

Douglas Park School

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October's News...

Thank you for a wonderful first month of school! Academics, extra-curricular activities and daily routines are on their way for another successful school year.

Thank you to the families who attended the "Welcome Back Information Night", on September 14th. If you have not received your Parent Portal personal login information, please stop at the office to pick it up. <https://powerschool.rbe.sk.ca/public/> We want families to use the school webpage: <http://douglaspark.rbe.sk.ca/> on a regular basis for updated information. Please encourage your child to participate in our occasional school webpage contests!

We are very happy to have our two grade one classes located in the two new beautiful portable classrooms which are now opened! Thank you for your donations to the Terry Fox Foundation... we raised \$360!

We are thankful for a terrific school community. Thanks for your support and cooperation! Douglas Park School is an amazing place to work and learn!

Before and After School Program

Welcome to Mrs. D. Hamann and Ms. M. Hembroff who are the two new supervisors in the Boothill Before and After School Program. Please note that there are a couple of open spots available. Please contact boothillprogram@gmail.com for further details.

Education Week: October 17th to 21st

"Celebrating Today, Preparing for Tomorrow"

We have several activities planned within the school day to recognize this year's theme. Parents/caregivers and staff are invited to the *Empowering Healthy Youth Symposium* on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30-8:45 PM at Campus Regina Public (1069 14th Ave. E.). What will you be when you grow up? Dress in your future "Career Day clothes" on October 21st.

Go Lions Go!

Volleyball: Grades 6-8. Mr. Wagner boys' coaches; Mrs. Dawe and Mrs. Georgacacos – Girls' Coaches. Both the girls and boys volleyball teams have had a great start to their seasons by demonstrating skill development and sportsmanship. Keep up the great work!

Cross-Country Running Team: Grades 3-8. We had 80 students join our running team this year. We were proud of their effort and dedication to practice and compete. Congratulations to those 16 runners who qualified in the final meet. Thanks to the staff supervisors: Mrs. N. Putz, Mrs. J. Carr, Ms. N. Hurlbert, Mrs. M. Fraser, Ms. A. Tandler and Ms. M. Brown.

Grades 6-8 Intramurals: at noon in the gym on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays with Mr. S. Martinson.



Save the dates..

*Scholastic Book Fair is here
November 17-18*

FCC Drive Away Hunger 2016

When it comes to our basic needs in life, food is at the top of the list. Most of us are fortunate to have enough to eat. Not everyone is so lucky. October 3rd to 13th, we will be collecting food items for the Regina Food Bank, and best of all, 100% of the donations go directly there! We need your help... please donate non-perishable food items in the brown grocery bags which came home on Sept. 29th. All donations can be brought to the office area. THANK YOU!

Newsletters and School- Home Communication

Please visit our school webpage for weekly updates:

<http://douglaspark.rbe.sk.ca>

Follow us on Twitter... @dp_school

Student Absences or Lates

Please call the school at 306-523-3720 to leave a message if your child will be absent or late and the reason. If students not well enough to participate in the regular activities of the school day, then perhaps another day to rest at home may be needed. We want to be respectful of everyone's health and prevent others from becoming ill. Thanks for your cooperation.

Office Helpers: We have 24 students in grades 6, 7 to 8 who help in the office and answer the phones at recess and lunch time. Ms. L. Tamez, Mrs. T. Duke and Mrs. L. Frei help these students to learn the procedures in the office.

Recess Buddies: several students in grades 6 to 8 assist in the DC room at recess. Mrs. D. Apperley, Mr. Azizi, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Vibe and Mrs. Mortimore-Clarke appreciate the assistance and commitment of these senior students.

Safety Patrol: We have 19 students in grades 6 and 7 who have volunteered to do safety patrol on the 20th avenue crosswalk. Thanks to Constable Costanza for providing training for our patrollers.

Assembly Committee: Grades 7 & 8 plan and organize the assemblies. Staff supervisors are: Mrs. M. Dawe, Ms. N. Ochitwa and Mrs. J. Carr

DPAC: Students in Grades 6-8 plan upcoming spirit days and activities school wide under the direction of supervisors are Mr. A. Warner, Mrs. M. Dawe and Ms. A. Luce.

