February has been a busy month with two weeks full of activities. A big thank you or merci to our staff who helped plan and host the French events last week. Thank-you to Ms. Kekula, M. Simpson and Miss Young for planning our Olympic week this week. Students have been enjoying activities all week with the main events happening today at opening ceremonies and Olympic activities all afternoon. It builds our school community and spirit when we participate in school wide events.

This week has also been staff appreciation week. I would just like to acknowledge all of the staff that work in our building from the front office, to the halls and in each and every classroom. It is such a great team here that works so closely with all of our students each and every day. We definitely feel appreciated and a bit ‘heavier’ this week. Thank you! Merci!

We hope that you all enjoy the break next week and find some time to stay active and be outside. Enjoy the break!
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
(Grades K – 8)

Together we make a difference in the education of our children

Thursday, March 22nd (3:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
Friday, March 23rd (8:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

Conferences include parent/guardians, student and teacher(s). The purpose is to share student progress and plan for further growth.

Our conference bookings are on the internet at https://portal.spsd.sk.ca/school/abs/Pages/default.aspx
The link is PTI Scheduler (see page 6)
The PTI Scheduler will be open on

Friday, March 9th
Closing Monday, March 19th at 5:00 p.m.

After March 19th you will need to contact the teacher directly to book a 3 Way Conference — email works best or email alvinbuckwoldschool@spsd.sk.ca
Please phone 306-683-7100 if you have any questions or difficulties in signing up for your conferences.

BAND NEWS

Please mark the following concert dates on your calendar:

1. Tuesday, March 6th - 9:00 a.m. - Grade 6 Band concert
2. Wednesday, April 11th - 9:00 a.m. - Grade 7, Grade 8 & Jazz Band concert

The grade 7, grade 8 and jazz band are entered in the Saskatoon Music Festival. The band portion of the festival runs from April 16 - 20th. I will get you the dates of our performances once I receive them. The festival will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family Church. Students will be bussed to the festival. Our uniform will be a white shirt and black pants. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hay-Carlson.

BAND FEES OVERDUE

Just a reminder that we still have some unpaid band fees. As indicated on the 'Supply Lists’ distributed in June to students, Band Fees for Grades 6 - 8 are $25. The fees are used for individual student band folders, ‘red’ and ‘blue’ books (standard of excellences) and entry to the Music Festival, bus transportation to the Music Festival and Walter Murray for a concert.

Lost and Found

Everything in the lost and found bin will be set out during the Conferences. After the conferences are over anything left will be donated.

Please come take a peek!

We will be selling SMENCILS again just before Easter break. March 28 - 29

Jelly Bean Bubble Gum Cotton Candy Tutti Frutti & Sour Apple
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

You will need to use your Parent Portal Username and Password to book interviews. The scheduler will not open until March 9th and will close on March 19th. WE URGE YOU TO ACCESS THE PORTAL well in advance of the scheduling open date to ensure you have a working username and password. Please follow the instructions below. If you have access to the parent portal you will have access to the scheduler.

Thank you for taking care of this important matter.

Parent/Teacher Interviews Dates and Times

Thursday, March 22 - 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 23 - 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

*If these times do not work for you, please contact your teacher directly.
Babysitting available during interviews

Accessing the School Portal

Provide the office staff at your child’s school with your email address. School staff will enter the email address into our Student Information System (Maplewood). Within a day you will receive an email entitled “Welcome to our School Community Portal” from the Information Systems Department at our Division office. This email will give you a unique username (based on the telephone number we have for you on file) and a unique password. The email will also explain how you log onto the parent portal.

Your username is the parent’s phone number we have for you in Maplewood with the prefix letter P and 306.

For example: P3067172345

Please find below instructions on how to access the portal. If you cannot access the portal please call the school at 306-683-7100 so we can reset your password. Or you can email: alvinbuckwoldschool@spsd.sk.ca

Portal Website: https://spslearn.spsd.sk.ca/schools/abs/

More Information: www.spsd.sk.ca/parentfaq.html or parent-questions@spsd.sk.ca.

