students will contribute with songs and poems, and parents/guardians are welcome to attend. The ceremony will begin around 11:00 a.m.

Progress Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 7th. Although this is a great opportunity to discuss student progress, we encourage parents/guardians to continue tracking their child's growth on Edsby, where they can see the different assessments and activities completed so far. We welcome communication with teachers or staff about any concerns and believe that consistent engagement among all stakeholders leads to a positive school experience for all students.

Exciting news—picture retakes are scheduled for November 7th! Genelle Amber Studios will offer family and group photos. Retakes for students will begin at 2:00 p.m., and then we'll open up for group photos with students, parents/families, or anyone else who would like a picture. Photos will be available until 5:00 p.m.

With colder weather approaching, we encourage all students to wear appropriate clothing for school and the bus. Students are expected to be outside for all recesses, and proper attire will help ensure they have a comfortable experience. Outdoor activities continue unless the temperature drops significantly or the weather is unfavorable.

We'd also like to thank those who have donated bottles and cans to the school at Sarcan. If you'd like to contribute, you can visit Sarcan, enter the school's phone number (306-922-8339) or name, and attach stickers to the bags. This money supports various activities at our school.

A reminder that we are a nut-free school. Additionally, we have a student with severe allergies. Mr. Byrne keeps parents informed about the situation in his class, but we should all be mindful of what we send to school. If you have any questions, please contact us.

For any concerns or questions, feel free to call the school at 306-922-8339, send an Edsby message, or email [ktait@srsd119.ca](mailto:ktait@srsd119.ca).

Thanks,  
Kevin Tait

### **Upcoming Dates:**

November 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Progressive Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews) 3:30pm-8:30pm
November 7 <sup>th</sup> (pm)	Picture Retakes (Family Pictures available)
November 7 <sup>th</sup> (11:00)	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Boston Pizza Lunch
November 8 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>	No Classes
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Elections (Gym Closed)
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Boston Pizza Lunch
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Young Artisan's Market (1-3)
November 23 – December 6	Donations for Family Fun Night Baskets
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	POPS School Readiness (Kids First)
November 24 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Education Week
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Play in Prince Albert
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Gift Shop
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Night

### **Co-op Card Fundraiser**

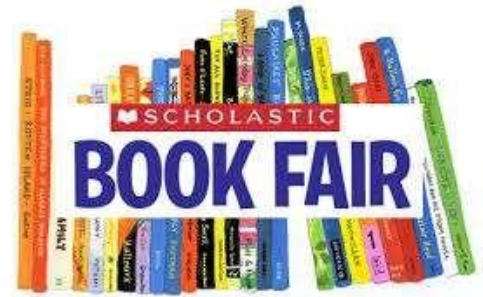
This year we had another very successful fundraiser, all thanks to you! Because of the generosity of our school community and surrounding areas, we were able to raise \$6,000.00 for our school, to be used to replenish technology. We are also looking to purchase some classroom furniture and for other 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.



## Scholastic Book Fair

It is that time of year again! Come shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair. Each class will have two opportunities during the week of November 4th and also during morning and afternoon recess to shop at the fair. The Book Fair will also be open for parents to shop during Progress Conferences on the 7th, from 3:30-8:30pm.

To help create excitement for the fair, we will be having a coloring contest for each grade. The winners (9 in total) will receive a \$20.00 gift voucher donated by the SCC, to be used at the book fair.



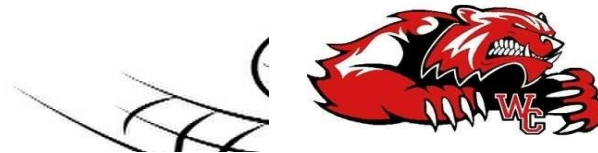
## Picture Retakes & Family/Group Pictures



Exciting news! Picture retakes are on November 7th in the afternoon, and this year during Progress Conferences from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm we're thrilled to offer a special opportunity: you can capture beautiful family or group photos! Whether it's a moment with your whole family, siblings, or friends, it's the perfect chance to create lasting memories together. Don't miss out—let's make picture retake day even more special!

## Wolverine News

The West Central Wolverines have been working hard this volleyball season! Extravaganza is coming up quickly in November. Schedules for that will be out soon. Best of luck Woverines!



## Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Michelle, Amy, Dave, Don, and Dennis,  
Drive with care and hearts so endless.  
Through rain, snow, or sun's bright glow,  
They keep us safe where'er we go.

With steady hands and watchful eyes,  
They greet us warmly, calm and wise.  
At West Central, we shout out praise,  
To our awesome drivers, who brighten our days!



