

## EVERY STUDENT IS

- Known
- Valued
- Believed In



Saskatoon  
Public Schools

September 19, 2019

## FROM THE BOARD TABLE

### Division-wide early registration day offered warm welcome to families

Opening the doors before the first day of classes in September allowed our schools to welcome new families and students this fall, trustees were told during the Sept. 17 Board of Education meeting.

Early Registration Day was held Aug. 29 at all our elementary schools. It gave students and their parents the opportunity to see the school, ask questions, take a tour, and meet some of the staff in a calm, inclusive, and informative way. Feedback from both staff members and families indicate the day was beneficial and reduced lineups and congestion on the first day of school.

This was the first year Early Registration Day was held division-wide. It's one way that schools work to fulfill the commitment to fostering relationships and welcoming families to a new school community.

Other highlights of the board meeting were:

- The board received literacy results from the 2018-19 school year that reflect an expanded emphasis on the Five Pillars of Reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Sixty-seven per cent of Grade 3 students were reading at or above grade level at the end of the school year, while 19 per cent were on the cusp of reading at grade level.
- Trustees received an update on extensive facilities work completed during the summer months to prepare schools for a growing number of students. Initiatives included: painting and/or flooring replacement at 22 elementary schools; two new portable classrooms for Willowgrove School; roofing replacement at various schools; creation of an additional classroom at John Dolan School; and boiler replacement at Marion Graham Collegiate and Royal West Campus.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://saskatoonpublicschools.ca). The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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## ORANGE SHIRT DAY September 30

The Province of Saskatchewan has proclaimed September 30 to be Orange Shirt Day—a day to honour the Indigenous children who survived residential schools and remember those who didn't.

Orange Shirt Day began in Williams Lake, B.C. in 2013 where, at a commemoration event at a local residential school, a story was told about a young female student named Phyllis who had her brand-new orange shirt taken away on her first day at the school. The orange shirt is a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students and families due to residential schools.

Since it began in 2013, the phrase "Every Child Matters" has been used as part of the movement to recognize the value of every child and for communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for future generations. Learn more at [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org).

All Saskatoon public schools will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange that day. There will be activities and lessons in the school that will foster students' understanding of the impact of residential schools.

This year, Saskatoon Public Schools is unveiling a new design to recognize Orange Shirt Day in our schools, which was created by Eileen Knox, a student at Marion M. Graham Collegiate.

Orange Shirt Day is one of many actions Saskatoon Public Schools undertakes as part of the division's **response** to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

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CELEBRATING THE SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS & WHITECAP DAKOTA FIRST NATION EDUCATION ALLIANCE  
CHARLES RED HAWK SCHOOL & SPS FIRST NATIONS, INUIT AND MÉTIS EDUCATION UNIT ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT

# WELCOME BACK WACIPI POW WOW

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**Monday,**  
**September 30, 2019**  
Whitecap Dakota Sports Grounds  
Whitecap, Saskatchewan

**GRAND ENTRY: 10:00 a.m.**

**INTER-  
GENERATIONAL  
DANCE SPECIAL**  
RECLAIMING THE  
INDIGENOUS SPIRIT  
HONOURING  
FAMILIES

For more information please contact Charles Red Hawk School at 306.477.2063  
or Saskatoon Public Schools Cultural Resource Liason at 306.683.8317.

– **YOUTH & ADULT DRUM CONTEST** –  
– **DANCE SPECIALS FOR YOUTH, GOLDEN AGE & ADULT CATEGORIES** –

**EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

Saskatoon Public Schools and Charles Red Hawk School are not responsible for any items that are lost or damaged, while attending the Pow Wow.  
\*\* Please bring lawnchairs. \*\*

## IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

At Saskatoon Public Schools, the safety of our students is our first priority. As part of this commitment, we believe in providing comprehensive means for communicating with families. It is our goal to provide you with important information promptly when necessary.

**In the case of urgent situations** that cause disruptions to school operations we will notify you through a mass notification system, Everbridge. This may include severe weather, water main breaks, power outages and school lockdowns. Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date with your child's school.

**If you have any questions, please contact your school principal.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPTEMBER 30** Orange Shirt Day

**SEPTEMBER 30** Welcome Back Wacipi Powwow

**OCTOBER 8** Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

**OCTOBER 11** PD / Planning Day—Students DO NOT ATTEND

**OCTOBER 14** Thanksgiving Holiday

# MOVE TO GROW...

At Saskatoon Public Schools, we teach our students to make positive choices that will support their health and well-being. As educators, we know that a daily opportunity to exercise offers a multitude of benefits for our students in the classroom. But additional opportunities to be active every day can bring improved wellness not only for our students, but also families and community.

Saskatoon Public Schools' *Move To Grow* campaign encourages students and families to pursue active transportation options for travelling to and from school. Active transportation is human-powered methods of travel, such as walking or cycling. The benefits are bigger than just physical health. We Move To Grow not only our bodies but also our brains, our independence, our mindset, our mental health, our mood, our family, our friendships, a safer community, a sustainable future, and so much more.

In schools, the *Move To Grow* campaign focuses on education to help our students understand how they can safely travel to and from school. We know family life is busy and this won't work for everyone every day. But with so much to gain, we hope families will make the investment of time to develop an active and healthy habit.

How can families *Move To Grow*?

- Walk to school with your child;
- Park a few blocks away and share a stroll to and from school;
- Work out a safe route for your child to bike to school (neighbourhood maps are available on our [website](#));
- Encourage your child to connect with friends who live nearby with whom they can walk or roll;
- Connect with other school families or your child's friends to develop a walking school bus with each parent/guardian taking turns;
- Review safety tips for walking and biking (available on our [website](#));

International Walk to School Day is **Wednesday, October 2**. We hope you'll join us in marking this day and start a healthy habit with your family.

For more information on *Move To Grow*, visit our website [saskatoonpublicschools.ca/movetogrow](http://saskatoonpublicschools.ca/movetogrow)



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