FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Creative approaches to instruction build math, French language skills

Students and staff from École Alvin Buckwold School shared an innovative approach to building math computational skills along with oral fluency during the Celebrating Excellence portion of the Dec. 11 Board of Education meeting.

Katherine Fiander, a Grade 2 French Immersion teacher, identified computational fluency and understanding of numbers and basic facts, along with the development of French language skills, as areas to focus on with students. She has used creative instructional approaches such as math games to help teach computation. Students build their oral fluency in French through teaching these games to peers in other classrooms. In addition, each student has received a bag of math dice games that parents report are popular in their homes.

Other highlights from the meeting were:

• Trustees received a core strategy update about the elementary and secondary learning supports in French Immersion and the impact on student learning. In French Immersion, French is the language of instruction for all subjects, with the exception of English language arts. The goal is for students to become highly proficient in English and functionally fluent in French. Professional learning for teachers includes a focus on our late French Immersion programming, with a renewed emphasis on professional development and expected practices.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.
MOVE TO GROW... YOUR MINDSET

Biking can grow your mindset because when I am biking, my head clears and I am not thinking or worrying about homework. Growing your mindset is really easy to do because any type of physical activity, especially biking, grows your mind and brain. When you are biking in a quiet neighbourhood or a nice bike path, it can help your mind and make room for new information. Exercise increases blood flow to your brain and helps you think faster. I think that everyone should get out on their bike more and spend more time exercising outside of school.

Alexa ECOQUEST STUDENT

Being active can change your mindset greatly. When I bike to school, I am motivated to do more. I feel energized and ready to have a productive day. I am also very confident and positive when I am thinking throughout the day. After biking anywhere, I am always excited for anything.

Maya ECOQUEST STUDENT

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IMPORTANT DATES
DECEMBER 21  Last Day of Classes Before Christmas Break
JANUARY  7 Classes Resume Following Christmas Break
JANUARY 10-12 BRIT Basketball Tournament at Bedford Road Collegiate
JANUARY 15 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.
JANUARY 28 PD/Planning Day—Elementary Students do not attend
JANUARY 29 School Operations Day—Secondary Students do not attend
JANUARY 30 PD/Planning Day—Secondary Students do not attend
JANUARY 31 Semester 2 Begins for Secondary Students