TCBY sales: Mrs. Duke and a few senior students organize these sales. Students are able to purchase a TCBY for \$3.00 at the noon hour. Tuesdays — LC1 (Grades 1-3); Wednesdays — LC2 (Grades 4&5) and Thursdays — LC3 (Grades 6-8).

SWAT: Students Willing to Assist with Technology Grades 6-8. Mr. A. Warner is teaching our students all about Technology and providing assistance to other students and staff!

Shelfies: Library helpers for students in Grades 6-8 with the guidance of Ms. L. Holstein (Teacher Librarian)

SCC: School Community Council

Thank you to the parents who joined our 2016-17 SCC! Parents are welcome to join the meetings which will be advertised on the website or in newsletters. We are grateful for the support and assistance that the SCC provides for our students and the learning initiatives. Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 PM.

Pearson Saskatchewan Portal

<http://pearsoned.ca/school/product/skresources/index.html>

Regina Public Schools would like to announce the continued purchase of e-text resources available through Pearson Saskatchewan Portal as a support for Grades 4-9 students. E-Text resources are easy-to-use and can be accessed anytime and anywhere internet is available whether using a personal computer (MAC or PC) or other device providing the appropriate Pearson e-Text app has been downloaded (iPad and Android). E-text resources available for Grades 4-9 students include:

- Literacy in Action Grades 7-8
- Math Makes Sense Grades 4-9
- Pearson Science Grades 4-9
- Saskatchewan Social Studies Grades 4 -7

To support accessing Pearson Saskatchewan Portal resources, each student in Grades 4-8 is provided with a username and password and receives instruction regarding where and how to login and access e-text resources available. In support of learning at home, parents/guardians of students in Grades 4-8 are asked to record student username and password at home to enable home access.

Ms. L. Tamez Administrative Assistant
Mrs. D. McDowell Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. N. Hurlbert Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. A. Kajati Intern in Kindergarten
Mrs. D. Yuhasz Grade 1 Teacher
Ms. L. Geiss Grade 1 Teacher
Mrs. C. Cutting Grade 2 Teacher
Ms. M. Brown Intern in Grade 2
Mrs. L. Georgacacos Grade 2 Teacher
Ms. K. Carnochan Grades 2/3 Teacher
Mrs. M. Fraser Grade 3 Teacher
Mr. N. Wagner Grade 4 Teacher
Ms. P. McNabb Intern in Grade 4
Mrs. R. Simons/Mrs. C. Degelman Grade 4
Ms. S. Rohde Intern in Grade 4
Mrs. N. Putz Grade 5 Teacher
Ms. N. Ochitwa Grade 5 Teacher
Ms. A. Tandler Intern in Grade 5
Ms. A. Luce Grades 6/7 Teacher
Mrs. M. Dawe Grades 6/7 Teacher
Mr. S. Martinson Grades 6/7 Teacher
Ms. D. Dumelie Grades 7/8 Teacher
Mr. A. Warner Grades 7/8 Teacher
Mrs. S. Meredith Arts Education Teacher
Mrs. D. Skoczylas Band Teacher
Ms. A. Schultz EAL Teacher
Ms. E. Adema Core French Teacher
Mrs. A. Larkin Core French Teacher
Mrs. P. Delaney Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. J. Carr Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. S. Gillies Specialist Teacher
Ms. L. Holstein Teacher Librarian /Specialist
Mrs. D. Apperley Special Education Teacher- Developmental Classroom
Mrs. J. Marshall Developmental Centre Classroom Assistant
Mrs. S. Vibe Developmental Centre Classroom Assistant
Mrs. L. Mortimore-Clarke Developmental Centre Classroom Assistant
Mr. N. Azizi Nurse Therapist- Developmental Centre Classroom
Mrs. B. Wohlberg Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. N. Hill Resource Centre Assistant
Mr. A. Brown Special Educational Assistant
Ms. W. Carteri Special Educational Assistant
Ms. V. Gentile Special Educational Assistant
Ms. L. Hombrebueno Special Educational
Ms. N. Kaytor Special Educational Assistant
Ms. N. Randall Special Educational Assistant
Ms. J. Wakelam Special Educational Assistant
Mrs. J. Leitner Educational Psychologist
Mrs. V. Pham Occupational Therapist
Ms. S. Favel School Counselor
Mrs. O. Pelzer Speech Language Consultant
Mr. P. Finstad Head Facility Operator
Mr. R. Paz/Mr. K. Cortez Night Facility Operators
Constable A. Costanza School Resource Officer
Ms. J. Haroldson Public Health Nurse
Mrs. T. Duke Vice-Principal
Mrs. L. Frei Principal
Mrs. L. Herridge Superintendent