## **SCC News**

### **Young Artisan's Market – November 23, 2024**

\*Registration and payment to reserve table due by November 15<sup>th</sup>\*

Join us for this exciting event, in which kids have the opportunity to show off and sell their handmade items! Here's what you need to know:

Cost: Tables are \$5 each. (All proceeds go back to support our school and students!)

Location: West Central Gym

Handmade Items: The goal is for students to create their own unique items! Parents can help, but the focus is on the kids' creativity and hard work. Kids will be in charge of their own sales! Make sure to have your own float. Kids from any school are welcome to join, though West Central students get first priority.

Let's make this tradeshow an amazing experience for our young entrepreneurs! We're excited to see what everyone creates!

### **Holiday Gift Shop – December 10, 2024**

\*Donations accepted between November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>\*

The SCC is excited to announce that we will be running the Holiday Gift Shop again this year! The Holiday Gift Shop is a chance for your child to do their own Christmas shopping for loved ones. What we need from you to make this as successful as it has been in past years, is gently used items for all ages. No need to purchase anything for this shop, just items that you would normally donate would be greatly appreciated. Some ideas include toys, games, craft supplies, ornaments, picture frames, tools, sports equipment, gardening supplies, stationary, etc. We will also gladly take any gift/grocery bags as well as tissue/wrapping paper.



The kids really love this opportunity, and we can attest, they put serious thought into which items they choose for their family members. It is a fantastic way for the children to get into the giving spirit! Items are always reasonably priced, between to \$0.25 - \$5.

### **Family Fun Night Baskets**

\*New items accepted between November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>\*

Once again, the SCC will be selling tickets at the Family Fun Night, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, for numerous gift baskets! Unlike the Holiday Gift Shop, we ask that items brought for the baskets are new/unopened. Classes will be selecting their own themes



this year, so stay tuned for this announcement.

This is always an exciting part of the Family Fun Night and the SCC couldn't pull it off without your support. Thank you so much !



## **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](http://www.srsd119.ca).

## **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



## **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.

## Community News

### **Volunteering Operation Red Nose Benefits Prince Albert Elementary Schools**



Eleven Prince Albert elementary schools received \$8,800 from the 2023 Operation Red Nose campaign to assist with their programming. The Prince Albert Lions Club will be sponsoring Operation Red Nose in Prince Albert again in 2024 and is looking for volunteers to make it a successful campaign to keep the city streets safer. Community volunteers are the key to the success of the program. In 2023 we provided 170 rides to 377 clients who were impaired or who did not feel fit to drive their own vehicle. They all got home safely. Although the service is free, clients usually provide donations, which under the provisions of the Operation Red Nose Program must be allocated to youth groups or groups that support youth in Prince Albert and area. The Prince Albert Lions Club has selected area

elementary schools as the recipients of these donations to assist with programming for students. The program operates on Friday and Saturday evenings. This year will be starting on Friday, November 29th and run each Friday and Saturday to December 21st plus New Year's Eve. We start around 9 pm in the evening and usually run until around 2 am the next morning. New Year's tends to run a bit later due to house parties. Volunteers must be at least 19 years of age. They are organized into teams of 3 people, an escort driver, a designated driver and a navigator. All volunteers require a police background check (provided at no cost) and are insured for liability by our provincial sponsor the SGI. Volunteers do not have to use their vehicles since escort vehicles are provided by vehicle dealerships in the city. Volunteers can choose to work one night, a weekend or the whole season. Come as an individual or put together a team of 3 people. We find New Year Eve is one of our busiest nights. Volunteers are provided with food, coffee and camaraderie during the evenings they work.

If you are interested in helping out with Operation Red Nose, please contact me at (306)763 -7434, (306)425-7804(cell) or by email at [rbraaten@sasktel.net](mailto:rbraaten@sasktel.net).



### **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 21 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

Registration is available online at [pagcc.ca](http://pagcc.ca) – curling – registration  
Or at the curling office.



JOIN US FOR THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL  
**CHRISTMAS  
IN  
MACDOWALL**  
DECEMBER

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**6:00-8:00PM**

CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON  
WITH A BONFIRE, SLIDING, HOT  
CHOCOLATE, AND SLEIGH RIDES THANKS  
TO RIVERS NORTH RANCH!

IN THE LION'S HALL PARKING LOT  
SURPRISE GUEST & TREATS FOR KIDS

MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF THE  
COMMUNITY, MACDOWALL LIONS CLUB, AND MDRF  
CONTACT MICHELLE MOUROT FOR MORE INFO  
306 961 8908

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24	25  Bus Driver Appreciation Day	26 (K) POPS School Readiness	27	28 (K)	29	30
<b>Education Week – November 24 to 30, 2024</b> <b>“Learning is a Journey!”</b>						

**WEST CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**