

February 2025 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

January flew by as fast as I do when heading inside after outside supervision! We've been lucky with the weather and are making the most of the rink. The students are also having a blast on the hill.

February is going to be a busy month—even with a week off! The Grade 5 to 8 class will be heading to Wapiti for a ski and snowboard trip on Friday, February 7th. They'll all take a lesson before spending a few hours on the slopes. A huge thanks to Miss Scragg for organizing this fun activity.

On February 10th, we'll be welcoming some Carlton students to our school for a special visit. These athletes will be reading with the Grade 1/2 class, presenting to the older grades, and joining in Phys Ed classes and recess. We're excited to have them with us!

As requested by our students last year, we're working on adding more experiences outside of school. Recently, our Grade 5 to 8 students visited Osborne School to hear a presentation by Cody Demerais. The presentation was fantastic, and our students were commended on their behavior. Cody Demerais is a proud Métis man, family-oriented, and the 2021 ABEX Award Winner for Young Entrepreneur of the Year through the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. With a passion for helping others, Cody has turned life's challenges into a platform for empowerment and success. He prioritizes family, embracing the role of a present and dedicated father and husband. Cody shared his deeply personal journey of overcoming life's toughest battles. Now a successful entrepreneur, life coach, and motivational speaker, he empowers audiences to break free from the weight of their past and embrace a limitless future. With raw authenticity, he offers a message of hope, resilience, and the belief that no matter how difficult the road has been, anyone can rise above their circumstances and create a life of purpose and success.

We've also started a partnership with the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP). A group of fourth-year teacher candidates will be joining us every Wednesday to practice their physical education skills, inviting some of our classes to learn new games and techniques. Our first session was a huge success! Additionally, we've confirmed new dates for the Mobile Early Learning Workshops, which are sessions for children ages 0-4 held in our gym. These will take place on February 25, March 25, April 29, and May 27, with a special Readiness for School session in June. We appreciate all our outside partners who come into our school, creating new experiences for our students.

Lastly, I'd love to extend a personal invitation to any parents interested in volunteering at the school. Your presence and support mean so much to us! Whether it's helping students with reading or lending a hand in other ways, we'd be thrilled to have you join us.





Thank you,

Kevin Tait

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WEST CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

February 5 - 13 – Extravaganza Playoff Games

February 7 – Wapiti Ski Trip (Gr. 5-8)

February 13 - SCC Bake Sale

February 9 - 15 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

February 17 - Family Day

February 17-21 - February Break (No School)

February 25 – Mobile Early Learning (10:30-12)

February 26 – Pink Shirt Day

February 27 – SCC Hot Lunch

March 6 – Boston Pizza Hot Meal

March 7 – Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day

Cold Weather

As we move into February, we can still expect cold weather. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the conditions of the day. We are outside for recess, if the combined temperature and wind chill are -30 degrees Celsius or warmer. We check the temperature hourly with Environment Canada at http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/sk-27_metric_e.html. Let's make sure we are prepared!



Donation of Skates needed



West Central School is looking for gently used skates - Sizes 9 to 13. Thank you!



Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting registrations for the 2025/2026 school year. Registration forms can be found on the SRSD website, or here at the school. If you or anyone you know is interested in having children attend West Central in the fall, please feel free to call with any questions you may have.



SCC News

We are excited to announce our upcoming School Bake Sale on **February 13, 2025!**

If you'd like to contribute, we would greatly appreciate your baked goods. While donations are encouraged, they are not necessary—your support in any form means a lot.

Here are some helpful tips if you're able to donate:

1. Individual Packaging: Packaging items individually (e.g., wrapping cookies, squares, or muffins) helps avoid cross-contamination and makes them easy to handle and sell.
2. Nut-Free Ingredients: To ensure the safety of all students, please avoid using nuts in your recipes.
3. Clear Labels: If you are able, please label your items with a brief description, such as "chocolate chip cookies" or "gluten-free brownies." Including allergen information (e.g., "contains dairy") is especially helpful, as we have several students with allergies/intolerances.
4. Drop-Off Details: Donations can be dropped off at school on February 12 by 3 PM.
5. Store-Bought Welcome: Don't have time to bake? Store-bought goodies are welcome too!
6. Carry-out containers: If your child plans on purchasing treats, sending them with a container with a lid to store their goodies is much appreciated.

