École Arthur Pechey Public School Newsletter



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September 2026



Monday Lundi	Tuesday Mardi	Wednesday Mercredi	Thursday Jeudi	Friday Vendredi
	1	2 First Day of School	3	4
7 Labor Day No classes	8	9 Clan Shirt Day	10 SCC Information Meeting 6:00 PM	11 "Who Am I?" T-Shirt Spirit Day
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21 Co-op Gift Card fundraiser begins!	22	23 Clan Shirt Day	24	25 Terry Fox Run – 2:00pm
28 Co-op Gift Card fundraisers forms, and money due	29	30 Orange Shirt Day		

Truth and Reconciliation Week

Things happening this month:

September 11- "Who I am" T-shirt Day; wear a shirt that represents YOU! (a favorite hobby, band, sport, team, cultural design, or even a shirt you decorate with words/pictures about yourself.

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day- We invite you to wear an orange shirt and a ribbon skirt/shirt if you wish. We will honour the day as a community.

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 9th – PLC Day -No School

October 12- Thanksgiving – No School

October 14th- Picture Day

Dear Arthur Pechey Families,



Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We hope you've enjoyed a wonderful summer and are feeling ready for the routines, relationships, learning, and excitement that make a new school year so special.

At Arthur Pechey, our vision guides all that we do:

Through powerful learning opportunities and a culture of belonging, all students will have real choice for their future.

We believe every student deserves to feel seen, heard, valued, and supported while discovering their strengths and imagining what is possible for their future. This year, our school-wide focus on Mental Health and Well-Being will further strengthen our work to build resilience, meaningful relationships, and the social-emotional skills students need to navigate both school and life.

We are proud of the diversity within our Arthur Pechey community. Our students and families bring many cultures, languages, identities, and lived experiences to our school, and we believe these differences make us stronger. As educators in Treaty 6 Territory, Indigenous perspectives, histories, cultures, and ways of knowing are an important part of our school community and our responsibility. We are committed to creating meaningful opportunities for students to learn about and learn from Indigenous perspectives as we continue building a school where everyone belongs.

Staying Connected

Communication and partnership with families are important to us. We share information through **Edsby** (River of News and email), as well as our **Facebook (École Arthur Pechey Public School)** and **Instagram (arthur_pechey_school)** accounts. Edsby also provides families with access to important information such as attendance, gradebooks, and communication with teachers.

We encourage you to follow along and stay connected throughout the year. Our social media accounts are also a great way to see some of the learning, celebrations, and activities happening at Arthur Pechey!

School Community Council Information Night

Our School Community Council plays an important role in making Arthur Pechey a vibrant and connected school community. Join us for a brief **SCC Information Night on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.** to learn more, share ideas, and discover ways to be involved.

Every level of involvement is valued and appreciated - and as a thank you for coming to learn more, each family who attends will receive a $10 canteen card for their child.

We know that your children are your everything, and we are honoured to spend this school year with them. We will work hard to ensure that every child feels a strong sense of belonging, experiences meaningful and powerful learning, and is supported to grow with confidence.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Arthur Pechey community. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together to make 2026–2027 a wonderful year of learning, connection, and possibility.

Warmly,

Brandi Sparboe & Chris Kelly
Principal & Vice Principal
École Arthur Pechey Public School



🎉 Our Co-op Gift Card Fundraiser Is Back!

Look What We've Accomplished—Together! 💙

Last year, our school community came together through our Co-op gift card fundraiser and other fundraising efforts to help make a new playground dream a reality. **And we did it!**

Thanks to the incredible support of our families and community, combined with a successful application to the **Government of Saskatchewan's Playground Enhancement Grant**, École Arthur Pechey

and our SCC have been able to invest **more than $112,000 in a brand-new piece of playground equipment!** 🎉

The new equipment will be located in our **K–4 playground**, giving our younger students an exciting new space to play, explore and connect.



But our work isn't quite finished! While we were also able to add **two new picnic tables to the Grade 5–8 playground**, we want to continue building an amazing outdoor space for our older students. Our next goal is to raise **$50,000 toward an additional piece of playground equipment for Grades 5–8.**

That's where our Co-op Gift Card Fundraiser comes in!

September 21–28, our SCC is bringing back our Co-op gift card fundraiser—and we're hoping to make it another huge success!

Co-op gift cards can be used **anywhere in Canada** for everyday purchases like groceries, gas and liquor. That means you can support our school simply by purchasing gift cards for things you're already going to buy!

