École Arthur Pechey Public School Newsletter



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October 2026

Monday Lundi	Tuesday Mardi	Wednesday Mercredi	Thursday Jeudi	Friday Vendredi
		K	1 K	2 K
5 K	6 K Cross Country Extravaganza SCC AGM at 6:00 PM	7 K Clan Shirt Day	8 K	9 PLC Day No Classes
12  No Classes	13 K	14 K  Picture day! Clan Shirt Day	15 K	16 K Superhero Day
19 K	20 K	21 K Clan Shirt Day	22 K	23 Sports Day K Family Day Pre-K 10:30 to 11 :00
26 K	27 K	28 K Clan Shirt Day	29 K Halloween Family Dance 5-7	30 K Pumpkin Carving Contest Orange and Black or Costume Day

Things happening this month:
October 9th – PLC Day -No School
October 12- Thanksgiving – No School
October 14th- PreK-8 Picture Day
Oct 23 - *Pre-K Family Day - letter to follow
Oct. 30- *Black and Orange or Costumes
*See inside for more details

Important Upcoming Dates:
November 2 – PJ Day
Progress Conferences –
- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 3:30-6:00
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 3:30-6:00

November 11 – Remembrance Day
November 12th – Picture Day 2: PreK, K, & Retake Day

Greetings from Mme Sparboe

What a wonderful start to the school year at Arthur Pechey! Our hallways and classrooms have been filled with energy, connection, and so many moments of learning and growth. From new friendships and familiar routines taking shape, to students discovering new interests, joining teams, and building connections across grades, it has been a joy to watch our school community come together.

Our school-wide focus on mental health and well-being continues to be woven into the everyday life of our school. Morning meetings, breathing and focus activities, movement, social-emotional learning, and opportunities for connection are helping students build the skills they need to be ready to learn and to navigate their days with confidence.

There has been plenty of excitement beyond the classroom, too! Our volleyball teams are well into their seasons, and our cross-country runners have represented AP with enthusiasm and pride. We are so proud of the many ways our students are stepping forward, trying new things, supporting one another, and showing what it means to be an AP Eagle.

One of the things I appreciate most about this time of year is seeing the learning that happens in all kinds of ways. Some of it is easy to photograph - a beautiful piece of student work, a classroom activity, a team competing together. Much of it isn't. The quiet conversation between two students, the child who takes a risk and tries something new, the class learning to work through a challenge together, or the student who realizes, perhaps for the first time, *I can do this*. These moments may not make it onto social media, but they are incredibly important. This is the heart of the work we do every day.

We have also been reminded again of the generosity of our AP community. Thank you to everyone who supported our Co-op gift card fundraiser. Your support is helping us move closer to our playground improvement goals and create even more opportunities for our students to play, connect, and belong. We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity you continue to show our school.

A special thank you also goes to our School Community Council for their ongoing partnership and support. From helping us welcome families back to school to supporting our fundraising efforts and so many other behind-the-scenes contributions, the work of our SCC makes a real difference for students and families.

As we move into October, there is so much to look forward to. Thank you for the trust you place in our school, for the ways you support your children's learning, and for the many ways you contribute to making Arthur Pechey such a welcoming place to learn and grow.

It is going to be a wonderful year, and I am so grateful to be sharing it with all of you.

Take care, everyone. See you soon!

Brandi Sparboe, Principal

Orange and Black or Costume Day

On Friday, October 30th, classes may be celebrating Halloween with a variety of fun and educational activities throughout the day. Students are **welcome to wear a costume or orange and black**, if they wish. Participation is completely optional.

If your child chooses to wear a costume, please ensure that it allows them to:

- Sit comfortably in their desk for learning activities
- Move freely during recess and Physical Education
- Eat their lunch without difficulty
- Put a jacket or warm layer over top to go outside
- Use the washroom independently
- Avoid distractions for themselves and others
- Keep costumes school-appropriate

Please avoid:

- Inflatable costumes (too noisy and not practical for sitting or learning)
- Costumes that require adult assistance to put on or take off
- Weapons or props of any kind (e.g., swords, guns, pitchforks, lightsabers)
- Masks or helmets that cover the face or eyes
- Noise-making accessories
- Any costumes or items that mock or disrespect another culture or identity

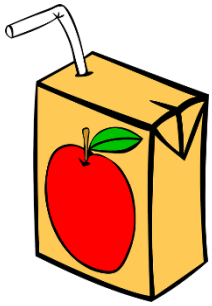
We're looking forward to a fun, safe, and respectful celebration!