Thank you for supporting our bake sale, whether by donating, volunteering, or simply stopping by to enjoy a treat. Every little bit helps us make this event a success!



Hot lunch will be on Thursday, February 27th. It will be a delicious meal of turkey casserole.

Mobile Early Learning Prince Albert

Great news! Chantelle Sprenger with Mobile Early Learning will be hosting another workshop at West Central Public School on February 25th.

A flyer for a workshop. The background is green with white hearts. At the top, it says "Join us in MacDowall" next to the Mobile Early Learning Prince Albert logo. Below that, it lists the date "February 25th", location "West Central School", age group "0-5 years", and time "10:30-12pm". It says "FREE" in pink. A red banner with white hearts contains the text "Circle Time--Stories--Songs Activities--Art & Crafts & more...". Below that, it says "Our Theme... Valentine's Month". At the bottom, it says "Join us for some MultiGenerational" next to a pink toy car with hearts. The logo "Fun!" is at the bottom left.

You'll also want to mark your calendars for these workshop dates: March 25th, April 29th and May 27th.

CHILDREN



Family Literacy Day Event - Saturday, January 25, 2:30 - Join us for a fun story, and then enjoy making a cute Keychain Toque Craft! Fun for the whole family! We'll see you there!

Don't miss our Drop-In Saturdays at 2:30! Enjoy some family fun with a craft, Lego, board games and more, or check out a free movie in the Mahon Auditorium! Everyone welcome! Check our Events Calendar for weekly details!

Drop-In Winter Story Times will begin the week of Monday, January 6! Check out Bring Your Babies or Preschool Story Time! Our winter session of Just for Fun! begins on Monday, January 6! Kids ages 6 to 9 can enjoy fun crafts, stories, and activities! Space is limited.



Other Programs at JMCPL...

Drop-In Computer Classes - Wednesdays, January 15 to February 26, 1:00 to 4:00 (Except January 22)
Would you like to improve your computer skills? Drop in on Wednesdays and become familiar with computer basics, word processing, web browsing, Gmail and more! Different skills will be covered every week! Everyone welcome to one or more sessions.

Off the Cuff All-Ages Comedy Shows - Thursdays at 7:00
January 16 and February 20 - Bring the whole family for a great little show full of big laughs! Purchase your tickets at the door! For details visit <https://www.otcimpv.ca/>

Drop-In Stitching with Creative Stitchers - Are you or would you like to be a Creative Stitcher? Have fun with the Creative Stitchers group; knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitch, felting and more! Join us at the Library in the Gallery every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 1-3 pm. No registration required. Just drop in or call Julie McIntosh at 306-922-6351 for more information.

Drop-In Family Law Information Session - Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 to 5:30 - Do you need help with court forms and processes? Come with your questions! No registration is required. Visit our website for details! For more information, contact familylaw@gov.sk.ca, or call 1-888-218-2822 (ext. 2)

Check out **Grace Campbell Gallery** for a variety of monthly art exhibits. If you would like to display your art please contact Bev at 763-8496.

Contact us:

Phone: 306-763-8496
Fax: 306-763-3816
Email: contactus@princealbertlibrary.ca
Phone Renewals: 1-855-980-7457

Library Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 to 9:00
Friday and Saturday: 8:30 to 5:00
Sunday: 1:00 to 5:00

CLOSED:

Wednesday, January 1
Sunday, February 16
Monday, February 17

Find us on Facebook and Twitter
<https://princealbertlibrary.ca/>

PROGRAM GUIDE



January & February

Visit <https://princealbertlibrary.ca> for program details!
Check it out! ALL PAPT programs are free!

Indigenous Storytelling Event - Presented by Harmony Johnson-Harder. Cree Metis Storyteller & Expressive Arts Facilitator - Funding provided by LSSAP. Tuesday, February 4, 10:00 and 1:00

Registered school students are invited to join Harmony to write/paint their own "foggy memory" with watercolor. Contact the library to register.