Enter your username - the letter “P” followed by your 10 digit phone number. No dashes should be added.

If your phone number is 306-555-1212, your username would be: P3065551212
Hey Saskatchewan!
We challenge you to be #BeSomeonesHero for Red Cross Pink Day presented by K+S Potash Canada

Can you believe it has already been 10 years since two boys chose to take action against bullying behaviour by encouraging their peers to wear pink? Their actions sparked a world-wide movement shedding light on the issues surrounding bullying and inspiring others to Be Someone’s Hero by speaking up when they see bullying happening. Since then, over 233,000 people in Saskatchewan have participated in Red Cross Pink Day celebrations. We encourage you to join us this year and help change the culture around bullying in our province!

Wear Pink on Wednesday, February 28th

Almost all board games support math learning in some way. Counting how many spaces to move, counting money, giving change for money, number recognition, adding numbers on dice before moving the playing pieces and many more big ideas in math can be practiced through games. Another benefit of playing board games? Many games involve using literacy skills, children are practicing reading when they look at the directions and read the cards. Take advantage of Family Day this Monday, February 19th and play a board game together!

Saskatoon Public Schools
ELEMENARY UNIQUE PROGRAMS
2018 Information Evenings

Saskatoon Public Schools offer students many varied academic, experiential, athletic and language learning opportunities.

Visit our division website to view our Unique Programs handbook.

ECOQUEST (Grade 8)  saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ecoquest
Information Evening: Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. at City Park School

FLEX PROGRAM (Grades 7–12)  saskatoonpublicschools.ca/flex
Information Evening: Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. at City Park School

iGEN (Grade 8)  saskatoonpublicschools.ca/igen
Open House: Wednesday, March 14, 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Sherbrooke Community Centre, 401 Acadia Drive

LET’S LEAD (Grade 8)  saskatoonpublicschools.ca/letslead
Information Evening: Thursday, April 12, 6:00 p.m. at Westmount Community School

MONTESSORI (Grades 1–8)  saskatoonpublicschools.ca/montessori
Information Evening: Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. at City Park School

SCIENTREK (Grade 8)  saskatoonpublicschools.ca/scientrek
Open House: Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. at Montgomery School
Kindergarten Registration
For the 2018 - 2019 School Year

If your son or daughter was born between January 1, 2013 and January 31, 2014, they are eligible to register for kindergarten.

We offer full-day, every other day Kindergarten classes. Choices are either Monday, Wednesday alternating Fridays’ or Tuesday, Thursday with alternating Friday’s and availability is on a ‘first-come first-serve’ basis. Save your spot by registering now. Registration forms can be found on our website or contact the office at 306-683-7100.
From the Board Table

Highlights from the February 13, 2018, meeting of the Board of Education:

- The Board of Education approved the proposed school year calendar for the 2018-19 school year. The calendar represents a total of 195 days with a minimum of 950 hours of student instruction. Important dates include: the first day of school on September 4, 2018; a winter break from December 22, 2018, to January 6, 2019; a nine-day break February 16 - 24; and a 10-day spring break April 19 - 28. The calendar will finalize in the coming weeks with the addition of professional development days as well as the date for the last day of classes in June 2019.

- Mayfair Community School Principal Todd Berg and Vice Principal Tiffany Smith highlighted how their school implements learning SPRINTS, and the success students and teachers are experiencing. SPRINTS put student learning into action by collecting data, creating short-term specific learning targets, and providing responsive instruction based on student need. They also shared the school’s work in creating a culture of reading by boosting classroom libraries and creating the Bedtime Book Club to encourage reading at home.

