








hello FALL

2025

October



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5	6  Co-op Gift Cards Fundraiser Starts	7 HARVEST MEAL K-Day	8	9 WALK-A-THON  K-Day	10 PLC Day No School	11
12	13 HAPPY thanksgiving No School 	14 PICTURE ORDER DEADLINE  Last Day to Hand-in Co-op Gift Cards K-Day	15	16 SCC Hot Meal Build your own sub K-Day	17 K-Day	18
19	20	21	22	23  K-Day	24	25
Education Week Oct 20-24 "Seeds of Learning Roots of Success"						
26	27	28 K-Day	29 SCHOOL COUNCIL  SCC Meeting 6 pm	30 K-Day	31  K-Day	REMINDER Picture Retakes Nov 6 Kid's Artisan Market Craft SALE Sat Nov 15

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# NEWSLETTER

Kevin Tait, Principal

September vanished quicker than the chocolate chip cookies in the Grade 7/8 PAA class. It was a whirlwind month packed with activities and learning. From Cross Country meets and our Welcome Back Barbeque to field trips at Batoche and the Conservation area, Picture Day, volleyball practices, a Bee Presentation, and Truth and Reconciliation Week, our students dove right back into school routines with energy (and maybe a little too much energy after the BBQ cookies).

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for the Welcome Back Barbeque. It was fantastic to see so many families together, enjoying a warm evening of food, fun, and catching up. The turnout reminded us how lucky we are to have such strong support from our parents, guardians, and community. Special thanks to our volunteers for manning the grills—you kept us fed and happy while staff had the chance to reconnect with families.

This year, we're continuing our Literacy Goal with the University of Florida Literacy Initiative (UFLI) program. Mr. Byrne has stepped into the Dreamcatcher role and is excited to keep staff up to date on all things new in the division. Alongside literacy, we'll continue supporting our math goal, while also focusing on Experiential Play-Based Learning, Land-Based Learning, Indigenous Perspectives, and Mental Health. In other words, we'll be learning lots, indoors and out, with brains and hearts equally engaged.

Extracurriculars are buzzing! Ms. Risling's Cross Country team has already run in three meets (literally, not just figuratively) and will finish the season at Spruce Home on October 2. We also have three volleyball teams bumping, setting, and spiking their way through practices and competitions. Our Grade 3/4 students had an amazing time on their field trip to Batoche. They toured the rectory and church, explored the displays, and wowed staff with their curiosity and great behavior. History really came alive for them—and the best part is, we managed to bring back the same number of students we left with!

Looking ahead, our Coop Card Fundraiser kicks off October 6. Proceeds support activities, field trips, technology, and resources for our literacy goal. Students will have the chance to win prizes for their efforts, and the best part—Coop Cards give you the full value back while still supporting the school. Last year, we surpassed our goals, so let's see if we can do it again (and maybe beat last year's prize enthusiasm too!).

October is jam-packed: Cross Country Extravaganza, the Coop Card Fundraiser, PLC Day on the 10th, Education Week, our Walkathon, Boston Pizza lunches on the 9th and 23rd, and our Harvest Meal on the 7th. Basically, if you blink, you might miss something—so keep those calendars handy! As always, if you have questions, concerns, or celebrations to share, you can reach me at the school (306-922-8339), on Edsby, or by email at [ktait@srsd119.ca](mailto:ktait@srsd119.ca).

Wishing you all a fantastic October—may your coffee be strong, your Wi-Fi reliable, and your Halloween candy last longer than September did!

Warm regards,  
Kevin Tait

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West Central School  
306-922-8339

Mr. Tait, Principal

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Genelle with Genelle  
Amber Studios was here  
on Sep 9 for school photos.  
If you have not received  
access to your child(ren)'s  
photos yet please call the  
school at 306-922-8339.  
Once you have access,  
you will find all school  
photos in your personal  
online gallery. **The LAST  
DAY to ORDER your photos  
is Oct. 14, 2025.** Sorry, No  
exceptions.

## ABSENCES

Please enter the absence on  
the Edsby app or call the  
school at **306-922-8339** if your  
children will be absent.