Winter Break Movies - 2:00

Tuesday, February 18 - The Garfield Movie (101 min., G)

Wednesday, February 19 - The Wild Robot (102 min., G)

Thursday, February 20 - Harold and The Purple Crayon (90 min., G)

Friday, February 21 - Moana 2 (100 min., PG)

Saturday, February 22 - Mufasa: The Lion King (120 min., PG)

NEW! Drop-In Adult Board Game Nights - Thursdays at 7:00 beginning January 9
Would you love to take a break from your everyday activities? Then bring some friends or come on your own to enjoy some chill time at our Drop-In Adult Board Game Night! A selection of games will be available to play, or you can bring your own! Enjoy a fun and relaxing evening! Meet some new friends! Everyone welcome!

Online Book Sale Auction
Thank you everyone for supporting our online book sale auction! Each Monday we post 30 bundles of assorted items on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jmcp.ca/>!

Click on the picture to view, and place your bid in the comments. Bidding closes on Sunday, and winners are notified on Monday. You are encouraged to pick up your purchases at the Circulation desk by the following weekend. Happy shopping!

ADULT



January 8, 2:00 & 6:30 - *Twisters* (123 min., PG13)
January 15, 2:00 & 7:00 - *Beetlejuice (1988)* (92 min., PG)
January 22, 2:00 & 6:30 - *Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice (2024)* (105 min., PG13)
January 29, 1:30 & 6:15 - *The Dead Don't Hurt* (130 min., R)

February 5, 2:00 & 6:30 - *The Critic* (101 min., R)
February 12, 2:00 & 7:00 - *To Fall in Love* (87 min., NR)
February 26, 2:00 & 7:00 - *Goodbye, Hello* (97 min., NR)

Enjoy great movies
Wednesday afternoons
and evenings! See you at
the movies!

Author Readings

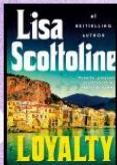


Would you like to meet a local author and enjoy a good discussion? Everyone is welcome to come and listen to readings and purchase a signed copy!

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00
Bruce Rice - *Standstill: A Hopewell Earthworks Daybook and Other Essays*

One on One Tech Help

Thursdays: January 9 and February 6, 2:00 to 4:00
Get help with computers, eReaders, tablets, and smart phones!
Call 763-8496 to book an appointment.



January Book Club Discussion - Thursday, January 30, 7:00

Loyalty by Lisa Scottoline

Registration begins on Thursday, January 2.

February Book Club Discussion - Thursday, February 27, 7:00

The Next Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine

Registration begins on Saturday, February 1.

Pick up your book when you register!

Enjoy a great discussion at the library and prizes too!



TEEN



Love Anime drawing, crafts, and movies? Come in at 7:00 and have fun with Anime colouring on Tuesday, January 7 and Diamond Painting on Tuesday, February 4. Recommended for ages 9 to 15. Space and materials are limited.



Tween and Teen Writing Group

Drop by the library and enjoy some writing and crafting on Monday, January 13, 7:00 - No Sew Sock Snowman Craft and Snowman Writing Topic, and Monday, February 10, 7:00 - Yarn Wrapped Heart Valentine Sign Craft and Valentine's Day Writing Project. For ages 12 to 18. Materials are supplied. First come, first served.

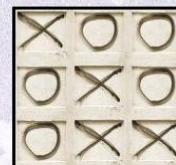
Tween and Teen Crafts

Come down to the JMCPL at 7:00 and chill out making a Clothespin Snowflake on Monday, January 6 and Glitter Hearts on Monday, February 3! We'll see you there! Suited for ages 9 to 15. Space and supplies are limited.

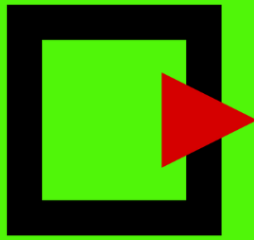


Teen Crafts

Hey teens! Are you feeling creative and need a break from school? Drop by the library and enjoy some crafting on Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 - Clay Tie Tac Toe Game Tuesday, February 11 - Decoupage Gift Box Bring a friend! For ages 13 to 18. Materials are supplied. First come, first served.

