



**Douglas Park School**  
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## Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year!

Welcome back to the beginning of another wonderful school year at Douglas Park School. We extend a special welcome to our new students, families, interns and new staff members. We are pleased to have so many new members at our school as Douglas Park continues to be a great place to learn and work. We continue to have high expectations for our students' learning and daily interactions. We encourage students to follow our motto: **WORK HARD BE NICE!**

**Student Safety:** Over the next few weeks our students and staff will be reviewing safety procedures such as fire and lockdown drills, pedestrian and bike safety. We remind families that our school has limited parking. Please do not use the front and back bus loops. Students will be dismissed from their LC boot room door entrances. We like to keep the front doors and area for parents, guests and the wheelchair accessible buses for the students in the DC Program.

### **Welcome Back... Open House... Meet the Staff**

Please join us at our Open House on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 -7:00 PM here at the school. Families will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher. This event is an informal gathering and families may come and go from each room. Teachers will have an information package available for you.

### **SCC-School Community Council**

Our parent council is inviting new members to join the SCC. Our first meeting is on Wed., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the staff room. Please come see how you can help support learning initiatives for our students.

### **School Photos ☺**

School Photos will take place on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Life Touch Photography will be doing our photos once again this year. Retakes are scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **New classroom additions -2 Portables**

We are very pleased that the construction of the two new portables is nearing completion. Our grade one classes will be located in these two new beautiful spaces.

**Agendas:** Students in Grades 1-8 have been issued agendas. Please pay \$4.00 as soon as possible. Online payment is preferred.

### **Parent Portal on PowerSchool**

At the Open House on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, parents/guardians will receive log in information for Parent Portal. This is a computer-based program that allows you to check your child's attendance and assignments at your convenience. We cannot send the log in information home. It must be picked up directly by parents/guardians.

<https://powerschool.rbe.sk.ca/public>

### **New Progress Reporting Timeline:**

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Day 2 all day:** 3-Way Conferences to review Pre-Value Added Assessments and establish goals for the school year – no regular classes for students

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Day 3:** Progress Report Cards will be issued

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Day 2:** 3-Way Conferences to review progress and set plans for Term #3 – no regular classes for students

**Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> Day 2:** Final Progress Report

### **Weekly School Information:**

Our school web page is updated weekly with announcements and important information for students and families. We are hoping to conserve paper by sending home less newsletters and posting information on the school website as much as possible. Please visit us at: <http://douglaspark.rbe.sk.ca>. Also, follow us on Twitter... @dp\_school

Newsletters will be posted once a month on the school website. If you require a hard copy, please send back the form attached to this newsletter in the corner of page 3. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Douglas Park School: "Celebrating Learning, Community, Diversity and Possibility"

**TCBY:** We will continue to offer the treat sales of TCBY at noon. Tuesdays for LC1 (Grades 1-3); Wednesdays for LC2 (Grades 4 and 5) and Thursdays for LC3 (Grades 6-8). Due to the increased cost this year from our vendor, there will be a slight increase for students as well. TCBY will be \$3.00 each. Sorry for this inconvenience. Sales start on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**School and Supervision Times:** Please be advised of the times in which adult supervision is provided on the playground:

8:20 AM for bus students only

8:38 AM for all students

8:53 AM School starts for morning classes

10:30 AM Morning Recess

10:45 AM School resumes

11:45 AM lunch

12:30 PM Recess supervision for students who stay for lunch and those who go home

12:45 PM School starts for afternoon classes

2:15 PM Afternoon recess

2:30 PM School resumes

3:37 PM Dismissal for the day

**Halloween Family Dance:** We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a family Halloween costume dance on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM in the gym. Canteen will be available.

### **Terry Fox School Walk/Run Day**

Douglas Park School participates in the "National School Terry Fox Walk/Run Day" in support of Terry's work for the Canadian Cancer Society. On Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, our students and staff will complete a walk and collect "Toonies for Terry" to donate to the CCS.

**Grade 6 Immunizations** will be held at the school on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> Day 5

**Civic Election:** On Wed., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, our school will be a polling station for the Civic Election.