## HOT MEAL PAY AHEAD PLAN

Hello West Central Families,

**In an effort to simplify Hot Meals, the SCC is introducing a  
Pay Ahead Hot Meal Plan this year.**

- Parents can buy hot meal passes in sets of 5 for \$30 (more than one set can be purchased at a time).
- Passes can be used for any hot meal throughout the year.
- For families with more than one child, passes will be grouped together—no need to track each child separately.
- The school will track usage and let families know when more passes are needed.
- Passes are only used if your child eats the meal and any unused passes carry forward to next year.

Hot meals can still be purchased individually for \$6 each. We ask that, when paying individually, families provide exact change whenever possible.

Order forms for the first hot meal will include the option to use this new plan!

## ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

We accept online payment through the School  
Cash app for many things including Boston Pizza  
lunches, sport events, activity fees, etc. Please visit  
[www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/](http://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/) for instructions  
on setting up your account.

## JOIN US ON EDSBY

If you haven't joined Edsby or our  
Edsby groups yet, please call the  
school at 306-922-8339 or request an  
invite and we will approve you shortly.  
There are specific Homeroom, Sport,  
buses, and SCC Groups.

## WEST CENTRAL STAFF

Principal **Mr. Tait**  
Kindergarten/ **Mr. Byrne**  
Dreamcatcher Coach  
Grade 1/2 **Mrs. Ethier**  
Grade 3/4 **Mrs. Dugan**  
Grade 5/6 **Mrs. Abbey-Der**  
Grade 7/8 **Mr. Milligan**  
Inclusive Education Coach/ **Mrs. Scragg**  
Classroom Support Coach  
Educational Associate **Mrs. Prytula**  
Educational Associate **Miss. Wilkinson**  
Secretary/Librarian **Mrs. King**  
Bus: #99 - **Amy Watt**, #208 - **Michelle Mouroto**,  
#40 - **Dave Neubuhr**

**THE CO-OP GIFT CARD  
FUNDRAISER IS OCTOBER 6-14.  
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SEND IN  
YOUR FORMS BY OCTOBER 14**

## OUR SCHOOL DAY

**Student Supervision starts at 8:35 am**

AM Classes	8:50 a.m.
AM Recess	10:13 – 10:28 a.m.
Lunch	11:46 am – 12:06 p.m.
Noon Recess	12:06 – 12:36 p.m.
PM Classes	12:36 p.m.
PM Recess	1:54 – 2:09 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.



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### SCC NEWS

The SCC had their first meeting on September 22nd. We have a fun, knowledgeable, and motivated group and we are always looking for parents to join us! We meet 5 times a year to provide feedback, assist in making decisions and discuss further plans for the school. If this is something you are interested in, please come to our next meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm or reach out to school for more information! If you are not interested in joining the SCC but would like to be more involved within the school, we are always looking for volunteers to help with hot meals or events.

### WOLVERINE NEWS

Our **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING** team has done extremely well again this season, and we are so proud. The final Extravaganza run will be on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Spruce Home School. Go Wolverines! We would also like to thank Mrs. Ethier for the great coaching!

Our **VOLLEYBALL** season has begun with each of our teams having their firsts practices. Again this year we have three volleyball teams:

**5/6 Girls Team** - Practice Mon/Tues @ noon, Games mostly Mondays

**7/8 Girls Team** - Practice Tues after school (3:25-5 pm), Games Thursdays

**5-8 Coed Team** - Practice Tues after school (3:25- 5 pm), Games Wednesdays

All of our teams are off to a great start as they learn the game and how to play as a team! Extravaganza is about 6 weeks away and so our athletes are practicing hard and having fun!

### LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. King, with the help from Miss Wilkinson, has been busy in the library. Hopefully, your child(ren) have been enjoying their time in the library too! 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. Mrs. King will do her best to repair the item once it's returned.

