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SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Cross Country 2021

Who? Grades 4-8 students
When is the Meet?

Practice Meet at Diefenbaker is afterschool

Final Meet at Diefenbaker is afterschool on: Tuesday, October 5th

on: Tuesday, September 28th

What is the Training Schedule/ Commitment?

Tyler will meet runners in Wilson Park (just across the street from City Park's back park) every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from September 14th-October 1st.

Students will meet at 11:45 in the park, run and then eat outside together. Students will be all wrapped up by 12:35. This means that students online that wish to participate may

be leaving their classes a wee bit early to get there and may be a wee bit late getting back to class. GO EAGLES!!



2021/22 Newsletter Legend

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ECOQUEST INFORMATION ONLY



FLEX INFORMATION ONLY



MONTESSORI INFORMATION ONLY



ONLINE LEARNING CENTRE INFORMATION ONLY



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Thank you to a few special parents who have been spoiling the staff with beautiful flowers and treats!

Important Dates:

Sept 20th-SCC AGM @ 7pm on ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting with your name pretty please!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83118880173?

pwd=WnRuYUF5VU5ETGxZb1ZncFZabUNnQT09 Meeting ID: 831 1888 0173 Passcode: 4mm28A Trustee Pidwerbeski is going to attend as well!



Sept 21st–Meet the Staff @ 4-5:30pm-Details will come from your teacher on how this will look this year closer to the date in each program. It is likely to be virtual.

Sept 28th-Schoolwide Orange Shirt Day

Sept 28th-Tentative Date for the Practice Cross Country Run (Gr. 4-8)

Sept 29th-Terry Fox Walk/Run

Sept 30th–Official Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30th-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Please note that September 30th is being recognized by SPS as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students do not attend school this day. In lieu of this day, October 8th is now a regular school day that students need to attend rather than the PD day originally scheduled.

Oct 7th-FLEX Conferences-Quarter/Semester 1 (No FLEX students-PM ONLY)

Oct 8th-Regular School Day for Students

Oct 11th-No school-Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Oct 28th-Ecoquest, Montessori & OLCE 3 Way Confernces-3:45-8pm

Oct 28th-Jump Rope for Heart Event

Oct 29th-Ecoquest, Montessori & OLCE 3 Way Conferences 8:45am-noon-NO

SCHOOL for students ALL DAY in Ecoquest, Montessori and OLCE

Nov 2nd-Photo Retake Day

Nov 8th-NO SCHOOL FOR FLEX ONLY-Quarter Turnaround Day

Nov 10th-Grade 6 Immunizations (Grade 7s who missed theirs too are eligible)

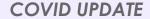
Nov 11th & 12th-NO SCHOOL

Nov 22nd-NO SCHOOL for Ecoquest & Montessori & OLCE ONLY-PD Day

Dec 9th-FLEX Conferences-Quarter 2/Semester 1 (No FLEX students-PM only)

Dec 10th-NO SCHOOL FOR FLEX ONLY-PD Day

Dec 20th-Jan 3rd-Winter Break-NO SCHOOL!





Saskatoon Public Schools require all K-12 students to wear masks in schools. Masks are not required outdoors. Staff and any visitor must be masked inside the building. Please do not send your student to school if they have symptoms of illness or aren't feeling well.

Last year we tried online consent forms and we will continue with this practice this year. Please fill these consent forms out right away when you receive your separate email regarding these so that we can post things and/or book fieldtrips right away. We will be participating in fieldtrips and extra curricular opportunities this year.





Did you know that we have a Before & After School Program at City Park School? If you need care before or after our regular school hours (we do provide supervision 15 minutes before and after the bell times) please connect with the Boys & Girls Club.

Email:office@bgcsaskatoon.com
Website: www.bgcsaskatoon.com

We are launching a new accounting system this year where we can accept e-transfers and credit cards as well as the traditional cash and cheques. This will certainly be helpful and handy for many of us. It won't be available until October likely, but stay tuned!



City Park School has been participating in the Terry Fox Run for 4 years now and has even had a visit from Fred Fox (Terry's brother) and has contributed to funding research to help find a cure for cancer. We will be running/walking on Wednesday, September 29th. Please join us from home or at the school on our School Run Day. A schoolwide assembly (17th) will help students understand more about his strength,

determination, and legacy.

Thank you to Ms. Margaret and Ms. Karlee for your leadership with this important event! Who are you running for?



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Calling ALL Grades 1-6 students!!!!

Skipping Club is a GO! It's fun and great for your

HEART!

Practices are on Wednesdays at lunch (11:45-12:05) on our Tarmac outside when it's nice and in the Gym as a back up plan. These practices start September 22nd and the Final Event is on October 28th (Grades 1-6). Enjoy skipping from home or join us at school! We eat after we skip:) We will highlight this event at an assembly on the 17th. Thanks Ms. Nicolette for your leadership with this!!!



Online Learning Center Elementary (French Immersion and English)

We have approximately 440 students enrolled right now. As an online elementary student, you are expected to attend school during the school hours of 8:55-3:30 <u>with your camera on.</u> Some is live (via ZOOM) with the whole class, some is in small groups with classmates, some is one on one with your teacher, and some is independent. We offer a <u>minimum</u> of 150 minutes (75 for kindergarten) per day of live, interactive instruction.

Being truly literate includes physical and artistic literacy. PE and the Arts are very important! We would like to introduce your Arts Education teacher, Danielle Kostiuk, and your Physical Education teacher, Kennadi Brewer. According to SK curricula, students should engage in 200 Arts Education minutes (combo of: Music, Drama, Dance, and Visual Arts) and 150 minutes of Physical Education per week. These are important and integral subject areas for a truly holistic educational experience-plus they are AWESOME!!!