Canteen Menu

Available from 12:25 to 12:45
(Pre-orders available for K-3)
Prices and availability are subject to change without notice
Fresh Pizza: Pepperoni or Cheese: $3.00/slice
Leftover Pizza: (frozen & reheated – sometimes available) $1.50/slice



Corn Dogs: $1.50
Pizza Pops: Pepperoni or Cheese: $2.00
Granola Bars/Fruit Cups/Fruit Snacks: $.50
Beef Jerky: $2.00
Popcorn/Sun Chips/Munchie Mix: $1.50
Flavored Water: $1.50
Sparkling Ice Flavored Water: $2.00
Juice Boxes: $1.00



Snacks: Wagon Wheel, Hot Rods, Rice Krispy Squares, Pudding (chocolate & vanilla),
Frozen Yogurt or Pudding: $1.00

Canteen Card
Looking for an easy and secure way to manage canteen purchases? Canteen cards can be purchased and loaded through SchoolCash Online, or students can bring cash or cheques to the office to add funds.

The card is kept at the canteen, and purchases are automatically deducted from the available balance. Parents also have the option to set a daily spending limit. Funds can be added at any time, making this a convenient alternative to sending cash to school. SchoolCash Online is a fast, safe, and hassle-free way to manage your child's canteen spending.

Allergy Aware: Reduce the Risk

There are children in our school with severe life-threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis) to nuts and peanuts. This medical condition can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we ask that any foods you send to school with your child be free from nut or peanut products.

School Community Council

Our school has a long history of working together as an entire school community – staff, students, parents, and guardians - to provide the best educational environment and opportunities for our children. The School Community Council is a great way to learn more about your child's school and to make a difference in your school. Involvement can come in many forms: attend meetings; share ideas; ask questions; organize events; support fundraising efforts; and more!

✨ SCC AGM ✨

🗓️ **When:** Tuesday October 6 @ 6:00-8:30PM
👶 Babysitting available upon request

💡 **Why Get Involved?**

- **Make a Difference**: Help guide important decisions that impact on our students.
- **Build School Spirit**: Plan fun events like carnivals, spirit weeks, and more!
- **Fundraising**: Support exciting projects through creative fundraising.
- **New Ideas**: Share your vision to improve the school.
- **Stay Connected**: Learn how the school operates and connect with other families.

At the beginning of each school year, the SCC also holds an **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** where representative members and officers are elected. To have balanced representation and an effective council, we hope to have at least five members elected each year.

✨ **Help us make this school year the best yet—see you at the AGM!** ✨



Don't forget to bring a water bottle daily!
Our water fountains have been converted to water bottle filling stations only. If you have unused water bottles at home, we will gladly accept them for thirsty students who forgot their water bottle.

ÉCOLE ARTHUR PECHEY
PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

WHO: All students are invited to participate!

WHAT: Carve a pumpkin at home and showcase your creativity. All entries must be school-appropriate.

WHEN: Pumpkin Drop-Off: Friday, October 30th

WHERE: Bring your pumpkin to the school and place it on the tables inside the front doors.

HOW:

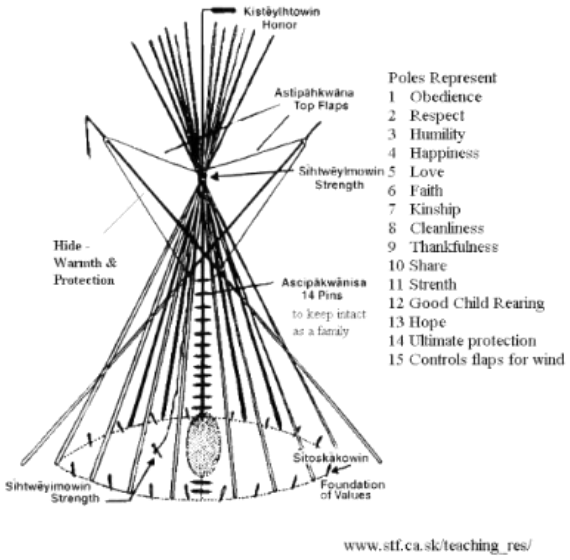
1. Carve your pumpkin at home.
2. Make sure your design is school-appropriate.
3. Label the bottom of your pumpkin with:
    - Your child's name and classroom
4. Drop off your pumpkin between 8:00–8:50 a.m.
5. Each pumpkin will receive a random number for judging.

