



Roland Michener

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School Day
8:55 a.m. - First bell
10:40 a.m. - Recess
11:45 a.m. Lunch begins
12:45 p.m. - Lunch ends
3: 15 p.m. - School day ends
3:00 Thursday Early Dismissal

Greetings from Roland Michener School!

The newsletter contains a number of informational items of note.

- ◆ **Mrs. Cassandra Neufeld began a leave which will continue through the remainder of the school year. We wish her all the best!**
- ◆ **Our School Community (SCC) and Parent Councils sent a survey to each family. The information provided by you through these surveys will guide the Councils work as they strive to support the RMS learning community. Check the newsletter for return incentives!**
- ◆ **A message from Saskatoon Public Schools Board regarding the 2012-2013 budget.**

Enjoy a rewarding Victoria Day weekend!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 18	Cosmo Industries - Gr. 7/8D
May 21	Victoria Day Holiday
May 22	Cosmo Industries - Gr. 6/7H
May 25	School Track Meet
May 28	Forestry Farm - Gr. 1C 6:30/7:00 School - Community/Parent Council Meetings
May 29	Kindergarten Sneak Peek
May 30	Gr. 7 & 8 Band Concert - John Lake School
June 6	Children's Festival - Gr. 1C Batoche - Gr. 4 O'S & 5 H
June 8	PD/Planning Day No School for Students
June 12	City Track Meet - Griffith Stadium
June 14	Grassland Trip in Silverspring - Gr. 2B Pike Lake - Gr. 5-8
June 15	Playday - K-3
June 18	6:30/7:00 School - Community/Parent Council Meetings
June 21	Kinsmen Park—K, 1C & 2B Pike Lake—Gr. 2/3P & 3/4 O'S Grade 8 Farewell
June 22	Firehall—Gr. 1C
June 27	Last Day of School for Students Year End Assembly

A MESSAGE TO SCHOOL COMMUNITIES FROM THE SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION

It is that time of year again when the Trustees consider the division's budget for the next academic year. Along with the division's executive members, we are meticulously studying and debating the amount of funding we are receiving from the provincial government compared with our expenses. The numbers don't add up. You may have heard about the budget deficit in media reports but I want to clarify a few points:

- Our funding from the provincial government for the 2012-13 school year is based on September 2011 enrolment numbers. As a result, the division is forecasting a \$5-6 million budget deficit.
- Increasing enrolment and the growing diversity of our students has placed increased pressure on the division, not only in terms of capacity but also for providing adequate staffing and programming to new students, many of whom are new to Saskatchewan.
- At the end of September 2011, our total division enrolment was 21,297. We are projecting that our enrolment in September 2012 will be 21,990.
- To make up the budget deficit, the division's discretionary spending is being closely examined. As a result, a number of programs such as full-day Kindergarten and operational expenses such as transportation may be affected.

We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Education. No decisions have been made at this point. However, the board wants to make all our parents and guardians aware of the difficult circumstances we are facing and the possible outcomes. We will do everything we can to minimize the impact in the classroom.

If you have a question, please don't hesitate to contact your trustee, *Mr. Darrell Utley* by email at utleyd@spsd.sk.ca or by phone 683-8468.

Sincerely,
Ray Morrison,
Chair, Board of Education

The **Movie Night** sponsored by the SCC was a great success! Over 110 people were in attendance. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and attended!



KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

We will be holding our Kindergarten Sneak Peek for new students and their parents on the afternoon of **Tuesday, May 29th**. An invitation has been sent out to all of the students currently registered for next year's class. If you know of any families new to the neighbourhood with a child ready to attend Kindergarten, please invite them to contact the school and to attend the Open House.

Help! Last week, a survey was sent to each family (bright green paper). As you know, the most sound decisions are based on the best information ... in this case your feedback. To encourage the return rate, the School Community Council and Parent Council are offering incentives to increase rates. All children benefit!

•60% return = *popsicles*

•70% = *cake*

•80%+ = *pizza & cake*



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School Opening How to Register

Pre-register at your school or
collegiate:

- Call your neighbourhood public elementary school or collegiate (page 1432 in the 2011-2012 Telephone Directory)
- Call the school division central office at 683-8200
- See school division information at our website:
www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

- Elementary students register in person in the morning.
- Secondary students register and begin classes in the morning.

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

- Elementary classes begin (K-8).

School Opening Preparation

- Teachers and Administrators will be in schools on August 29-31 to prepare for school opening and to participate in professional development activities.

Inspiring Learning!

School Calendar 2012-2013

2012		
August	29-31	School Operations/PD/Planning & School Opening Institute
September	3	Labour Day Holiday
	4	Elementary Student Registration (a.m.)
	4	Elementary Students do not attend (p.m.)
	4	Secondary Student Registration/Classes Begin
	5	Elementary Classes Begin (K-8)
October	5	Staff PD/Planning Day (K-12) (Elementary/Secondary students do not attend)
	8	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
November	9	Staff PD/Planning (K-8) (Elementary Students do not attend)
	12	Remembrance Day Holiday
December	21	Last Teaching Day prior to Christmas Vacation
2013		
January	3	School Resumes
	25	Staff PD/Planning Day (K-12) (Elementary/Secondary students do not attend)
	28	Semester II Begins (Secondary Schools)
February	18	Family Day Holiday
	19-22	February Break for Students
March	29	Good Friday Holiday
April	1	Easter Monday Holiday
	2-5	Spring Break
May	17	Staff PD/Planning Day (K-12) (Elementary/Secondary students do not attend)
	20	Victoria Day Holiday
June	25	Last day of school for secondary students
	26	Last day of school for elementary students
	28	Last day of school for staff