Spirit Days

We want to optimize learning time as much as possible and continue our commitment to the curriculum and school division priorities. Therefore, spirit days will occur approximately once or twice a month (depending on the particular events or timing). Students are encouraged to participate in our *Career Day* (what job would you like to have when you are older to recognize Education Week) on Oct. 21st and donate \$2.00 to the United Way (optional); wear orange, black and purple on October 31st. Please save your costumes for the Halloween family dance on October 27th from 6 - 8 PM and the activities your family may have planned on October 31st in the evening. Students attending the dance must be with their parents. Nov. 4th is *Hats On for the United Way* (\$2.00 donations are optional) and Western Day on November 24th. All spirit days are optional and all grades are welcome to participate.

Parking and School Traffic

Thank you for following the traffic guidelines and parking restrictions around the school area. The driveway area in front of the school on Douglas Avenue is primarily used for the busses who transport our children in wheelchairs. The two parking spots in this area are also designated for disability parking which requires a valid placard on the vehicle. The bus loop on 20th Avenue is for bus use only. Our Safety Patrol will help students at the 20th Avenue crosswalk. Also, please follow the 40 KM speed limit as many students may not always be watching for traffic. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding to help keep all of our students safe.

School Cash Online - payments for school events, fees, etc.

<http://rbe.schoolcashionline.com>



Online payment now available!

Save time and eliminate the need for students to carry cash or cheques to school. Regina Public Schools offers School Cash Online.

Student Contact Information

We will only release students to the adults listed on the contact information. If someone else has your permission to get your child from school, we need notification. Please call the office 306-523-3720 to inform us of your plans or to update the contact list for your child.

Douglas Park School Reading Beliefs



- *All students can read
- *Teaching members are essential in a student's success in learning to read
- *Language development is the foundational component of literacy
- *Family and community are critical partners in reading success
- *Balance is important in reading instruction



Please support our students' learning by encouraging your child to read on a daily basis, attend school regularly and be a responsible and engaged learner!

Lost and Found Items

Please remind your child to check the Lost and Found boxes so that personal items can be claimed in a timely manner.

Upcoming events...

- October 3rd:** Family PreK Day; donation for the FCC Campaign start today
- October 4th:** Boys volleyball game here vs. Ethel Milliken
- October 5th:** We are hosting a Boys Volleyball Tournament after school; Grade 8 students start PAA at Campus Regina Public until Oct. 20th inclusively in AM
- October 6th:** Students in the DC Program are swimming in the morning; Boys Volleyball Game here vs. Regina Christian School
- October 7th:** Professional Development Day for staff. No School for students
- October 10th:** Happy Thanksgiving! No School for students and staff. Thank you for all that you do to make Douglas Park School a wonderful place to learn!
- October 11th:** We are hosting a Girls Volleyball Tournament after school
- October 12th:** Welcome to the Regina Public Library Storytellers
- October 13th:** Grade 6s start their first Full Band at Balfour Collegiate in the afternoon; SCC meeting at 6:30 PM; Boys Volleyball Game at Grant Road School
- October 17th:** Education Week: "Celebrating Today, Preparing for Tomorrow"; Grade 6 Immunizations
- October 18th:** Parents/Staff info session at CRP at 6:30 "Empowering Health Youth"
- October 19th:** Girls Volleyball home game vs. Ruth M. Buck
- October 20th:** Boys Volleyball game at Ruth M. Buck School
- October 25th:** School Photo Retake Day and for PreK
- October 26th:** City of Regina Municipal Election – we are a polling station
- October 27th:** Family Halloween Dance from 6-8 PM
- October 28th:** Learning Assembly at 10:45 AM
- November 2nd:** Girls Volleyball Home game
- November 3rd:** Boys Volleyball game at Massey
- November 9th:** Remembrance Day Program at 10:45
- November 10th:** No School for students – Professional Development Day for staff
- November 11th:** No school for students and staff – Remembrance Day
- November 16th:** SCC Meeting at 6:30 PM
- November 17th:** Book Fair starts; No school for Kindergarten Students – it is 3 way conferences for them
- November 18th:** No regular classes for students. It is our 3 way conference day. Please visit the gym for our *Community Centre*, which will host the Book Fair, clothing sales and informational booths from various agencies.
- November 24th:** Learning Assembly at 2:30 PM
- December 2nd:** No School for students – Professional Development Day for staff
- December 14th and 15th:** Winter Concert for students in K-Grade 5 (Times to be announced)
- December 21st:** last day of classes for 2016; 2:30 dismissal
- December 22nd to January 4th inclusively** – Winter-Christmas Holidays
- January 5th:** School resumes
- January 27th:** No School for students – Professional Development Day for staff

