School Update

We extend our thanks to all of you who were able to make the Meet the Staff Barbeque last week. Despite cooler weather and the chance of rain, we were able to gather in the large gym to enjoy a hamburger and great company! We were once again fortunate enough to have SaskEnergy support us through providing a barbeque, cook and substantial funding. Our very own School Community Council also supplied some additional funding to make this a successful event!

This Friday we will take part in Orange Shirt Day to recognize and honour the experiences of those indigenous students who were negatively impacted by residential schooling. There will be an assembly to kick-off the day at 9:00 a.m. Please have your children dress in an orange shirt if they have access to one. If not, we will have something orange (perhaps an orange sticker) that they can put on. If you have not had a previous opportunity to research the story behind Orange Shirt Day, please check out www.orangeshirtday.org.

Krista Crystal

Panago Pizza Lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 12

How It Works

1. Quickly Register for a FREE Healthy Hunger account and add your child or children.
2. View your Child's up-coming hot lunch dates, and place your orders.
3. You can pay online using Visa, MasterCard or Interact Online.

Why it's easy

- Convenience: No more Paper Order Forms, or need for exact change.
- View all upcoming order dates: Never get caught by surprise last minute. Keep up to date on all up-coming orders.
- Payment Options: Pay for your meals Online, using Visa, MasterCard, or Interact Online with TD Canada Trust, BMO, Scotia Bank, and Royal Bank.
- Security: Our Payment Gateway is PCI Compliant, and we adopt the highest standards in Payment Security.

Orders due Saturday, Oct. 7
School Photos

Lifetouch will be taking Mon./Wed. Kindergarten school photos and retakes **Wednesday, October 11th.** (a.m. only)

Come with a big smile!!

Milk Program

At Brunskill we have a milk program. Milk cards can be purchased from the main office - $20.00 for 20 cartons. Milk can only be obtained with a “milk card”. Student leaders in our school will distribute milk to the students from the small gym at the beginning of the lunch hour.

Cross Country

Our cross country team is up and “running” for this year. We have over 40 runners from grades 4 - 8. Practices are:

Monday & Wednesday from 3:40 - 4:15 p.m.

The Pre City Meet was held at Diefenbaker Park on Tuesday, September 26th. The City Championship Race will be held at Diefenbaker Park on Tuesday, October 3rd, beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be a bus leaving the school at 3 p.m. to take our athletes to this event. Thank you to Mrs. Godson, Mrs. Wist and Mr. Tarling for their assistance with this team.
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We want to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the sponsors of our ‘Welcome Back’ Barbeque:

SaskEnergy - for the provision of a barbeque, cook and funds to purchase supplies
School Community Council (SCC) - for the provision of funds to purchase supplies

Preparing Your Child for Lockdown Drills

In Saskatoon Public Schools, student safety is our number one priority. Preparing for a possible emergency helps provide clarity to students and staff about their role and assurances that there are practiced steps they can take for their safety. However, it is normal to have questions about such possible events.

There are many ways parents can provide reassurance to their child ahead of a lockdown drill:

- Have an open conversation with your child and welcome their questions
- Model calm
- Remind your child that drills are part of the school’s work to keep students and staff members safe
- Reassure your child that adults will stay close and not leave them
- Use age-appropriate language and descriptions
- Discuss how having a plan helps you feel better if something unexpected happens. Use an example that a child can relate to (ex: the family’s fire evacuation plan for their home).

For more information about lockdowns, read Working Together for Safe Schools on the Saskatoon Public Schools website or contact your school principal.
We're on the Web!
http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/brunskill

Our new SSWIS worker is Ms. Weifan Li.

SSWIS is Settlement Support Workers in Schools.

Please welcome Ms. Weifan Li to Brunskill School.

SSWIS is a school-based outreach program.

Ms. Lin provides support for newcomer/EAL families.

She provides support for successful school integration.

Please contact Ms. Lin via wli@sods.sk.ca to make an appointment.

We extend a huge thank you to Ms. Christine Young.

From the Board Table

The Board of Education received an update on its Literacy for Life strategic goal.

- Overall, more than two-thirds of students in Grades 1-3 were reading at or above grade level.

- The graduation rate for students within three years of starting Grade 10 was 71.7 per cent.

- Trustees received a report noting the successful opening of the four Saskatoon joint-use school projects.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.
Art, Indigenous Song & Dance Instructional Program

Tuesday evenings starting October 10

On-site registration and instructor introductions will begin at 4:00 p.m. Please use the front school doors.

The program will run 4:00 - 6:00 pm every Tuesday until December 19 (10 weeks) and is open to all Saskatoon Public Schools students.

*Elementary students ages 7 - 11 yrs 4:00 - 5:00 pm
*Collagistas students at 5:00 - 6:00 pm

(All grades and ages will attend the same night. Please let instructors know which level you will be attending.)

There are spots available for Intermediate and Intermediate + 1. please contact the school office to register.

Instructional classes will be offered in the following disciplines:

- Male Pow Wow Song and Drum
- Female Backup Singing*
- Male Pow Wow Dance
- Female Pow Wow Dance
- Co-Ed Métis Jigging
- Métis Fiddle Music* Indigenous Arts

*This year's program will feature Indigenous artists who will join bands on demonstrations in dance regalia design and layout, beadwork, quillwork, feathers, beadwork and costume-making.

Saskatoon Public Schools is committed to being a culturally responsive school division. It values and recognizes the vital role that culture and the arts play in the development of strong learners, schools and communities.

We are committed to providing our learning community with relevant, meaningful cultural awareness opportunities to enrich lifelong learning experiences and to promote a better understanding of First Nations and Métis histories, cultures and perspectives.

Since the beginning of time, song and dance have been a primary medium for facilitating thanksgiving, socializing and honoring accomplishments within First Nations and Métis cultures.

Please register by contacting:
Don Speidel, Cultural Resource Liaison
e-mail: spiedelk@spsd.sk.ca or tel: 306.683.8317
James L. Alexander School tel: 306.683.7280
e-mail: jamesL AlexanderSchool@spsd.sk.ca

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Fire Prevention Week

Every Second Counts

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Fire Prevention Week

Open House 2017 Schedule

Monday, October 2
#1 Fire Station
125 Idylwyld Drive South
6:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, October 3
#2 Fire Station
3111 Diefenbaker Drive
6:30pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, October 4
#8 Fire Station
207 Slimmon Road
6:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday, October 5
#6 Fire Station
3309 Taylor Street East
6:30pm-8:00pm

*Follow our Saskatoon Fire Department Facebook page for more information regarding each Open House