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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a fall! Howard Coad students, staff and families have been working very hard. Students are learning about the Zones of Regulation. Our students really understand the concepts and are using more strategies to help them stay in the “green zone”. I love listening to them share what they need to do to get in the green zone. A huge thank you to our SCC parents for helping lead the learning for the “In the Zone” family night. The atmosphere was uplifting. If you have not checked out the “eye spy” showcases, you are missing out. I still have not been able to find all of the signs in each showcase. It is very fun!

We have noticed how our students are growing:

- Our littlest people are settling into a routine, learning to write their names, and learning their alphabet. Thank you to our early learning team for getting them off to a great start.
- Our primary students are discovering that they are readers, writers and mathematicians. Thank you to our primary team for helping lay a strong foundation for learning.
- Our grades 3-5 students are learning to apply their skills to dig deeper into the curriculum. Thank you to our Grades 3-5 team for creating engaging and creative learning tasks.
- Our grades 6-8 students are demonstrating leadership and independence in their learning. Thank you to our middle year’s team for creating opportunities for our students to practice their leadership skills.

All of this hard work has created a sense of purposefulness, pride and joy in our school. Walking through the doors to our school brings a great sense of happiness. Knowing that we are all part of making a difference in each other’s lives and helping one another grow as people is a true gift.

We wish you a happy holiday with family and friends.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Jaime Schroeder and Mrs. Jennifer Hingley

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School Day
8:40 am—Classes Begin
10:25 am— Recess (15 minutes)
11:35 am— Lunch (outside at 11:55)
12:25 pm— Classes resume
2:07 pm - Recess (15 minutes)
3:15 pm - Dismissal (except Thurs.)
Thursday 3:00 pm - Dismissal

Upcoming Dates To Remember

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Do you follow us on Facebook?
Log on to Facebook, search for ‘Howard Coad School’ (public group) and hit Join Group on our page to get updates and announcements in your newsfeed!

CoFFees On!

Every Wednesday morning 8:30am in the Howard Coad Library.
All Parents, Caregivers and Siblings are welcome to join the conversation and help in the growth of your School Community! We have started an adult library selection for you to check out or you can simply browse the library with your little ones. No library card necessary for adult library books! Watch for new books as our adult section will continue to grow with support from the Saskatoon Public Library.

Winter Festival

December 14 from 5:30-7:30
Supper 5:30-6:30 & Activities 6:00-7:30

Hot chocolate, cookies, sleigh rides, sing-a-longs, dance party, popcorn, pizza, candy cane dipping, photo booth & a cupcake walk!
There will be arts and crafts and homemade Christmas cards for sale as well!
All families are invited to take part in this wonderful evening! There are some free activities as well as lots of goodies for purchase. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Community Council

Upcoming meetings December 5 & January 9 beginning at 6:30pm in the library. Childcare is provided! All are encouraged to attend.

Parent Engagement

With Parent Engagement we have been building our Saskatoon Public Library ties within the Howard Coad School Library. This is very exciting for our school as it will open so many doors and possibilities! All Parents, Caregivers and Siblings are invited to join the Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 1/2 classes for Story Time. Afternoon Pre-K and Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten are invited to join with their families! There will be coffee/tea/juice and treats available.

Wednesday December 14th from 9:00am-9:30am (include Pre-K and K)
and
Wednesday December 21st from 9:00am-9:30am (including Gr 1 and Gr 1/2)

Please join us in the library around 8:30am to get settled. More than welcome to join us for both dates.

Little Lungs

RADON DETECTOR KITS: $20 [SAVE 60%]
PURCHASE A DETECTOR FROM NOVEMBER 1-30 AT littellungs.ca

The Take Action on Radon Saskatchewan Coalition along with the Saskatoon Public and Catholic School Boards are encouraging everyone to test their homes for radon. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada. Radon is a radioactive gas from the breakdown of uranium in the ground. You cannot smell, taste, or see radon gas so it is important to test your home.

During the month of November, families can purchase a radon detector through www.littellungs.ca for a discounted price of only $20. Our goal is to test 2,017 homes where little lungs are present, in 2017!
Parent Survey
Howard Coad will be participating in an online school survey for parents and guardians called the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey. This survey gives you the chance to provide your feedback anonymously into school initiatives. Look for the email with more information, check the facebook page or you can contact Ms. Hingley or Ms. Schroeder.