Immunization Notice for Parents

Public Health Nurses will be in your school approximately four times throughout the school year providing routine immunization to students in grades 1, 6, and 8. In certain instances such as follow-up when there is case of vaccine preventable disease in the school or classroom, children in other grades may also receive a vaccine at school. Through the schools, the Public Health Nurse will send out a consent form before the scheduled day of immunization. You can help by completing the form and returning it promptly. Questions about immunizations can be directed to the school nurse whose contact information will be included in the consent package.

To do their work, public health staff review student immunization records and enter vaccines given in school into the electronic provincial immunization registry called Panorama. Panorama is a secure electronic health record system designed to store and record immunization related information. Confidential immunization information is only available to authorized health care workers such as members of the public health team, nurse practitioners and physicians across the province using secure networks. To learn more about [Protecting the Privacy of Your Immunization Record](https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/panorama/Privacy%20and%20Immunization%20Records/PHNP%2063%20-%20Privacy%20Imm%20Records%20Nov%202014.doc) or visit <https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/panorama/Privacy%20and%20Immunization%20Records/PHNP%2063%20-%20Privacy%20Imm%20Records%20Nov%202014.doc> or call Population and Public Health at 306-766-7904.

Please remember:

- Immunization has saved more lives than any other health care intervention.
- Getting your children vaccinated on time is one of the most important jobs you have as a parent. When you vaccinate your children, you protect them from serious diseases for the rest of their lives.
- Returning the consent for immunization as quickly as you can assists tremendously in immunizing a large group of children.
- Having your child eat a healthy breakfast and wearing a short sleeved shirt on the day of immunization are practical ways in which help the process go more smoothly.

Head Lice

It is very common in all elementary schools for cases of head lice to occur. Over the past few months, we have had some reports of head lice in several grades. The control of head lice is a team effort which involves parents, students, the school, and public health nurses all working together. Your child will not always be checked at the school. Checking children at the school is not effective in controlling head lice because the signs and symptoms of the disease may take up to three weeks to develop.

- It is important for families to check their children regularly for lice and nits. If at any time you find that your child has nits or live head lice, please call the school. One treatment is required before they return to class. If live lice are still present, they cannot return to school. We ask that you remove as many nits from the hair as possible which will make it easier to see any new eggs if your child is again in contact with lice, or if the treatment did not work well.
- For more medical information, please check online the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region regarding how to check, treat and prevent occurring cases of head lice. <http://www.rqhealth.ca/rqhr-central-files/head-lice-pediculosis>
- We realize that treating head lice can be a time consuming task at times, but we do need everyone's cooperation with this matter. Head lice do not occur because of poor hygiene. Anyone can be susceptible to head lice at any time.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this matter.



Douglas Park Students believe... *Reading is important because...*



-you can learn things -you get knowledge -it expands your vocabulary -it helps you spell
-it helps you read... it's important to learn... it helps you throughout your life -it makes you smarter
-you learn how to read you can't do much if you can't read even if you only read the basics -you can increase
in literacy and stamina and it will help you later in life -it helps you have a stronger understanding of words
commonly used/spoken around you -it helps grow your vocabulary and makes you smarter. -If you keep
reading, you can start to read bigger books and words -it makes you feel like you are in the story -you learn
about new things -you could be an author when you are older or could have a better vocabulary -you need it in
the real world -it helps your education and also your vocabulary and makes you smarter - it helps your brain

Thank you to the 17 students who participated in the School Webpage Contest and submitted these responses! ☺