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Dear Silverspring Parents,

We hope you had a restful long weekend and that you were able to connect with family and friends or simply relax and enjoy the spring weather. Our school has been a beehive of activity and with the warmer weather brings many outdoor learning opportunities. It is hard to believe that we only have 6 weeks remaining of our school year. There are so many fun and exciting learning opportunities still to come...learning trips, athletic events, and great celebrations of accomplishments. Students should be very proud of their hard work and learning successes of 2011 – 2012.

Many of you are wondering about staff news, as are we. We will share information as soon as we have it. Thank you for your patience.

Arlene Lazecki, Principal

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR GROUPING STUDENTS INTO HOMEROOM CLASSES FOR THE 2012 – 2013 SCHOOL YEAR:

We are already starting to carefully plan for the 2012 – 2013 school year. We would like to ask for parents and /or guardians to provide any supplemental information that will help to support student placement considerations for the next school year (any submissions are valid).

For all supplemental student information to be considered, one must fill out and sign a Supplemental Information Form at the main office and submit it by Friday, May 25th, 2012. Our hope would be that class placements of students for the new academic year would be tentatively completed by the end of June for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

The school team's goal is to place students in a setting that is appropriate for each child individually and for the group as a whole. The final placement of a child is a school based decision that is based on the following criteria:

- academic needs
- social needs (individual & group)
- diverse needs of the group
- special needs
- independence/dependence
- role models
- positive/negative relationships
- balance of males to females
- number of times the student has been in a combined class (on average 3 to 4 times over grades 1 to 8 should

be expected, may vary if special circumstances necessitate)

- staff consultation (EAL teacher, resource teacher, consultants, etc.)
- one companion, if possible (considering the above)
- receiving teachers/parent identification of special circumstance or information affecting one of the above

Placement in a combined classroom setting is neither a promotion nor a demotion. Classroom groupings are generally based on heterogeneous groupings of students (mixed abilities). Due to the complexities of placing students in classes, decisions are considered complete and final. These decisions will remain confidential until after registration in the fall. Students new to the school in fall will be incorporated into the class structure which may result in overall reorganization. **The final placement of a child is a school based decision that is based on the above criteria.**

Please pick up a Supplemental Information form if you feel you have information to share that would be helpful.

Thank you for your support. Silverspring will continue to Inspire Learning in 2012.

BAND CONCERT

Please note change of date: All bands will perform at the year-end band concert on Thursday, June 7th, 9:30 – 10:40 a.m. Please join us!

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA SHEETS

Thank you in advance for updating this form and letting us know your plans for next year. Please return this form to your child's classroom teacher.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We are so grateful for all the volunteer work hours that Silverspring School families contribute. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you and invite you to our Annual Pancake Breakfast which will be held on Friday, June 1st at 7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Please be our guest and send back your order form as quickly as possible. See you on June 1st!



REMINDER

Please phone the school office – 683-7900 (instead of emailing the school) when your child will be absent from school. If calling after hours, please leave a message on our message manager.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found bins are once again overflowing. Please drop by and claim your items. They will be on display in the front foyer beginning Thursday, June 14th

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Children who will be starting Kindergarten at Silverspring School this fall will have an orientation to our Kindergarten program on Tuesday, June 5th. If you know of someone who may be interested in registering for the 2012-2013 school year, please have them call the school. Children are eligible for the 2012-2013 school year if he/she is 5 years old by January 31, 2013.

There will be NO SCHOOL for this year's Kindergarten students on June 5th.

SLC NEWS

SLC will be finishing the year with a pizza party on Monday, June 4th to celebrate another successful year in leading Silverspring School.

The Silverspring students enjoyed another school dance hosted by our fabulous Leadership Team and Night Owl Productions. Thank you to all of the students in grades 6-8 who came out to show their school spirit that day by attending the school dance.

A very special thanks to all our Grade 8 Leadership team members for all their work this year. We will truly miss your presence in the school. Thanks to Jillian, Sydney, Laura, Ashley, Brianne, Alex, and Craig for your leadership and spirit over the past two years. Good luck in High School and all your future endeavors!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 28	Grade 5-8 School Track Meet
May 30 – June 1	Grade 7 Voyageurs to Anglin Lake
May 31	Brain Booster Day
June 1	Pancake Breakfast – 7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
June 4	SSCC Annual General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
June 4	Home and School Elections – 7:30 p.m.
June 5	2012-2013 Kindergarten Orientation - NO SCHOOL for this year's Kindergarten Students
June 5 and 7	Grade 8 Project Business – 11:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
June 7	Band Concert - 9:30 – 10:40 a.m.
June 8	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL for Students
June 11	Grade 5-8 Track Meet at Griffith Stadium
June 12	Grade 6 HBAM Fair – p.m.
June 13 – 16	Grade 8 Voyageurs to Churchill River
June 19	Grade 8 Farewell – 6:30 p.m.
June 20	Farewell assembly for staff and students – 10:30 a.m.
June 22	Kindergarten Assembly – 1:30 p.m.
June 27	Grade K-4 Play Day – p.m.
June 27	Last day of school for elementary students - 3:15 dismissal
June 29	Last day of school for staff

SILVERSPRING SCHOOL "MOCK WALK" AND "WEAR A HAT" FOR DIABETES Friday, June 1st, 2012

SilverSpring School is proud to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in raising awareness and funding for Type 1 Diabetes.



Three students attending SilverSpring School are currently affected by Type 1 diabetes and many of us have connections to a family or friend who has been impacted by this disease.

