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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Greetings from your Administrative Team...

Soon we will be entering into our first reporting period. During this time, students will be involved in three opportunities to reflect on their growth during the past few months as well as establishing goals for the upcoming term.

1. Portfolios are a collection of student work that includes materials such as written assignments, journal entries, completed tests, reflection sheets, artwork, and other material evidence of student learning progress and academic accomplishments. They are used to help students reflect on their own work products and academic progress. By closely monitoring learning progress over time using portfolios, both teachers and students can highlight academic strengths, identify learning weaknesses, and recognize accomplishments and growth. Portfolios are also used to keep parents and other adults more informed about what students are doing and learning in the classroom.

2. Three Way Conferences are meetings between student, teacher and parents to discuss student learning. These conferences are important to the students as it allows them the opportunity to discuss their learning experiences, celebration items and learning needs with their teacher and parent(s). Three-way conferences are designed to achieve one or more of the following goals:

- to help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- to teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
- to facilitate the development of students' organizational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- to encourage students, parents and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- to increase parent understanding of their child's learning through improving attendance at and satisfaction with the reporting process.

We encourage you to ask questions. *Some of these could be:* How can I be actively involved and support my child's learning this year? How can I compliment and support what my child is learning in the classroom? How can I know what work needs to be completed? How can I keep track of progress on assignments and support homework? How can I help my student at home if they need learning accommodations to support their learning style?

3. Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, December 3rd. Progress Reports are another component of continuous communication that provides students and parents with ongoing descriptive feedback that is clear, specific, meaningful, and timely to support improved learning and achievement. Teachers will take various considerations into account before making a decision about a mark or grade. They consider information collected over time through observations, conversations and student products such as reports, projects, tests, exams and assignments that students have submitted. Teachers will also consider that some evidence carries greater weight than others. The report card grade represents a student's achievement of overall curriculum expectations, as demonstrated to that point.

As always, please feel free to stop by, call or email if you would like to discuss the reporting process further. We sincerely appreciate your trust in us as we work in establishing a great learning environment for your child(ren).

L. McGettigan Principal
E. Jones Vice Principal

Dates to Remember...

- Nov. 17**
CSCC Meeting – all welcome
- Nov. 18**
Volleyball
- Nov. 19**
House League Kick Off
- Nov. 22-28**
Virtual Book Fair (see link below)
- Nov. 24**
Conference Scheduler closes at 12 noon
- Nov. 25**
Three Way Virtual Conferences 3:45-8:30 PM
- Nov. 26**
Three Way Virtual Conferences 8:45 AM-12:30 PM - No School for students

November

News from the Office

Safety at our crosswalks

This is just a reminder to be safe when crossing our streets at the crosswalks. Please don't ever assume that a car will stop. Make sure that cars come to a complete stop before crossing the streets. We do not want any of our students hurt. Please talk this over with your child(ren) and remind them of this very important safety concern.

Parking Out Front

As the weather is about to change and get colder, parking can and will be a problem out front. Please remember to not get out of your vehicle, as these are drop off and pick up spots only. Traffic jams are very common around 3:30 as well – to help avoid this – you could tell your kids to meet you at the Willowgrove square area or arrive 10 -15 minutes later to help avoid the line ups. There is no great solution to this parking issue, so please try your best to help us with it. Also, do not park in the Daycare spots – these are meant for parents with young children and babies who are taking their kids to and from the daycare.

School Arrival

Students should not be at school prior to 8:45 in the morning. Exterior doors will remain locked until 8:45AM. If students need to arrive early, we have a Before and After School Program available through Preston Early Learning. In addition, students are asked to proceed directly into the school when they arrive since there is no supervision on the playground prior to 9AM.

If your child/children arrive late, the door they normally enter in will be locked, so please have them enter through the front door and *let the office know they have arrived.*

Attendance and Edsby

Please remember to use Edsby to report all absences and planned absences. If you still have not received an invitation to Edsby, please let the school know. Once you have accepted, you will also see all of our newsletters, calendar of upcoming events and any other important information. This is also where you will be booking your Parent Teacher Conferences as well. We will slowly be phasing out Safe Arrival, so please make sure you have an account through Edsby. If you need any assistance, please contact the school office at 306-659-7850 and we can help you.

