Admin Message

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at 3 Way conferences on Thursday March 26 from 4-8 and Friday March 27 from 8:30-Noon. We hope that you have had time to discuss the report card with your child and to celebrate the gains they have made as well as make plans for how to address the growth that is still required before the end of the year. The confirmation time slips should have come home in your child’s report card on Monday. If for some reason that time does not work for you please call or text the office right away to find an alternate time.

March 30 to April 3 is the Week of Pink and an opportunity to highlight the importance of respectful and caring relationships at school and at home. We will celebrate with our Day of Pink on Wednesday April 1 and encourage all students and staff to dress in pink to raise awareness of the need to stand up to bullying and to make our school a safe, caring and respectful place to learn, work and play.

Spring Break will take place this year from Friday April 3 to Friday April 10 with regularly scheduled classes resuming on Monday April 13. We wish all of you a restful and enjoyable break filled with time for family, friends, rest and relaxation. Hopefully then the worst of the puddles will be dried up as well. Thank you for all your support over the first two terms of this school year and we look forward to making the final term the best learning environment yet.

Mr. Ian Wilson
DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
3 Way Conferences
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
3 Way Conferences
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
No School for Students

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Talent Show
9:15 AM

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Good Friday
No School
for Students

APRIL 6TH - 10TH
Spring Break
No School
for Students

MONDAY, APRIL 13
Students Return to School

TUESDAY, APRIL 14
SCC Meeting

Bell Times
9:00 Welcome Bell
9:05 School Starts
10:50 Recess
11:05 Class
11:58 Lunch
12:43 Welcome Bell
12:48 Classes Start
2:33 Recess
2:48 Class
3:40 Dismissal
3:25 Thurs Dismissal

Report Cards and Three Way Conferences
Second Term report cards were sent home on Monday, March 23 for all students. Three Way Conferences will be held tonight Thursday, March 26 from 4:00-8:00 and Friday, March 27 from 8:30-12:00. While we encourage ongoing and consistent communication about student progress throughout the year, these conferences provide a vital and dedicated time for parents, students and teachers to meet to celebrate achievement and plan for improvement. We are hoping for a full turn out for all families. Please make arrangements for an alternate time if these dates and times do not work in your schedule.

Thank you to the Brittain family for their generous gifting of a Jingle Dress to the school’s collection of dance regalia. We value and appreciate your generosity and the spirit in which it was given. Thank You!

Mom’s Pantry Fundraiser
The Friends of Vincent Massey Community School are hosting their final fundraiser of the year in April. An order list for Mom’s Pantry will be coming home with every child on April 2 for families and friends to order an assortment of great food and spices. There are things such as cookie dough, muffin batter, spices and seasonings. All the proceeds help to make the Vincent Massey educational experience for your child even better. In the past, the Friends of VMCS group has purchased ipads, a sound system for the gym, new gym chairs, books for classroom libraries amongst other things. Please support your school by assisting your child in selling some of these items.

Talent Show
On Thursday April 2 at 9:15 our school will be hosting our annual Talent Show in the gym. Ms. Williams and Mr. Pritchard have been hard at work prepping and practicing with students who are excited to show off their talents for you. There will be singing, musical instruments and many other talents on display. We invite all members of the Vincent Massey School community to join us that morning to support our talented young people.

Donations Welcome: If you have any books that are suitable for the community lending library at the front of the school your generous support would be greatly appreciated.

Caregivers of younger children are encouraged to pack an extra pair of socks and pants in their child’s backpack as some children are getting a bit wet playing in the water. Please remind your child to try to stay dry on their way to school.

There are two discs of the Grandparents Tea that was held on February 12th still available for purchase. They are located at the main office for $2.00.
My School in China

There are many interesting things to know about the school I attended in China. My school is located in a small village in the north part of China. We enjoyed several celebrations and events during the school year. There were things that I liked and disliked about the school that I went to. Let me introduce you to my school in China.

