Dear parents and caregivers,

This month’s newsletter is dedicated to math. Improving our students’ ability in math is one of our school goals. Currently, many of our students need practice with this subject. At school, we are working on supporting students with instruction at their level in math. One of the things that we need to work on the most is our mindset towards mathematics. We have been encouraging our students to not give up when things get a bit tough and teaching them to use self-talk that says, “I have not learned this yet”. We are also working at acknowledging their effort, not the results! You will hear us saying, “You must have worked hard on that” when a student does well, rather than praising the result.

Classroom teachers have been using the Mathletics program to support independent practice on specific math concepts. Your child’s teacher will be sending home a note with your child’s access information so that they can practice at home using the Mathletics program. Our primary teachers will be sending home a note with an app that is more appropriate for our littlest learners.

Here are a few reasons why we enjoy Mathletics:

- Highly engaging, students love learning with Mathletics!
- Supports the curriculum work your child is following at school.
- Accessible anywhere, any time. Tablet compatible – now also including offline mode.
- Mathletics is independently verified to improve student’s results.
- Track your child’s progress and assign them activities via the Family Console
- Instant feedback, encouraging independent learning

Please talk to your child’s teacher with specific questions about your child’s progress.

In the Spirit of Learning,

Jaime Schroeder and Jennifer Hingley
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!

Applications for Pre-Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year are now available! Children who are 3 & 4 years old and potty trained are eligible to apply. If you are interested in filling out an application or getting more information, please come to the office or call the school at 306-683-7260.

If your child will be 5 years old on, or before January 31, 2018 they are eligible to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2017! Come to the main office to pick up a registration form or call 306-683-7260 for more information. Please drop off the completed form at the Howard Coad main office and remember to bring birth verification with you!

Saskatoon Public Schools
ELEMENTARY UNIQUE PROGRAMS
2017 Information Evenings

ECOQUEST (Grade 8) saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ecoquest
Information Evenings: Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. at City Park School

FLEX PROGRAM (Grades 7-10) saskatoonpublicschools.ca/flex
Information Evenings: Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. at City Park School

iGEN (Grade 6) saskatoonpublicschools.ca/igen
Open House: Tuesday, March 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sherbrooke Community Centre, 401 Acadia Drive

LET’S LEAD (Grade 8) saskatoonpublicschools.ca/letslead
Information Evening: Thursday, April 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Westmount School

MONTESSORI (Grades 1-8) saskatoonpublicschools.ca/montessori
Information Evening: Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. at City Park School

SCIENCETREK (Grade 8) saskatoonpublicschools.ca/sciencetrek
Open House: Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. at Montgomery School Gym

DreamBroker

*Saturday, March 18th 9am-4pm Babysitting course @ Howard Coad School. Free to participate, only minimum spots available. Grab information from the Dreambroker.

*Kisik Sports & Development @ Howard Coad School starting Mondays after school. Begins Monday, February 27th and will continue till April 10th 2017

*Ukulele Kids is COMING BACK! Will begin in April. Make sure to get your forms in and Creative Kids applications as the next deadline is MARCH 23rd 2017. Secure your child’s spot and funding if needed!

*Dreambroker Football team is taking registrations for SPRING LEAGUE TACKLE FOOTBALL. This is for students in grade 6-8. Transportation, coaching, equipment and a chance to play at SMF Field is all provided. Talk to the DB for more details.

*Hoop Dancing instruction is offered from the DB at lunch hour on Wednesday’s. Make sure to grab a registration form as minimum spots are available. Kids will learn the basic steps to hoop dancing, the storytelling of the dance and will make their own hoops.

*Wet Paint Pottery, second sessions for students in Grade 5-6 will begin March 16th 2017

Any questions or concerns, please contact your Dreambroker Tanya @ 306-220-3822

Well Done!

Big congratulations to both the track and basketball teams on a great season!! We are very proud of how well all our athletes performed and worked together.

Thank you to the coaches for all their hard work and dedication to the teams. We appreciate all the time volunteered and skills you bring in and teach to the students!
From the Board Table

Highlights from the February 14, 2017, meeting of the Board of Education:

Students in Saskatoon Public Schools will begin the 2017-18 school year immediately following the Labour Day weekend. The first day of classes for students in both elementary and high school will be Tuesday, Sept. 5, with the final day for students on June 27, 2018. The calendar includes a 16-day winter break from Dec. 23 to Jan. 7, a nine-day break from Feb. 17-25, and a 10-day spring break from March 30 to April 8. A complete calendar will be available in the coming weeks.

The FLEX Program (Flexible Schedule, Blended Learning) program located at City Park School was highlighted for trustees. The program support students in grades 7-10 who are involved in high-level training in arts and athletics outside of the regular school setting. FLEX students told trustees that the program’s combination of face-to-face and online learning has allowed them to better balance their lives and resulted in improved academic performance, in addition to allowing for more training opportunities.

Plans for the 12th annual Literacy for Life Conference were announced. The event will run May 1-5 with the theme of Saskatchewan Stories. Literacy learning opportunities for both elementary and high school students will take place throughout the week. The keynote speaker for the event’s gala evening will be author and historian Dr. Bill Waiser.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.
Criss-Cross Applesauce
A dynamic program for parents, caregivers and their preschoolers. This program focuses on preparing for school success at home. Families will learn fun new activities, games and tips that explore play, early reading, writing and language skills. Must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments provided.

Details, event times and locations can be found at http://www.saskatoonlibrary.ca/node/5487
Or by calling 306-652-5448

Meet with Dr. Debbie Pushor
Tuesday, March 14 at Vincent Massey School
Supper at 6pm and presentation from 7-8pm
Everyone is welcome!
Childcare provided - spaces limited

In this interactive session, Debbie Pushor will explore with us the important place of parents in the teaching and learning of children. She will differentiate between what parent engagement is and what it is not. Debbie will focus on the importance of parent engagement both on and off the school landscape and provide examples of promising practices through which to engage parents and to enhance outcomes for children and families.

The ABC’s of Childhood Anxiety
Parent Information Evening
Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. @ City Park School
What is anxiety?
How does it manifest itself in children?
Coping strategies and tools to assist families
Guest facilitators: Coralee Pringle-Nelson (Coordinator of Counselling Services SPS); Janelle Koop (Student Counsellor SPS)

Open to the public.
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