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded!

WHO JUDGES? The entire student population will vote for their favourite pumpkins!

IMPORTANT: Pumpkins must be picked up at the end of the school day. Any pumpkins left after 3:20 p.m. will be discarded.

Tipi Teachings – A Character and Values Education Program



In September, we introduced the Tipi Teachings, the Character and Values Education program that guides our work in helping students develop not only their academic potential, but also their human potential. Through the 15 teachings that hold up the tipi, students learn values that foster empathy, courage, kindness, intercultural understanding, and mutual respect. Every two weeks, our school community focuses on a new teaching, providing opportunities for students to reflect on and practice these important values in their daily lives.

Obedience

From September 29 to October 12, our focus is **Obedience**. Within the Tipi Teachings, obedience encourages us to appreciate the knowledge and wisdom of parents, guardians, family members, Elders, and teachers. Obedience is not simply about following rules; it is about recognizing that the guidance we receive from those who care for us helps keep us safe, supports our growth, and contributes to our success.

Families can reinforce this teaching at home by discussing questions such as:

- What might happen if we choose not to follow important rules?
- What makes someone wise, and what advice have we received from a grandparent, Elder, or trusted adult?
- Why does our family have rules, and how do those rules help us?

Students can also practice obedience by learning and following important safety rules, such as creating and practicing a family fire safety plan.

Respect

Beginning October 13, we will shift our focus to **Respect**, one of the foundational values within the Tipi Teachings. Respect is demonstrated through the way we think about and treat ourselves, others, and the world around us. We show respect through kindness, inclusion, responsibility, and consideration for the feelings and experiences of others.

At school, students will explore what respect looks like in their interactions with classmates, staff, family members, Elders, and community members. Families can support this learning by encouraging children to:

- Include others during play and be mindful of their feelings.
- Take responsibility at home by helping with chores and family responsibilities.
- Show kindness and helpfulness toward Elders and seniors in their community.
- Demonstrate respect for the land by helping care for the environment.

The Tipi Teachings remind us that strong communities are built through the actions we take every day. By working together at school and at home, we help our children develop the character, values, and relationships that will support them throughout their lives. Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we continue this important journey of learning and growth together.

School Activity Fees

If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees, please do so using schoolcash online payment option, or you may pay in person at the office with cash, cheque, or debit. Kindergarten students pay $12.50, and students in Grades 1-8 pay an annual fee of $25.00. This money is used to cover a wide range of expenses, such as guest presentations, curricular bus trips, and extra consumable items used each year to support your child's classroom. It is sometimes necessary to charge an additional nominal fee to cover extra field trips or special project costs. We will try to minimize extra costs as much as possible.

Feeding the Light Wolf at École Arthur Pechey Public School

At École Arthur Pechey Public School, we are always looking for meaningful ways to support the growth and development of our students not just academically, but also in character and wellness. This school year, we are proud to continue building on a powerful Indigenous teaching that will guide our behaviour coaching and self-reflection practices: The Legend of the Two Wolves.

This story was first shared with our teaching staff by Cree-Métis Elder Bente Huntley from Muskoday First Nation during one of our Professional Learning Community (PLC) Days. Elder Bente generously offered this teaching as a way to help us reflect on our own inner balance and how we support our students in their daily decision-making. Her presence, wisdom, and guidance deeply resonated with us, and we knew it was a teaching we wanted to carry forward in our school community.

The traditional story, shared in many Indigenous cultures, tells of two wolves that live inside each of us. One wolf represents anger, jealousy, greed, and resentment. The other represents love, kindness, humility, and respect. These two wolves are always in conflict, but the one that wins is the one we choose to feed.

Rooted in Indigenous Worldview, this story is now becoming a foundational part of how we support students in making positive choices, growing in character, and learning to navigate their emotions in healthy and respectful ways. It also connects meaningfully with our ongoing commitment to Following Their Voices, an initiative that uplifts Indigenous perspectives and honours students' lived experiences in their learning journeys.

Throughout the school, students and staff will engage with this teaching regularly, using it as a reflection tool to:

- Recognize their emotions and behaviours
- Reflect on the impact of their choices
- Learn from their experiences
- Grow into caring, respectful, and responsible individuals

We are honoured to carry forward the wisdom shared with us by Elder Bente Huntley, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to her and to all Indigenous Knowledge Keepers who continue to guide and support our learning. We also invite you, our families and caregivers, to reflect on this story at home and to join us in feeding the white wolf, together.