On **Friday, June 1st**, SilverSpring students are invited to donate \$1 to JDRF and have the opportunity to wear a hat to school for the day. Participants will be entered into numerous draws for a chance to win some prizes donated by JDRF.

Students will also be participating in a "mock walk for diabetes" to demonstrate the importance of maintaining "healthy bodies and active minds" while supporting a worthy cause. For more information on Type 1 Diabetes, please see www.jdrf.ca.

CAMP TABLE

Beginning Monday, June 4th, we will have a table set up in the front foyer with pamphlets and brochures about summer programs for children that are offered throughout the city and surrounding area. Please come and take a look.

FOUND

Garage door opener found on Carr Crescent. Please call 934-3528 to claim.

SILVERSPRING SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting and Elections for the 2012-13 SilverSpring School Community Council will be held on Monday June 4th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Nominations of parents/guardians and community members interested in standing for election must be submitted on the official forms and received by 3:30 p.m. on Monday June 4th, 2012. Nomination forms are available from the school office at SilverSpring School and can be returned to the front office during office hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 to 4:00). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Babysitting and refreshments will be available. Please contact the school in advance if you will require babysitting services.

HOME AND SCHOOL

I hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend. It is hard to believe that we are going into our last month of school. We have one last Home and School meeting on June 4th and elections will be held that evening. Please join us and get to know your Home and School Committee.

Also a reminder to return your Brain Booster Juice order form for a Booster Juice on May 31st!! Have a great week!

CONGRATULATIONS

✓ to Liam Q. in grade 5, and the other members of the breakdancing group "Make Noise" (ages 9-11), who won a Bronze medal at the recent performer dance competition in Saskatoon. The group's number also earned a high gold rating from the adjudicator at an Edmonton competition in April.

GOT A BRAIN? GET A HELMET!

- Head injuries are the #1 cause of serious injury and death to kids on bicycles.
- Over 60,000 Canadians are injured every year in bike-related accidents, many in their own neighborhood.
- Bike riders who do not wear helmets are three times more likely to suffer a head injury in a crash.
- A head injury can permanently change the way a child walks, talks, plays and thinks.
- 4 out of 5 brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

The **SilverSpring Community Council**, **SilverSpring Home and School** and the **SilverSpring Support Staff and Teachers** want your children to travel to and from school safely. Please ensure your child is wearing a properly fitted helmet when they ride to school on bike, skateboard, scooter or longboard. Thank you.

***May 31st Wear your helmet to school and enter to win an accessory for your bike.**





Saskatoon Public Schools 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

Note to Parents and Students: Please check your school's specific calendar for greater detail.

HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS, ETC.
(Schools are open Monday through Friday unless otherwise specified)

2012		
August	29-31	School Operations/PD/Planning & School Opening Institute
September	3	Labour Day Holiday
	4 (a.m.)	Elementary Student Registration
	4 (p.m.)	Elementary Students DO NOT ATTEND
	4	Secondary Student Registration/Classes Begin
	5	Elementary Classes Begin
October	5	Elementary/Secondary Students DO NOT ATTEND
	8	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
November	9	Elementary Students DO NOT ATTEND
	12	Remembrance Day Holiday
December	21	Last Teaching Day Prior to Christmas Vacation
2013		
January	3	School Resumes
	25	Elementary/Secondary Students DO NOT ATTEND
	28	Semester II Begins (Secondary Schools)
February	18	Family Day Holiday
	19-22	February Break for Students <i>*Feb 21 & 22 - School Operations/PD/Planning</i>
March	29	Good Friday
April	1	Easter Monday
	2-5	Spring Break
May	17	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

Saskatoon Public Schools inspire and sustain learning. We are open to all children and youth so they may discover, develop, and act upon their potential, thereby enriching their lives and our community.

SILVERSPRING SCHOOL 2011-2012 ACCOUNTABILITY SURVEY

We need the help of every family to identify what we are doing well (and need to keep doing) and what needs to change. We believe that your input will provide a better education and environment for students, staff, and families. We would prefer if you would not sign your name. Please return the survey to the office

We have implemented two initiatives due to Assessment for Learning scores and Health Disparity result findings. Please respond to the following questions to guide us in our planning for next year.

LITERACY - Improving Student Writing

Would you be interested in learning more about the process of improving your child's writing?

Yes _____ No _____

HBAM - Healthy Bodies Active Minds - Improving student fitness

Would you be interested in learning more about the fitness data collected from our school through Healthy Bodies Active Minds (HBAM)?

Yes _____ No _____

Please circle the number that best describes your opinion

1 Strongly Disagree 2 Disagree 3 Neutral 4 Agree 5 Strongly Agree

**If you lack sufficient information or the item is not applicable, leave blank.

COMMUNICATION	←Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree→	
1. We are kept well informed about school news and activities through the school newsletter.	1	2	3	4	5
2. The classroom newsletters keep us well informed.	1	2	3	4	5
3. We feel we can approach classroom teachers with our concerns.	1	2	3	4	5
4. We believe that our concerns will be taken seriously by classroom teachers and dealt with appropriately.	1	2	3	4	5
5. We feel we can contact the school with our concerns.	1	2	3	4	5
6. We believe that our concerns will be taken seriously by our administrator and dealt with appropriately.	1	2	3	4	5

COMMENTS: What needs to be added, continued, changed, or eliminated? What is really appreciated, tolerated, or disturbing?

For the 2012-2013 School Year

Would you like to learn more about your child/children's education through parent gatherings?
What topics are you interested in?

Thank you.
Mrs. A. Lazecki
Principal

Please return this survey to the main office by Thursday, June 7th, 2012.