- Arts Education will have a <u>Google Classroom</u> this year so that students will have the opportunity to submit their work to Ms. Kostiuk. Asynchronous, as well as live ZOOM lessons, will be available for students in grade bands with Ms. Kostiuk in the mornings and will be 30 minutes. (Kindergartens-Tuesdays 9:30-10:00; Grades 1/2-Wednesdays 11:15-11:45; Grades 3/4-Thursday 11:15-11:45; Grades 5/6-Tuesdays 11:15-11:45; Grades 7/8-Mondays 11:15-11:45). We hope students love this addition to our programming and find it engaging!
- Physical Education will be offered both asynchronously on a <u>Google Site https://sites.google.com/spsd.sk.ca/olce-phys-ed-2020-21/home</u> in grade bands and will also have one live ZOOM session each week in the afternoons from 2:40-3:10 (Mondays for K-2; Wednesdays for 3-5; Thursdays for 6-8).
- Although Arts and Physical Education will be mostly asynchronous lessons we are thrilled to compliment them with live sessions this year! Assessment will be a combination of teacher and self evaluations.
- Our students will have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities over lunch hour and before and after school at City Park School, for those who live in or near Saskatoon.
- Cross Country for Grades 4-8 is being offered as our first Extra Curricular activity that has been approved for this year. Mr. Tyler Rittinger will be our Staff Leader.
- Tripleball (Volleyball) will be coming very soon as well for Grades 7 and 8 students.
 Games will begin in October.
- Please participate in the Terry Fox Walk/Run and Jump Rope for Heart events from the comfort of your home/ neighbourhood or join us at school for those events.
 These are great PE activities.
- Immunizations will be available this year for Grade 6 & 8 students in schools. These are different immunizations from COVID vaccinations. Consent forms will need to be signed. Gr. 6, and any Gr. 7 students who may has missed theirs last year ,will be able to attend City Park School at 820-9th Avenue North on Novem-



ber 10th. More information to come. We do not have a date yet for Gr. 8s.

City Park Ecoquest Program

- Ecoquest students have been busy figuring out how to navigate the city and get themselves to school from all over the beautiful City of Bridges! BRAVO!
- Ask your Ecoquester about the Garden
 Patch on 2nd Avenue. Who benefits from
 the food that is grown there? Ask them how
 they helped contribute as awesome citizens
 on their first day of school.



- Brightwater is a location where we can learn on the land in Saskatoon Public Schools. Our Ecoquesters have been out to this awesome site for their learning already and it won't be the last time!
- The Boathouse (Dragonboat races are coming!), Meewasin and River Landing have also been sites our 2021/22 crew have been in their first ten days of school.
- Immunizations will be available this year for Grade 8 students in schools for those parents
 wanting their children to be immunized. These are different immunizations from COVID vaccinations. Consent forms will need to be signed for those wanting this service. More information to come. We do not have a date yet for Grade 8s.
- Please be sure that your Ecoquester has a U lock for their bicycle. We haven't had any thefts with these types of high quality locks in place.
- We have a many goals for this keen group of students, but among them is to become contributing citizens and stewards of our city. We have established a well respected relationship with the business community and our neighbours. They are proud to have such an awesome program happening in Saskatoon. This group has already made us proud in the way in which they conduct themselves out and about.
- When Ecoquest students are learning out in nature they often give back, leave a minimal
 ecological footprint getting there, and make a difference when it comes to looking after
 Mother Earth. This quote comes to mind when I think of Ecoquest: "if you think you are too
 small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito."
- We remind students throughout the year about how important it is to continue to be safe in
 the way they transport themselves to and from school and activities. Please always wear your
 helmet on your bike, be aware of traffic (it can be congested around the school especially
 at pick up and drop off) and go slowly to keep everyone safe. The Bike Police will be meeting students very soon.
- Meewasin and Ecoquest are a volunteer team this year and will be working together to beautify and maintain this awesome trail system.
- Trail Riding Demos are also on the horizon.

City Park School FLEX Program

-Thank you to our 9-12 students for quickly adjusting to wearing masks indoors.

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children to be immunized. These are different immunizations from COVID vaccinations. Consent forms will need to be signed for those wanting this service. Grade 6 students and any Grade 7 students who may have missed theirs last year will be able to receive their shots on November 10th. More information to come. We do not have a date yet for Grade 8s.

-Tim Eashappie, a Traditional Knowledge Keeper, came to work with our FLEX students and we are honoured to have a connection and partnership with him. Thanks Tim!

- -Quarter 1 runs from September 1st-November 4th
- -Semester 1 runs from September 1st-January 28th
- -The first set of conferences will be held in the afternoon of October 7th. Students will attend school in the morning, but there is no school in the afternoon other than their conference.



-Students do not attend the day after quarters end (October 8th this time around). This day allows teachers to mark everything and turn in their marks. We call these days turnaround days.

-Quarter 1 progress reports will be available by November 10th.

MONTESSORI PROGRAM



- Sometimes we do our work cycle outside like this class is doing here!
- Do you know what the FIRST GREAT LESSON is? Ask your learner about the Story of the Universe. Montessori students will be able to share with you 5

GREAT LESSONS throughout the year.

 Students will be participating in a schoolwide project where we are painting rocks. Why rocks? This is an Orange Shirt Day project to honour survivors of the Residen-

tial Schools and those who lost their lives. The project includes talking about rocks in Indigenous traditions and then we will have kids paint them orange and write a message on the rock and then place the rocks all around the front perimeter of the school! Check them out when they start to be placed.



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