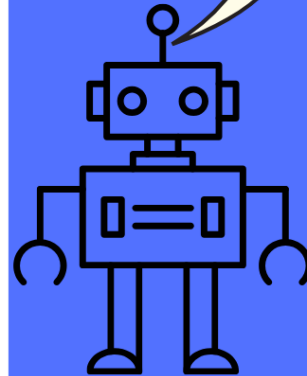


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FOR KIDS AGED 8-12
TUES FEB 18 - FRI FEB 21
9am-4pm
\$100 per child



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CANTEEN

30+
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50/50
AND
RAFFLE
TABLE



FREE
ADMISSION

P.A.C.I. TRADESHOW

**APRIL 5TH, 2025
SATURDAY 10:00AM - 4:00 PM
45 20TH STREET WEST
PRINCE ALBERT, SK**

**TO BOOK A TABLE, PLEASE CONTACT:
(306) 763-6485 OR
BSILVER@SRSD119.CA**

Life Improvement Programs WINTER, 2025

Classes will be held in a different venue from the CFS building, location TBA.
Check our website for updates (cfspa.ca)

AFTER THE STORM – A support group for women who are experiencing or have experienced intimate partner violence

Date: TBA *Transportation Available
Time: 9:00 a.m to 12 noon. *Childcare Available
Registration: Free Funded by Community Initiatives Fund

CALMING THE STORM- Anger Management for Adults

Date: Thursdays, January 09 - February 13, 2025 *Transportation Available
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **This class may be taken in person or by zoom**
Registration: \$25

Date: Thursdays, March 06-April 10th, 2025
Location: TBA
Time: 6:30pm-8pm
Registration: \$25

HOLD ME TIGHT – Relationship enrichment, enhancement and education for couples

Date: TBA *Childcare available
Time: 9 am to 4 p.m. Lunch provided *Transportation available
Registration: \$25 per couple

PARENTING FROM THE HEART – Parenting Class for parents, guardians or those who work with children Full program is delivered over the week-end. This is a combination of the parenting portion of Taming the Tiger and Riding the Wave.

Date: Sat and Sun, Jan 25th-26th, 2025
Location: TBA *Childcare available
Time: 9 am to 12 noon *Transportation Available
Registration: Free Funded by: Ministry of Justice - Victims Services

RIDING THE WAVE - A Program for Children Ages 6-13 Exposed to Violence and Trauma & their parents

Date: Sat. and Sun, March 8th-9th, 2025
Location: TBA
Time: 9 am to 12 noon *Transportation Available
Registration: FREE Funded by: Ministry of Justice – Victim

Healing Hearts-Grief Support Group

Date: Jan 30th, Feb 06th and Feb 13th 2025.

Location: Catholic Family Services 3rd floor

Time: 1-3pm

Registration: \$25.00/person

Funded by: TBA

STEPPING UP – Men building healthy relationships

A 12-week program (one session per week) for men who have been abusive in their relationships

Date: Tuesdays, January 21st – April 08, 2024

Location: Catholic Family Services

*Transportation Available

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

This class may be taken in person or by zoom

Registration: \$25

Funded by Northern Lights Community Development Corporation.

TAMING THE TIGER - Anger Management for Children Ages 6 to 12 and their Parents
Program delivered over a week-end

Date: Sat and Sun, February 15th-16th, 2025

* Transportation Available

Time: 9:00 am to 12 noon

Registration: **FREE**

Funded by: **Ministry of Justice – Victims Service**

To register or for more information,

Call Amanda at 306 922-3202 or email programs.cfspa@sasktel.net

For information on these and other programs we offer, please go to: www.cfspa.ca

If start dates for programs have not yet been determined, you can be put on a wait list to ensure you have a spot in the program.



 Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association

GET YOUR SASKATCHEWAN SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CERTIFICATE!

REGISTER FOR CLASSROOM SAFETY TRAINING

Date: February 9th, 2025 **Ages:** 12 +

Please bring a bagged lunch and warm clothes as there will be an outdoor demonstration.

Location: Noreen and PA Metis Women Association
205 10th Ave East Prince Albert

Time: 9am - 4pm - **Cost:** \$50.00 / student

Register with Codee Kohli: 306-729-3509 Or Register and pay online at Sasksnow.com