



2026

February



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 NOVEL STUDY READ pages 184-199	3 K-Day	4	5 K-Day	6 Wapiti SKI TRIP Grade 5-8	7
8 	100th day of school 9 NOVEL STUDY READ pages 200-213	10 FORMS DUE Staff Appreciation Week K-Day	11 BAKE SALE Valentine's DANCE 5:30 PM K-Day	12 Valentine's DANCE 5:30 PM K-Day	13 Little Red River Park Grade K-4 K-Day	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 FAMILY DAY No School	17 No School	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School	21
22	23 NOVEL STUDY READ pages 214-229	24 Mobile Early Learning 10:30 am WC Gym K-Day	25 SUNTEP WINTER FESTIVAL PINK SHIRT DAY	26 K-Day	27	28
				 SCC Meeting Mar 4 6 pm	 Mar 5 Mar 26	

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NEWSLETTER

Kevin Tait, Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

January couldn't quite make up its mind this year – one day it felt like spring, the next it was full-on winter again! We've had students arriving in light jackets in the morning and heading home bundled up like Arctic explorers by the afternoon. It's been a true Saskatchewan-style weather adventure, and we're all learning to be prepared for absolutely anything when we step outside!

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 Thursday, February 6th. 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 – here's hoping the students stick to skis and boards instead of inventing a new snow sport called “face-plant racing”!

We're also excited to offer more land-based learning experiences for our students! The Grade 7/8 class will get hands-on with fishing poles, learning the ropes (and hopefully not getting hooked themselves!), and on another day they'll enjoy a presentation on animal furs. A big thanks to Mrs. Ethier for organizing these activities – we're looking forward to seeing students trade their textbooks for tackle boxes and learning a thing or two from our land!

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 starts on February 11 – we're ready to see if our students can teach the teachers a thing or two! Plus, the SUNTEP students will be putting on a Winter Festival on February 25, which promises to be full of fun activities and games for everyone!

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 24, March 24, and April 21, with a special Readiness for School session in June. We encourage everyone to attend, and if you know someone with little ones, please let them know! We appreciate all our outside partners who come into our school, helping our littlest learners explore, play, and maybe even teach us a thing or two about energy levels and creative chaos!

On February 13, our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students will be heading to Little Red River Park for a day of sliding and exploring the new playground. We'll see who can tackle the slides the fastest and who can have the most fun trying out all the new equipment. More information will be sent home soon – it's shaping up to be a day full of giggles, energy, and plenty of playground adventures!

Our school basketball team has been working hard this season, and it's been exciting to see how much they've improved! They've been having lots of success on the court, showing skill, teamwork, and determination. Even more impressive, they've been recognized for their excellent sportsmanship and respectful behavior toward opponents and officials – a true credit to our school. A big thanks to Mr. Byrne and Mr. Mauvieux for all their hard work coaching and supporting the team. The playoffs are just around the corner, and badminton will be our next sport to watch for – it looks like the fun is just getting started!

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

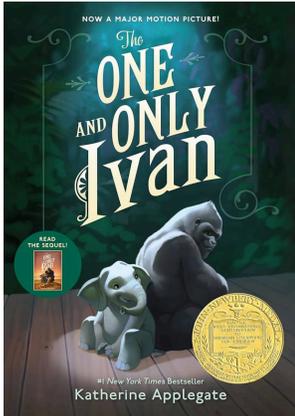
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**West Central School
306-922-8339**

NEWSLETTER

Mr. Tait, Principal

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL NOVEL STUDY CONTINUES



of *The One and Only Ivan* !

Each week there will be a special activity for our students to take part in.

READING SCHEDULE:

Feb. 2-6 - Week 13: pgs. 184 - 199
Feb. 9-13 - Week 14: pgs. 200 - 213
Feb. 23-27 - Week 15: pgs. 214 - 229
Mar. 2-6 - Week 16: pgs. 230 - 244
Mar. 9-13 - Week 17: pgs. 245 - 260
Mar. 16-20 - Week 18: pgs. 261 - 279
Mar. 23-27 - Week 19: pgs. 280 - 290
Mar. 30-Apr. 2 - Week 20: pgs. 291 - 300 (This is the last week!)

Good luck, everyone on the challenges
— and happy reading!

**Each week you can find the challenge on
Edsby & Facebook!**

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 Celcius or colder. 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!

INCLEMENT WEATHER - BUSING NEWS

As we move further into winter, we want to remind families about the division's procedures for extreme conditions.