Three Way Parent-Teacher- Student Conferences

This year we will be having our conferences virtually again. *The scheduler opened in Edsby on November 16th at 9 am and will close on November 24th at noon. (You need to have an active Edsby account to book through this system.)*

When it's time for parents to schedule an interview with their child(ren)'s teachers, a message will be sent to your Edsby mailbox. Click the envelope in the Navigation Bar to access your mailbox. Open the message and click Book Parent-Teacher Interview. You will see the child(ren)s the interviews apply to and the available time slots for each of your children's teachers. There will be a tab to select between multiple interview days. Edsby enables parents to choose exact time slots they want and enables parents to know in real time if the slots are available. Slots that are already booked and unavailable will be blank. Slots available will be labeled accordingly. Click on the slots to book them. You can also remove your booking or change it to another available time. When you are finished booking, click Done. You will have a summary of your interview schedule in your mailbox. If the interview period has not yet been closed for editing, parents can still make changes to their interview schedule by clicking Making Changes. Parents can also print their interview schedules by clicking File and then Print or by typing Ctrl+P on their keyboard. If you need to change or cancel your time slot after the scheduler has closed, please contact the office at 306-659-7850 and we can help you.

Kindergarten bookings: There is a separate interview scheduler for Kindergartens – so when you are looking to book your K student, please make sure you click on the right schedule. The other one will show no openings for Ms. Charters. Thanks.

Please watch the attached YouTube Video that shows how to book your conferences when it is time: (Opens Nov. 16, 9 am)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qUmJ_xu64

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

Here is a list of our upcoming Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches;

Friday, Nov. 19 – Taco Time
Friday, Dec. 3 – Tim Hortons
Friday, Dec. 10 – Pizza Hut
Friday, Jan. 21 – Wendel Clarks
Friday, Jan. 28 – Booster Juice



Instructions are now posted on our Edsby “River of News”. If you are having any issues, please follow the directions on that form or contact their 1-800 number. All proceeds help pay for many student initiatives as well as special school events and projects.

Friends of Holy Family

Mom’s Pantry Fundraiser: THANK YOU to everyone who ordered! An email will be sent with pick up instructions once we have a confirmed date in early December.



Virtual Book Fair

November 22 – 28

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5167962>

Kids will be able to view the bookfair at school and parents can order online. Thank you for supporting our school so we can add new books to the library.

First View App

First Student is now offering a secure bus tracking and parent communication app. FirstView helps you better manage your time during the hectic before-and-after school rush by putting your student’s up-to-the-minute bus information in your hands. Easy to download, set up and use, FirstView is packed with helpful features to give you peace of mind, including estimated bus arrival time, opt-in messaging regarding delays and issues, customizable alerts for when the bus is a chosen distance or number of minutes away, secure password protection and built-in customer support. To download the APP, please go to *firstviewapp.com*. Our school code is **RG7D**. If you have any issues, please contact their customer support.





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We need your help! If you've ever thought about getting involved in your community, now is the time! We have the following volunteer positions to fill in order to keep our community association running:

- secretary
- coordinators for: Adult Programs, Children's Programs, Rink, Advertising, Events, Newsletter, Bookings, Website

For more information of what these positions entail, please see the 'About Us' section at wuhca.ca or email info@wuhca.ca

THANK YOU!

Community News



Free! Drop & Shop

6-12 yrs. This holiday season entrust your children with certified leaders who will supervise a number of child-friendly activities including arts and crafts, giving you the opportunity to get away and get your shopping done! Masks are required.

Lakewood Civic Centre 1635 Mc Kercher Drive • 306-975-2944
 Nov 27 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-01
 Dec 18 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-04

Lawson Civic Centre 225 Primrose Drive • 306-975-7873
 Dec 4 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-02
 Dec 11 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-03

Pre-registration is required. Register with Leisure Online at leisureonline.saskatoon.ca or call any Leisure Centre.
 Photo taken prior to COVID-19. Program may be modified.



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- AND ONE SINGLE GAME TICKET



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For more information re: preschool locations & applications, please:

- Google search "Saskatoon Preschool Foundation" or visit our website www.spf.sk.ca; click "Subsidies," or
- Call 306-250-0533.

Mission
 To advocate for and support access to preschool programs.

Guiding Principles
 To act in the best interests of children, to support families & to respect the values/cultures of families.

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