My school’s name in China is Lijiahu and it’s located in a small village in the province of Shan Dong. It is a large two story rectangular building with lots of trees. There is a large playground that is also used as the gym. Going to school in China could be cold but not as in Canada. My school in China looked much different than my school in Canada. There were many celebrations and events held at the school. There was a celebration called Teacher’s Day held in honor of the teachers. On Kid’s Day we put on a show for the class. If the show was very good we would show it to the whole school. The things we learned in China were much different than in Canada. There were a number of thing that I liked and disliked about the school in China. I liked the fun celebrations because they made going to school interesting. What I didn’t like about the school in China was that there was lots of homework. What do you think you’d like about the school in China?

You could find many interesting things about the school I went to in China. It’s located in a special part of China where students participate in many activities. There are aspects about the school which you would like and others not so much. Do you think you would like to visit this school some day?

By Liu Meng

Let’s Lead – Nikanetan

Let’s Lead – Nikanetan is a full school year program for grade 8 students who enjoy being in the outdoors and want to improve their leadership and teamwork skills while working on the grade 8 curriculum in a practical format. Our program is geared towards those students who have this potential, but might not have been able to realize or develop it due to financial barriers. Therefore, all equipment, transportation and food costs along with any other fees incurred will be covered completely by the program for each student.

All Grade 7 classrooms in Saskatoon Public Schools will be visited in April by Let’s Lead – Nikanetan staff to answer questions and explain the program in detail. A family information evening will be held at Westmount Community School on Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 at 7 p.m. For more information and registration forms, please consult the Saskatoon Public Schools division website under Elementary Programs. Please contact Chris Clark or Gabriel Nieman at Westmount Community School for more program and application information.

The application deadline for the Let’s Lead – Nikanetan program is Friday, May 16th, 2015.

Let’s Lead – Nikanetan
Westmount Community School
PHONE: 306.683.7490
EMAIL: WestmountSchool@spsdsk.ca
WEB: www.spsd.sk.ca/Schools/elementaryprograms/nikanetan

Dental Screening Notice
PreK’s, Kindergarten & Grade 1

A dental health educator will be at Vincent Massey School to provide a visual dental inspection for the PreK’s, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 students on April 22 & 23, 2015.

The inspection is a quick visual look at your child’s teeth and mouth. If your child needs dental work a note will be sent home referring you to the Population and Public Health - Dental Clinic.

If you do not wish your child to participate or if you have questions, call Julie at (306) 655-4638.

Immunization Notice from
Population and Public Health March 2015

All immunization records located in the Saskatchewan Immunization Management System (SIMS) have been moved over to a new system called Panorama. Panorama is a secure electronic health record system designed to record and store immunization related information. Confidential immunization information is only available to authorized health care workers, such as members of your public health team, physicians, and nurse practitioners across the province using secure networks.

Nurses use Panorama to access records to immunize students in grades 1, 6 and 8 and to control the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases when present in a school or classroom.

If you have questions about Panorama visit www.ehealthsask.ca/panorama or call 306-655-4612.

Saskatoon Council on Aging Inc.
Digital Story Telling Project

You are cordially invited to attend the Digital Story Telling Project Event on Thursday, March 26th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Broadway Theatre in Saskatoon.

The Digital Storytelling Project is a pilot project which brings together Newcomer (immigrant and refugee) and First Nations youth to build relationships, develop skills in the art of video production, and establish a foundation for the next phase of the project that will bridge generations (seniors, Elders and youth) and cultures (First Nations, Metis and Newcomers).

Under the direction of Marcel Petit, an independent Aboriginal Producer, Film, and Media artist, Newcomer and First Nations youth have created video productions that explore a variety of topics while building relationships, skills and knowledge and developing cultural awareness and mutual understanding. The Digital Story Telling Project is a collaboration between the Saskatoon Open Door Society and the Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op.