To access the survey, go to http://www.ourschool.net/hc2016

Volleyball
Wow...what a great volleyball season it has been! Both the girls and boys volleyball teams have shown significant improvements since their first practice and have gained a tremendous amount of confidence and cougar pride over the course of the season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent drivers who helped get us to our away games – without them we could not have done it, so thanks again! Also a big thanks to our teachers; Miss Bird, Miss Kleiter, Miss Wright, and Miss Hitchings, who volunteered their lunch hours and after schools to coaching our teams, we greatly appreciate all of their time and dedication!

Christmas Hampers
Register for a Salvation Army Christmas Hamper
You can register in person at 339 Ave C South from 9:00am to 11:30am and from 12:00pm to 4:00pm Monday to Friday, or online. Registration opens November 17, 2016 and closes December 16, 2016. Online applicants will be contacted prior to the deadline of December 16, 2016. You will need to bring/have available:
- Proof of income
- Health cards for everyone in the family
- Proof of address
- Proof of family allowance

Band News
Howard Coad’s first Band Concert of the year will be on Thursday, December 8th at 9:30am in the Gym. All families are welcome and encouraged to come!

Note to families of Band Students: The band concert uniform will be black or dark colored pants and a plain white shirt

Winter Songs!
Come hear winter songs sung by Ms. Milne, Miss. Wright, and Mrs. Kayseas-Browns classes as well as the Howard Coad Sing-a-long during the Winter Assembly on December 21st at 10:40 in the Gym.

Help Control Head Lice
What are Head Lice?
Head lice are small insects that live on the scalp. Anyone can get head lice. (They actually prefer clean hair!!) Head lice are not dangerous and do not spread disease, but they are contagious and can become a problem within the school where children play closely together.

How can you tell if your child has head lice?
Children may say they have a tickling feeling on their head or their scalp may be itchy. The only way to be sure someone has active head lice is to find live lice. Children can have nits (eggs) without actually having active head lice.
Lice are not easy to see and can be hard to find. They are greyish, white or brown and the size of a sesame seed. They prefer to live on the scalp along the neckline and behind the ears.
Make sure to check everyone in the home if head lice is suspected.

For more information on how to check for head lice and what treatments are available, please contact the school or the Saskatoon Health Region by phone or website.

DreamBroker
• An interesting new program is coming to Howard Coad school this January 2017! Engineering for Kids and Dreambrokers are proud to offer students age 4-6 a lunch program called “Junior Pirates Academy”. Students will be using their imaginations and engineering creativity to design, create and build their own pirate ship! Keep an eye out for letters & forms to register your child. Only 12 spots available!
• Wet Pottery for students in Grade 7-8 will begin in January. Spots are still available! This is an exciting opportunity for students to explore their creative talents and making pottery pieces in which they can keep. Grab a form today!! Wet Paint Pottery classes for students in grade 5-6 will begin in March 2017.
• Winter programming is available as well as stuff to do during the Christmas break. Should you have any inquiries to what is happening regarding sport, culture or recreation. Please contact your Dreambroker, Tanya Walker at 306-220-3822 or email dreambroker2@spsd.sk.ca for more information.
**Student work**

Students have been working hard around the school on some amazing class projects! The creativity and imagination put into the classroom artwork is phenomenal! Check out some of the work below.

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**Completion of School Lockdown Drill**

As we indicated in an earlier newsletter, a school lockdown drill was planned for November. Our school conducted the drill in partnership with Saskatoon Police Service. Staff followed the practiced procedure and students listened to instruction, which helped make the drill a success. As always, school resource officers worked with staff to ensure students were comfortable and understood the drill.

If you would like more information about lockdown procedures, please visit the Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools page on [www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca) or contact the principal.

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**Good Food for Learning**

**Smart Cities, Healthy kids at Howard Coad**

Representatives from the University of Saskatchewan will be in our school the morning of December 9th to invite students to take part in the Good Food for Learning project. Information letters were sent home to students who can participate. Students are able to ask questions about the project and the procedure anytime during the process. By participating in the project we are helping to understand what kinds of foods and snacks children within Saskatoon and the surrounding area eat.

To obtain results from the study, you may visit their website at [www.smartcitieshealthykids.com](http://www.smartcitieshealthykids.com)