**Winter Concert:** Our annual Winter Concert will be held for Kindergarten to Grade 5 on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be issued to families in order for us to comply with fire code regulations. There will be daily and evening shows.

**Band Program for Grades 6-8:** Mrs. Skoczylas, our band teacher will have sectionals here on Day 1's and full band in the afternoons on Day 3's at Balfour Collegiate. For more information, contact her at: [deborah.skoczylas@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:deborah.skoczylas@rbe.sk.ca)

**Orange Shirt Day:** September 30<sup>th</sup> has been officially proclaimed as **Orange Shirt Day** in Saskatchewan as an opportunity to ensure discussion happens about residential schools. This is the first year that **Orange Shirt Day** has been officially recognized.

According to its website, **Orange Shirt Day** is "an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come."

The movement is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, B.C., in 2013. It grew out of the account of a young girl having her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission.

We encourage all of our staff and students to recognize this significant day on September 30<sup>th</sup> with discussions, learning activities, events, sharing on social media, and by wearing a symbolic orange shirt. We will be having a special assembly at 10:45 AM for our school community to participate in as well.

### **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 devices 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 4-9 is provided with a username and password and receives instruction regarding where and how to login and access e-text resources available. To support learning at home, parents/ guardians of students in Grades 4-9 are asked to record student username and password at home to enable home access.

### **Attendance Matters... Did you know?**

- \*Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences in kindergarten can cause children to fall behind in school.
- \*Missing 10% (Approximately 18 days per year) can make it harder to learn to read
- \*Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- \*Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up
- \*Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.

### **DP Shared 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

### Message from the office

For your child's safety, please contact the school office at 306-523-3720 if your child will be late or absent as soon as possible. If a call is received or a note is sent, the absence or late will be documented as "excused". Otherwise, the attendance will be classified as "unexcused." If the answering machine is on, please leave a message. If an office helper (student) is answering the phone, please feel free to communicate the message to that individual or leave a message for us to call you back. If your child arrives late, he/she needs to come to the office to receive a late slip and so that Ms. Tamez can document the arrival time. If you are picking your child up during the school day, please come to the office to sign him/her out. Thank you for your cooperation with these important matters.

### Volunteers in the School

Our School Division has a policy regarding volunteers who will have access to children in the schools. In the interest of safety, all volunteers are required to get a Police Information Check (PIC). If you are planning to volunteer this year, please come by the office for a letter indicating that you are volunteering and take it to the local police station (no charge for this PIC). If you volunteered last year, your PIC is still valid.

**Library:** Volunteers in the library improve our ability to provide students with more help and support. If you are able to offer an hour or two a week in the library, please contact Ms. Holstein [Leanne.holstein@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:Leanne.holstein@rbe.sk.ca)

**Lunchrooms:** If you are interested in being on the lunchroom substitute list for our school or taking on a part-time position starting in January (when our current interns return to university), please contact Mrs. Frei. This is a paid position.

### Student Activities

-DPAC (Douglas Park Activity Council) will be starting soon for students in Grades 6-8.

-Cross-Country Running Team for students in Grades 3-8. They will be practicing at noon. The first meet will be on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Douglas Park Sportsplex track. Qualifying meet on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

-Volleyball: the girls and boys volleyball teams will be starting their season very soon. Go Lions Go!

-Office Helpers: we are grateful for the many students who have volunteered to help at the office at recess and noon hour.

-Safety Patrol: grade 6 & 7 students will be trained and helping on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue crosswalks.

-SWAT: Students Willing to Assist with Technology for Grades 6-8

### Lunchroom Information

Regina Public Schools provides supervised lunchrooms for students. Please note that no microwaves are available to students. Parents are welcome to send warm food in a thermos. Registration forms have been sent home for those students who will be staying at school for lunch. Please return those forms as soon as possible. Payment options are available to those students who are not bussed. If you are bussed, there is no charge.

If your child will not be present in the lunchroom, he/she must provide a note from parents/guardians excusing their absence. We will continue to practice "litterless" lunches. You will then be able to monitor what your child is or is not eating. Also, it helps to encourage everyone to use recyclable containers more often.