- **Buses will not run if the temperature is at or below -40 degrees Celcius.**
- **Buses will also not run if the temperature is at or below -35 degrees Celcius and the wind chill is at or below -45 degrees Celcius (as per Administrative Procedure 710).**

On no-bus days, the school will remain open, and staff will provide a range of activities, including revisiting outcomes, enrichment, and/or new instruction.

Attendance on these days is at the parent's discretion.

- Notifications will be placed on our website www.srsd119.ca. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find a "Daily Bus Report" link. Click on the bus report to check for a list of bus cancellations.
- Transportation also uses 'Remind' to inform parents and guardians about any transportation changes - cancellations/delays. You can find information on how to sign up for 'Remind' on our website www.srsd119.ca. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find 'Bus Notification Sign Up' link.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for the 2026/2027 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.

WEST CENTRAL STAFF

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

ABSENCES

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

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Student Supervision starts at 8:35 am

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

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WOLVERINE NEWS!

Wolverine Basketball has been so much fun so far. The extravaganza will be the week of January 28th - February 5th.



Both the Girls' and Boy's Basketball teams will continue with their practice schedule until Basketball is done for their season.

For the Girls' Basketball team

- After school practices will be on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00.
- Noon Hour practices will be on Wednesdays/Thursdays.

For the Boys' Basketball team

- After school practices will be on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:45.
- Noon Hour practices will be on Thursdays.

Please watch the Edsby basketball groups for more Extravaganza info and for the Extravaganza schedule.

We would like to thank Mr. Byrne and Mr. Mauvieux for their time, guidance and coaching. It is much appreciated!



Next UP...Badminton

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Mark your calendar - the next **SCC meeting is on Wednesday, March 4th**. February is a busy month for the SCC beginning with a Valentine's Day dance on Feb 12 and then celebrating the staff during staff appreciation week on Feb 9-13th.

We would like to wish you a wonderful Family Day and winter break to recharge and have fun!

LIBRARY NEWS

Hello students from the WC library!

February is full of **reading love** and is a kind and cozy time in the school library! ❤️

This month, we're sharing stories about friendship, kindness, and being yourself. **Curl up with a good book, explore new stories, and celebrate being kind – today and every day!**

Stop by the library to read, borrow books, and share your love of reading. We can't wait to see you!

Happy reading,
Mrs. King

OUR FEBRUARY BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LIBRARY - THANKS MISS WILKINSON FOR YOUR HELP!

POWER UP
for a
SUPER YEAR OF READING

OUR LIBRARY DAYS KINDERGARTEN - THURSDAYS	GRADE 1/2 - TUESDAYS GRADE 3/4 - WEDNESDAYS	GRADE 5/6 - MONDAYS GRADE 7/8 - FRIDAYS
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FEBRUARY/MARCH EVENTS

- Jan 28 – Feb 5 – Basketball Extravaganza
- Feb 6 – Wapiti Ski Trip – Grades 5-8
- Feb 9-13 – Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb 11 – SLC Bake Sale
- Feb 12 – BP Lunch
- Feb 12 – SCC Valentine's Dance
- Feb 13 – Little Red River Park – Grade K-4
- Feb 16 – Family Day
- Feb 16-20 – February Break (No School)
- Feb 24 – Mobile Early Learning (10:30-12)
- Feb 25 – Pink Shirt Day/SUNTEP Winter Festival
- Mar 4 – SCC Meeting @ 6 pm
- Mar 5 – Boston Pizza Lunch
- Mar 26 – Boston Pizza Lunch

JAN 28 – FEB 5 – BASKETBALL EXTRAVAGANZA

Extravaganza Schedules will be on the Edsby groups. Good luck to our girl and boy teams! Go Wolverines!

FEB 6 – WAPITI SKI TRIP – GR 5-8

The Wapiti Ski Trip for Grades 5-8 is on Friday, February 6th. Please have your children to the school on time. They plan to leave the school by 8:50 am.

FEB 9-13 – STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

The SCC would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the staff at West Central. Your dedication to the education, safety and wellbeing of our children day in and day out is invaluable. We are so lucky to have such an amazing staff at West Central, thank you for all that you do!

FEB 11 – SLC BAKE SALE

The Student Leadership Council is happy to announce we will be having the bake sale once again on February 11, 2026!