Here are the days of the week that library is scheduled for each classroom:

**KINDERGARTEN - THURSDAYS**

**GRADE 1/2 - TUESDAYS**

**GRADE 5/6 - MONDAYS**

**GRADE 3/4 - WEDNESDAYS**

**GRADE 7/8 - FRIDAYS**

### OUR OCTOBER BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LIBRARY



# OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct 1 – Grade 6 Immunizations
- Oct 2 – Cross Country Extravaganza
- Oct 6–13 – Co-op Gift Cards Fundraiser
- Oct 7 – Harvest Meal
- Oct 9 – Boston Pizza Lunch
- Oct 9 – Walk-a-thon
- Oct 10 – PCL Day/No School
- Oct 13 – Thanksgiving –No School
- Oct 14 – Last day to hand in Co-Op GCs
- Oct 16 – SCC Hot Meal
- Oct 20–24 – Education Week
- Oct 23 – Boston Pizza Lunch
- Oct 29 – SCC Meeting
- Oct 31 – Halloween
- Nov 3– 7 – Book Fair
- Nov 6 – Progress Conferences
- Nov 6 – Picture Retakes
- Nov 15 – SCC Craft Sale

## SEPT 9 –PICTURE DAY FOLLOW UP

Your West Central School 2025 photos are ready! You should have received a form from the day of the photos with a QR code on it. You will be emailed to gain access to your own online personal gallery. There you can choose and order your favorite photos. Genelle has put together a preview.

You will find all photos from this preview in your personal online gallery.

**The LAST DAY to ORDER your photos is Oct. 14, 2025 . Sorry, No exceptions.**

NEW This year is the option to have your order mailed direct to your home address. If you choose to pay to have your order shipped to your house the order will then go to print immediately after the order is placed.

If you choose to have free school delivery your order will go to print AFTER the gallery closes. All school delivery orders are then shipped together and handed out to the children upon arrival.

**Questions about how to order?**  
**contact [info@genelleamber.com](mailto:info@genelleamber.com)**

## OCT 1 – GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

All of the Grade 6 Immunization forms have been returned. Thanks for the prompt form return. **The health nurse will be at West Central for those who opted for immunizations.**

## OCT 2 – CROSS COUNTRY EXTRAVAGANZA

Our Cross Country team has done extremely well again this season, and we are so proud.

**The final Extravaganza run will be on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:45 – 2 pm at the Spruce Home School. Go Wolverines!**

We would also like to thank Mrs. Ethier for the great coaching!

## OCT 6– 13 CO-OP GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

**Our annual fundraiser will run October 6 – 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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 activities, field trips, technology, and resources for our literacy goal.. **Information packages will be send home on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## OCT 7 – HARVEST MEAL

**The students will enjoy a harvest meal that they will help prepare.** The produce will come from the garden boxes that they also helped plant and tend.

## OCT 9 – BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Our second Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. With our online payment system, ordering is easier than ever!

**Order forms will go home on Tuesday, September 30 and will need to be returned by Tuesday, October 7th.**

Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

## OCTOBER 10 – NO SCHOOL – PLC DAY OCTOBER 13 – NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING

There is no school on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> due to PLC – Professional Learning Community.

**So, enjoy the extra long weekend from Oct 10–13. We have so much to be thankful for – Happy Thanksgiving! See you back on Tuesday, Oct 14.**

# OCTOBER EVENTS CONTINUED

## OCT 14 – LAST DAY TO HAND-IN CO-OP GIFT CARDS

**Please make sure to hand in your Co-op Gift Card Fundraiser forms by Tuesday, October 14.** We will work to have the Coop gift cards back ASAP.

## OCT 9 – WALK-A-THON

**This year's walk-a-thon will be held on Thurs, Oct 9. We will start our walk at 1 pm and follow the same route as previous years (down Bannerman Road to Cloak's, ~ 2 kms).**

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 asking for a donation to go towards the Prince Albert Food Bank.** Thanks in advance for your wonderful donations.

