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Saskatoon
Public Schools

September 20, 2018

FROM THE BOARD TABLE

An opportunity to enhance citizenship education at Colette Bourgonje School saw school staff and community partners take part in a unique professional learning experience, trustees were told during the Sept. 18 Board of Education meeting.

The community cultural tour included visits to five cultural and faith sites. It was inspired by the work of staff, parents, and partners to reflect on ways of strengthening the school's citizenship education efforts. Participants had the opportunity to share understanding and build their ability to champion inclusion in classrooms and communities.

Other highlights from the meeting were:

- Literacy for Life reading results from the 2017-18 school year show 68 per cent of Grade 1 students division-wide were reading at or above grade level, a slight increase from the previous year, while 70 per cent of Grade 2 students were at or above grade level. Results for Grade 3 show 71 per cent of students reading at or above grade level, a decline from the previous year but consistent with that cohort of students. Efforts to respond to the results include a review of current instructional practices in order to enhance learning in primary grades.
- The board received information related to the start of the school year including: the welcoming of more than 50 teachers new to the division; assessment through the Newcomer Student Centre of approximately 300 new students; and a summary of facility projects completed across the division including such things as roofing replacement, painting and other upgrades.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 28

Orange Shirt Day is a day to honour Indigenous children who survived residential schools and remember those who did not.

Saskatoon Public Schools will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday, Sept. 28. Students and staff encouraged to wear orange on that day. Activities and lessons in schools will foster students' understanding of the impact of residential schools.

Orange Shirt Day began in Williams Lake, B.C. in 2013 where, at a commemoration event at a local residential school, a story was told about a young female student named Phyllis who had her brand-new orange shirt taken away on her first day at the school. The orange shirt is a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students and families due to residential schools.

This is one of the ways in which Saskatoon Public Schools is responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. **Learn more at www.angeshirtday.org**

MOVE TO GROW...

YOUR BRAIN
YOUR BODY
YOUR COGNITION
YOUR MINDSET
YOUR INDEPENDENCE
YOUR COMMUNITY
CREATIVITY
FRIENDSHIPS
A GREENER FUTURE
A SAFER COMMUNITY
ACTIVE CITIZENS
STRENGTH
FAMILY TIME



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A SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MOVEMENT



Parent-School Communication Process Regarding Your Child

1. CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Most of your concerns will be dealt with at the classroom level, *but if not then*



2. CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL

Other appropriate staff might be involved at this level to deal with the issue, *but if more needs to be done then*



3. CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL'S SUPERINTENDENT

The school's superintendent is listed on the school's website or can be provided by the principal. *If the issue is still unresolved,*



4. CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

If you are still unsatisfied with the issue,



5. CONTACT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Either your school trustee or the board chair.



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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 28 Orange Shirt Day
Students & staff encouraged to wear orange

OCTOBER 2 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 5 PD/Planning Day
Elementary & Secondary Students DO NOT ATTEND

OCTOBER 8 Thanksgiving Day holiday

Art, **INDIGENOUS** Song & Dance



Tuesday evenings
starting October 9

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 18 (10 weeks) and is open to all Saskatoon Public Schools students.

Elementary students (age 7 & up) 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Collegiate students at 5:00 - 5:45 pm

(Participation and completion of this 10 week program will also qualify collegiate students for the **SPS Indigenous Ensemble**.)

SPS Indigenous Ensemble students this is your weekly practice. Bring a friend and show them what the ensemble is about.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

ÉCOLE VICTORIA SCHOOL

639 Broadway Avenue

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 community.

We are committed to providing our learning community with relevant, meaningful cultural awareness opportunities to enrich life-long 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 honouring accomplishments within First Nations and Métis cultures.

Please register by contacting:

Don Speidel, Cultural Resource Liaison

email: speideld@spsd.sk.ca or tel: 306.683.8317

École Victoria School tel: 306.683.7470

email: VictoriaSchool@spsd.sk.ca

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 the program will feature Indigenous artisans who will give hands-on demonstrations in dance regalia design and layout; beadwork; quill work; feather, bustle and headress making.

*Will be offered if there is enough interest.



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All SPS Students are welcome!

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