If you would 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 are able to donate:

1. Individual packaging
2. Nut free ingredients
3. Clear labels with description including allergen information (eg. chocolate chip cookies contains dairy)
4. Store-bought welcome
5. Carry out containers - if your child plans on purchasing items please send them with a container with a lid
6. Drop off details - donations can be dropped off at school on February 10th by 3 pm.

Thank you for your support. Every little bit helps make this event a success! Please watch Edsby for more information.

FEB 12 – BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, February 12th. **Order forms will go home on Thursday, February 5th and will need to be returned by Monday, February 9th.** Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

FEB 12 – VALENTINE'S DANCE

This February, the SCC is excited to be putting on a **Valentines Day School Dance! It will be held February 12th, after school until 5:30pm.** The dance will include a canteen, games, photo booth and prizes! More information, including consent forms for attendance, will be sent home with your child(ren) soon.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the canteen, run games and supervise the dance. If you are able to help that afternoon, please let the school know. All the help we can get to make this event run as smooth as possible is greatly appreciated!

FEB 13 – LITTLE RED – GR K-4

The Grades K-4 classes will be going to Little Red River Park on Friday, February 13th for a day of sliding and exploring the new playground.

FEB 16-20 – FEBRUARY BREAK

February 16th is Family Day. Let's take a moment to cherish our families and the joy of being together. **Wishing everyone a wonderful Family Day! There is no school all week. Enjoy your week off! See you back on Feb 23rd.**

FEB 24 – MOBILE EARLY LEARNING

Mobile Early Learning will be set up in the gym on Feb 24 at 10:30 am. Children (ages 0-5) and their parents or caregivers are invited to enjoy this interactive, sensory-rich experience that supports creativity, fine motor skills, and fun.

FEB 25 – SUNTEP WINTER FESTIVAL & PINK SHIRT DAY

The Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) students will be putting on a Winter Festival on Feb 25.

On Feb 25 it is Pink Shirt Day - wear pink to show that our school is a place where everyone belongs and stand up against bullying.

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

Mark your calendars -

SCC Meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 pm

March Boston Pizza Lunches are March 5 and March 26

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.

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/ for instructions on setting up your account.



CONNECT WITH US!

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.

Please follow us on **Facebook - West Central Public School.**

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

The West Central
**SKATING
RINK**

is
ready



Contact Mandi @
306.960.3532
for more info
or for a key

BIG news ...

You're Invited!

SRPSD is inviting all families in our community to
join us for a presentation by

Prince Albert Autism Services

Where: Vincent Massey School

2999 - 3rd Ave. E, Prince Albert

When: February 4th | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

All are welcome!



Saskatchewan Rivers
Public School Division
Excellence for Every Learner

PA Lakers Tryouts

Feb. 3 & 5
or
Feb 10 & 12



Gr. 3-6 Girls & Gr. 3-12 Boys
For additional information and to register
visit our website or email



LET'S JOIN

pacommunitybasketball.com

pacommunitybasketball@gmail.com

The Lily Plain Palette Club

Please join us!

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE STARTING AN ART CLUB!
IF YOU LIKE TO PAINT, CRAFT & VISIT
THIS IS THE CLUB FOR YOU!
THE CLUB PLANS TO MEET ONCE A MONTH
AT THE LILY PLAIN HALL.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
ERIN 306-980-5705



Come Read
WITH US!



We're inviting all adults who would like to visit the school and read with our students. Please spread the word. The more one-on-one reading our students get, the stronger their skills grow—because every page counts! If you have some time between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., please let us know. We truly appreciate our community's support!

I ♥ READING

one-on-one
READING

Celebrating FAMILY DAY

Family Day is more than just a day off—it's a chance to spend quality time together, strengthen bonds, and create lasting memories. To help families make the most of this special day, here are some fun ideas:

- **At-Home Activities:** Enjoy a family game night, cook a meal together, or share stories and memories that make your family unique.
- **Outdoor Adventures:** Take a walk in the park, ride bikes together, or have a picnic in your backyard.
- **Community Connections:** Volunteer as a family, attend local events, or simply explore your neighborhood together.

At West Central School, we encourage all our students and families to pause, connect, and celebrate the special people in their lives. **Whether it's a simple hug, a shared laugh, or a fun activity, Family Day reminds us of the joy of being together.**

MacDowall and District Recreation Foundation



For the community,
In the community.

JOIN US!

We are currently looking for two community members who would like to become part of our board. MDRF meets once a month.

Contact Devon Neudorf or
Jordyne Semenov