## OCT 16 – HOT MEAL

**Our first Hot Meal will be on Thursday, October 16. It will be build your own subs.** In an effort to simplify Hot Meals, the SCC is introducing a **Pay Ahead Hot Meal Plan** this year. These are available in 5 Meals for \$30. Hot meals can still be purchased individually for \$6 each. We ask that, when paying individually, families provide exact change whenever possible. Order forms for the first hot meal will include the option to use this new plan! **Please send your child(ren) with a reusable cup, plate, & utensils. Thanks! If you can help at hot meal please contact the school.**

## OCT 20–24 – EDUCATION WEEK

**Seeds of Learning – Roots of Success is the theme of this year's Education Week.**

## OCT 23 BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Our third Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Twice this month that we don't have to prepare lunches – Yay!**Order forms will go home on Tuesday, October 14th and will need to be returned by Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.** Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

## OCT 29 – SCC MEETING

**Please join us for our second meeting at 6 pm on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the West Central School.** We will be planning upcoming events that are hosted by the SCC including hot meals, the kids artisan craft sale in November, and a few Christmas themed events in December.

## OCT 31 – HALLOWEEN

**Happy Halloween!** If you go trick or treating have a fun and safe time!

## NOV 3– 7 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It is that time of the year again! Come shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair. **Each class will have the opportunity during the week of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, as well as recess to shop at the fair. It will also be open for parents to shop during Progress Conferences on November 6.**

There will be a contest (or two) offered to allow the students in each classroom a chance to win some FREE books.

## NOV 6 – PROGRESS CONFERENCES

**Progress Conferences will be on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> this year.** Please watch for more information on Edsby and in our next newsletter. We hope to see you then!

## NOV 6 – PICTURE RETAKES

**Retakes will be November 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.** You will have the opportunity to have family or group photos taken by Genelle Mazurak with Genelle Amber Studios. Information regarding this and pricing will be provided in the coming weeks.

## NOV 15 – SCC CRAFT SALE

We are excited to be bringing back the successful **Kid's Artisan Market this fall! It will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If your child or other children you know, what to show off their artistic skill, consider joining us for this event!** Kid's can present and sell homemade items such as painting, coloring, beading, jewelry, wood working, baking, etc. The sky is the limit!

More details to follow – for now, this is a heads up to get started on your crafting!



# WEST CENTRAL REMINDERS

## CELL PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

**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.

## 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 grassy centre area. Please remind your children to look both ways and please make sure to drive slowly away from the school. This will help to keep students safe from any mishaps.**

**\*\* Please do not park at or near the entrances/exits.** Thank you for helping keep our children safe. Thanks!

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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.

# WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

EQUINE ELITE 4H CLUB &  
THE LILY PLAIN CO-OP HALL  
PRESENT THE ANNUAL

## HALLOWEEN HOWL

MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES, PRIZE DRAWS  
COSTUME CONTEST FOR ALL AGES

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025**  
**7 - 10 PM**

LILY PLAIN CO-OP HALL, HWY 302 W  
CANTEEN SERVING PIZZA & OTHER TREATS!

\$25/FAMILY OR \$10/ADULT, \$5/YOUTH, U3 FREE

For more info contact Jodi @ 306-940-9250

### Prince Albert Community Basketball Association (PACBA)

Registration is open  
**JOIN TODAY**

[pacommunitybasketball.com](http://pacommunitybasketball.com)



Fast, fun, and exciting — develop skills,  
confidence, teamwork & fitness.

**All skill levels welcome.**

Grade 4-6: Tuesdays & Sundays

Grade 6-8: Thursdays & Sundays

October 19 - December 21

P: 306-960-0430

E: [pacommunitybasketball@gmail.com](mailto:pacommunitybasketball@gmail.com)

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MacDowall & District Lions Club

## *Annual Harvest Ball*

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

MacDowall Lions Recreation Centre

**Cocktails 6:30 pm ~ Supper 7:00 pm**

Only 250 tickets sold - Elimination

Draw to be made at the Harvest Ball

**Admission: \$80.00 per couple**

More Info Contact Nancy @ 306-560-7333

### Lily Plain Co-Op Hall Annual General Meeting

Thursday, October 16

6:30 - 7:30 pm

at the Lily Plain Co-Op Hall Hwy 302W

Contact 306-980-5705 for more information



## THE LAB

BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU

### Brazilian jiu-jitsu

**KIDS CLASS AGES 7-12**

FIRST 3 MONTH BLOCK STARTS  
OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 5:30PM

LIMITED SPOTS

**RESERVE TODAY!!**

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