### Health and Safety Reminders

We are working toward keeping all students healthy. Staff will be encouraging children to wash their hands regularly, and the school maintenance staff will be cleaning the high traffic areas frequently. If your child is ill, please arrange to keep him/her at home. Students must be well enough to participate in regular class activities and recess breaks. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

**Allergies:** We have some students who have a life threatening allergy to peanuts and nuts. Therefore, nuts and products made with nuts or traces should not be brought to school. We would like families to update allergy forms and ensure that epi-pens are still valid. If your child needs to keep an epi-pen at school, please notify us.

**Special Consideration:** If you are planning to send treats for the class, please check several days in advance with the teacher. Some students may need to adjust insulin (Diabetes) or other diet items (ex. Gluten) to accommodate the sugar in a treat.

----- Detach and return to the school's office-----

**Newsletters:** As previously mentioned, we are trying to reduce paper usage and encourage families to check the school website for information on a weekly basis.

Therefore, we will only send home paper copies to the families who request it. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Yes, we wish to receive the monthly newsletter in paper format. **Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. L. Tamez	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. D. McDowell	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. N. Hurlbert	Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. A. Kajati	Intern in Ms. Hurlbert's Kindergarten class
Mrs. D. Yuhasz	Grade 1A Teacher
Ms. L. Geiss	Grade 1B Teacher
Mrs. L. Georgacacos	Grade 2A Teacher
Mrs. C. Cutting	Grade 2B Teacher
Ms. M. Brown	Intern in Ms. Cutting's Grade 2 class
Ms. K. Carnochan	Grades 2/3A Teacher
Mrs. M. Fraser	Grade 3A Teacher
Mrs. C. Degelman/ Mrs. R. Simons	Grade 4A Teacher
Ms. S. Rohde	Intern in Mrs. Degelman & Mrs. Simons' Grade 4 class
Mr. N. Wagner	Grade 4B Teacher
Ms. P. McNabb	Intern in Mr. Wagner's Grade 4 class
Mrs. N. Putz	Grade 5A Teacher
Ms. N. Ochitwa	Grade 5B Teacher
Ms. A. Tandler	Intern in Ms. Ochitwa's Grade 5 class
Ms. A. Luce	Grade 6/7A Teacher
Mrs. M. Dawe	Grade 6/7B Teacher
Mr. S. Martinson	Grade 6/7C Teacher
Ms. D. Dumelie	Grade 7/8A Teacher
Mr. A. Warner	Grade 7/8B 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
Ms. J. Carr	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. P. Delaney	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. D. Apperley	Special Education Teacher - Developmental Classroom
Mrs. S. Gillies	Specialist Teacher
Ms. L. Holstein	Teacher Librarian and Specialist
Mr. N. Azizi	Nurse Therapist-Developmental Centre Classroom
Mrs. J. Marshall	Developmental Centre Classroom Assistant
Mrs. S. Vibe	Developmental Centre Classroom Assistant
Ms. L. Mortimore-Clarke	Developmental Centre Classroom Assistant
Ms. W. Carteri	Special Educational Assistant
Ms. V. Gentile	Special Educational Assistant
Mrs. N. Hill	Resource Centre Assistant
Ms. L. Hombrebueno	Special Educational Assistant
Ms. N. Kaytor	Special Educational Assistant
Ms. N. Randall	Special Educational Assistant
Ms. J. Wakelam	Special Educational Assistant
Ms. B. Wohlberg	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Associate
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 Technician
Mr. R. Paz/Mr. K. Cortez	Night Facility Operators
Constable Costanza	School Resource Officer
Mrs. J. Haroldson	Public Health Nurse
Mrs. D. Hamann	Before and After School Program Coordinator
Ms. M. Hembroff	Before and After School Program Coordinator
Mrs. G. Dobson	Lunchroom supervisor
Mrs. C. Whyte-Demyen	Lunchroom supervisor
Mrs. T. Duke - Vice-Principal	Mrs. L. Frei - Principal
Mrs. L. Herridge	Superintendent of Student Achievement