On Thursday, March 26th at the Broadway Theatre in Saskatoon, the Saskatoon Open Door Society is proud to be hosting a showcase event at which time the video productions from the youth will be shared, a panel of representatives from the Saskatoon community will share their perspectives on youth engagement and cross-cultural relations, and the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the youth and the panel members. Food and refreshments will be available following the presentations.

To help us plan for seating, food and refreshments, we would appreciate it if you would kindly contact Stephen Kemp at the Saskatoon Open Door Society at 306-653-4464.
“Raising the ‘Selfie’ Generation
Are you preparing your kids for the digital age?”
April 1, 2015 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Dr. Alec Crouos
Castle Theatre at Aden Bowman Collegiate

In a world of Internet, social media and instant messaging it takes knowledge for parents and schools to share the message of good digital citizenship.

But how can you map the “digital footprint” your child is leaving behind during their journey through the digital world and how can you help make that experience a safe one?

Dr. Alec Crouos, a professor of educational technology and media at the University of Regina, has some of the strategies to protect your child and help them avoid the pitfalls as they explore the digital world.

Saskatoon Public Schools is hosting Crouos for a free, hour-long presentation for parents and caregivers on Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m., at Aden Bowman Collegiate’s Robert Hinnitt Castle Theatre.

His presentation, “Raising the Selfie Generation – Are you preparing your kids for the digital age?” will help parents learn more about the role they can take in their children’s digital lives.

The message Crouos shares meshes with the work being done by Saskatoon Public Schools on digital citizenship and how schools are providing information and support to help students become responsible digital citizens.

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Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools

“Saskatoon Public Schools is committed to creating safe, caring and accepting learning environments where students have opportunities to develop moral values, display ethical conduct and achieve to the best of their ability.”

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**2015 Summer Zoo Camp**

PotashCorp Sponsorship Application

Are you unable to send your child to camp without the financial assistance provided under this sponsorship?

- Please register on-line starting March 10th, 2015
- Register by going to www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca/programs/camps.html and clicking on the registration link for camps. (Please select the sponsorship application area and not the general camp area. The program you select must state “Summer Zoo Camp-Sponsorship Application”)
- Submit a recommendation letter from your child's teacher, principal or school community coordinator
- Submit a short handwritten letter from your child explaining why they wish to attend zoo camp
- Applications must be received by May 1st, 2015

This is only an application and you will be contacted when and if your child is accepted to zoo camp. You must be able to ensure transportation for your child to and from camp each day.

Thanks to a sponsorship by PotashCorp, the Saskatoon Zoo Society has openings for 2 children each week of camp.

www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca
306-975-3395
www.facebook.com/saskatoonzoosocietyinc
Twitter: @SZS_Zoo

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**NEEDLE SAFETY**

IT’S EVERYONE’S CONCERN!

**IF YOU FIND A USED NEEDLE, FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW FOR SAFE PICK UP AND DISPOSAL:**

- Do not recap the needle.
- Wear garden, work or medical gloves.
- Use tweezers, pliers or tongs to pick it up by the end that is not the sharp end. Keep away from your body.
- Place the needle—sharp end first—into a hard container (e.g. liquid laundry detergent or bleach container).
- Fill the container no more than 3/4 full.
- Put the container lid on tightly and tape it.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Store the container in a safe place until you can dispose of it.
- Do not place needles in city garbage.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU TELL CHILDREN ABOUT FINDING NEEDLES?**

- Never touch or pick up needles.
- Always call an adult.

**ARE USED NEEDLES DANGEROUS?**

Needle poke injuries are:

- a public health concern
- a low risk for spreading hepatitis or HIV infection.

There have been no reported hepatitis or HIV infections from a community needle poke injury in the Saskatoon Health Region.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU POKE YOURSELF WITH A NEEDLE?**

- Encourage the wound to bleed by gently squeezing it.
- Wash all exposed areas with soap and water.
- Report the needle poke to Public Health Services at 655-4620.
- Go immediately to an Emergency Room for care. Tell them you have been poked by a needle.

For more information on Needle Safety & Disposal, call 306.655.4444

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