Thank you / Merci
The École Arthur Pechey Staff Team
Watch here:



Bylaw Update



Please be advised that there have been changes made to the Traffic Bylaw, which now prohibits U-turns in school zones. To improve the safety of our children, the City of Prince Albert has added this safety measure. There is a $150 fine for violating this restriction.

Electronics and Cell Phones

We have updated our policy regarding cell phones in schools and will no longer be allowing student use of cell phones at school, other than in special circumstances with teacher permission. We understand that you may want your child to carry a cell phone for safety reasons; however, there is no need to have the phone on at school as we have school phones. Therefore, if a cell phone is brought to school, it MUST be powered off and stored in a safe place between 8:50 and 3:10. If a student is repeatedly asked to put the item away or continues to use it during school hours, parents will be contacted to come and pick it up. Students are advised not to bring any electronics to school, as we are not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

Help Keep Our Students Safe: Drop-Off Reminders

For the safety of all students, we kindly ask families *not* to use the staff parking lot for drop-offs and pick-ups. This area is busy with staff and is not designed for student foot traffic.

The *best places* to drop off your child are:

- **On 26th Street West (west side of the school)** – Students can walk directly to the playground through the fence in the daycare.
- **On 4th Avenue West (east side of the school)** – A paved path between the shed and the gym leads students safely to the playground.

Staff supervisors are present on the playground from **8:35 to 8:50 a.m.** If you arrive after 8:50, please drop your child off at the **main doors**, ring the doorbell, and one of our welcoming staff will ensure they're signed in and safely on their way.

Thank you for keeping our students safe!

Busing Zones



Our bus zone is on 28th Street, and there is a 15-minute loading zone as well as a section for two-hour parking on 26th Street West. We ask you to be aware of the parking signage when dropping off, picking up, or parking to enter the school. As always, we would like to remind you that the staff parking lot is not available for drop off or pick up of students.

Important Information about Busing



Registering your child for busing is necessary, but not every year. Please only re-register if the student's information has changed. This may include a change of school, address or contact information.

Registering online is quick and easy. However, it may take several days to arrange their busing. The direct link to register is https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php. Once you click on our link, look for this box towards the bottom of the page, and choose "Transportation Requests". You may find our links for the daily bus report and city bus maps handy as well. If you are unsure whether or not you have previously registered, or if you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 306-763-2323.

AP Eagle School Clothing



Are you interested in purchasing Arthur Pechey Eagle clothing for you or your student? Visit the link below:

https://ecolearthurpecheypublicschool.entripyshops.com/

Communication is Key

Arthur Pechey will use Edsby and email to send important information to families. Please make sure the school has your correct email address. You should have already received an email message from the school inviting you to Edsby. If you haven't, please contact the school to learn more.

Registration for School Cash Online is now available!

Please visit www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ **for instructions.**

Benefits to Registering Todayfor SchoolCash Online

A new approach to paying for your child's school items and activity fees. No matter what your child's schoolexperience is, ensure that your school-to-home communication is not disrupted.

Create an account today and pay the fees using the SchoolCash Online contactless solution.

Key Benefits:

- Receive email notifications of new fees or items available for purchase.
- Check your account history and view and print receipts.
- Pay for school fees anytime, anywhere, with a simple click, using the contactless solution.
- Keep track of your child's school items and activity fees and manage all students in your household from onelocation

PAGC YES PROGRAM
(Prince Albert Grand Council)

AGES 11-18 (Must be Treaty Status with Number) | Tuesday-Saturday

WHAT WE OFFER

LAND BASED
- Fishing, Harvesting

CULTURE
- Sweat Ceremony, Pipe Ceremonies, Feast

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- Basketball, Volleyball, Archery, etc.)

LIFE SKILLS
- Cooking & Budgeting

MENTAL HEALTH
- Wellness Support

BOYS/GIRLS TALK
- Mentorship

MUSIC
- Instruments & Creativity

SELF REGULATION
- Mindfulness

PROGRAM RUN TIMES:

Tuesday-Friday 4pm-8pm | Saturday 11am-7pm

Transportation & Meals are Provided.
AND 1 Camp per Season!

CALL MATHEW LAROCQUE (306) 981-5100 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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FALL FAMILY FUN DAY

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