- Teacher Jennifer Herrod and Grade 3 students from Silverwood Heights School shared their learning about democracy and how to be responsible citizens during the Celebrating Excellence portion of the meeting. Herrod was selected to participate in the Teachers Institute on Parliamentary Democracy on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and the opportunity inspired her to do even more to ensure that her students understand the value of democracy in society.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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.
The City of Saskatoon will host free winter activities for youth and families this February and March. Get out and get active at these upcoming events:

**Learn to Skate Program** - From Saturday, February 10 to Sunday, March 11, enjoy free skating programs at the locations below. Participants must bring their own skates and CSA-approved winter helmets. Children six years of age or under must be accompanied by an adult or responsible caregiver 16 years or older.

- Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. - **North Park, 1416 7th Avenue North**
- Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. - **Holliston, 1151 Louise Avenue**
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. - **Avalon, 2602 Broadway Avenue**
- Sundays, 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. - **Greystone Heights, 2711 Main Street**
- Sundays, 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. - **Massey, 3110 Massey Place**

**Winter Play Program** – Ages two to 12 years. Drop in from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from Saturday, February 10 to Sunday, March 11 for winter games and activities. Children six years of age or under must be accompanied by an adult or responsible caregiver 16 years or older.

- **Holliston, 1151 Louise Avenue**
- **Greystone Heights, 2711 Main Street**
- **North Park Rec Unit, 1416 7th Avenue North**
- **Massey Place Rec Unit, 3110 Massey Place**

Please note, activities will be cancelled if the temperature reaches -25°C, or below with the wind chill, or due to adverse ice conditions.

**February Break Camps** - Free activities will be held at Cosmo Civic Centre (3130 Laurier Drive) for youth ages 10 to 14 years.

- **February 20** – Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Program (SCYAP) Art Program
  9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **February 21** - Basketball Camp
  9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **February 22** – Soccer Camp
  9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Snap! Swipe! Streak!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD’S DIGITAL PLAYGROUND

Please join us for an information session
Centennial Collegiate
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
7:00—8:00pm

In a world of internet, social media and texting, parents and schools must work together to raise good digital citizens.

Dr. Alec Courso, educational technology professor at the University of Regina, and Coralie Pringle-Nelson, coordinator of counselling and behaviour supports for Saskatoon Public Schools, will enlighten and prepare you for helping your child navigate tricky digital waters.

THIS INFORMATION SESSION IS OPEN TO ALL PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

SASKATOON MINOR FOOTBALL

From the Playground to Pros. It Starts Here!

Spring & Fall Tykes on Spikes
Early Football Skill Development
both Fall & Spring Seasons
Ages 4-5 Boys & Girls
2018 Spring Registration Open!

Spring & Fall 5 on 5 Flag Football
Non Competitive Skill Development Football
Grades 1-8 Boys & Girls
2018 Spring Registration Open!

Rush Football All Girls Flag Football
Engaging Girls in the Sport of Football
Elementary League - Grade 3/4, 5/6 & 7/8
both Spring & Fall Seasons
High School League - Grade 9/10 & 11/12
2018 Spring Registration Open!

Spring Registration is Open!!

Gordie Howe Sports Centre & SMF Field is our home!

Six A Side Tackle Football
Non Competitive Skill Development
Based Leagues for Grades 5/6 & 7/8
Boys & Girls
2018 Spring Registration Open!

U16 & U18 Northern Sask Academy
Tackle Development and Spring League
Athletes Born in 2001-2004
2018 Spring Registration Open!

Playground To Pros Camp
Tackle Football Camp for Grades 5-8
During April 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2018
at Sasktel Sports Centre
2018 Camp Registration Open!

Like our Facebook Page & Follow us on Twitter to stay in the game!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL 306-975-0848
WWW.SASKATOONMINORFOOTBALL.COM
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- **March 6**: Band Concert Grade 6 9:00 a.m.
- **March 9**: PTI Scheduler opens today
- **March 12**: No School for Students  PD for Staff
- **March 16**: Hot Lunch
- **March 17**: St. Patrick’s Day
- **March 23**: No School
- **March 30**: No School

Smencils for sale at lunch