🌟 **Student Bonus:** Sell $1,000 in gift cards and earn a **$10 canteen gift card!**

🍕 **Class Challenge:** The top-selling homeroom in **K–4** and the top-selling homeroom in **5–8** will each win a **pizza party!**

🗓️ **Orders and payment are due Monday, September 28.**

Last year, you showed us just how much we can accomplish when our school community works together. **Let's keep that momentum going!**

Every gift card brings us one step closer to our next **$50,000 goal** - and another amazing place for our students to play, connect and belong.

Thank you for continuing to invest in our kids and in our school! 💙

Allergy Aware: Reduce the Risk

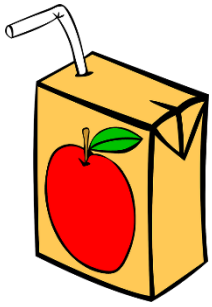
There are children in our school with severe life-threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis) to nuts and peanuts. This medical condition can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we ask that any foods you send to school with your child be free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

Canteen Menu

Available from 12:25 to 12:45
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.



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

Kindergarten Registration and Prekindergarten Applications for the 2026/2027 School Year

We continue to accept registration applications for both the English and French Immersion Kindergarten classes and the Prekindergarten classes. Please contact us at 306-922-9229 for further information or register online at ap.srsd119.ca.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Orange Shirt Day – September 30

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September 30 marks the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, a day to honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, the Survivors, their families, and their communities. It is an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect on the lasting impacts of residential schools and to further the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

École Arthur Pechey Public School invites all students and staff to wear an **orange shirt, ribbon skirt, or ribbon shirt** on **September 30** in recognition of Orange Shirt Day. Throughout the week, students will participate in age-appropriate learning activities that promote awareness of the history and legacy of residential schools, while fostering understanding, respect, and reconciliation.

We encourage families to learn more about Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by visiting **www.orangeshirtday.org**.

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:



Tipi Teachings – A Character and Values Education Program

At École Arthur Pechey Public School, we believe that schools have the opportunity and the responsibility to *"build student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect,"* (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Call to Action 63.3). We believe that the role of the school is not only to help students reach their academic potential, but also their human potential. The Tipi Teachings is the Character and Values Education program we use, as a school, to help build student capacity.

The Tipi Teachings model that we follow includes 15 teachings, including one value for each of the 13 poles. In all, 15 teachings hold up the tipi. Over the course of the school year, we focus on a new teaching every two weeks. These teachings include values such as Respect, Humility, Happiness, Thankfulness, Sharing, Strength, and Hope; values that are common to all of us. Every day, infused into their classes, students can reflect on, discuss, and actively engaging in the current teaching or value.

Over the course of the year, we use the Tipi Teachings model to teach our students about empathy, courage, and kindness; about how to develop successful friendships and establish positive lifelong relationships based on intercultural understanding and mutual respect. Through the teachings, the students are taught to care for and respect themselves, their families and peers, and their community. Together we are creating a place of hope, optimism, and gratitude in which everyone who walks in our building feels a genuine sense of belonging (Kevin Lamoureux).

Over the course of the year please check out our social media posts to see which teaching we are currently focused on throughout the school. If you have any questions, you want to know more, or if want to get involved in our efforts to provide authentic learning experiences for our students, please don't hesitate to reach out to the staff for more information. Our relationship and partnership with you, our school community, is integral to our continued success in providing the best possible education for our children.

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.



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.

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.

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!

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 Information Night ✨

🗓️ **When:** Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 PM
⏱️ A quick 30-minute meeting
🍕 Pizza provided
👶 Babysitting available—no need to worry!
🎁 Canteen Gift Card for every family who attends
💡 **Why Get Involved?**

- **Make a Difference**: Help guide important decisions that impact 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. Please stay tuned for more information about our **AGM in October**.

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

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/

Fall Sports

Cross-Country Running runs from Sept. 8 - Oct. 2. This is open to students in grades 4-8. Practices are at noon. There will be 2-3 races in September, and a city championship in early October. Contact Mrs. Bonin if you have any questions.

Volleyball runs from Sept. 8 - Nov. 6 for grades 6-8. We will have some after-school practices to start the season and then move to morning or noon-hour practices during the regular season. There will be 5 weeks of league play, followed by the championship tournament in early November.

Grade 5's will have the opportunity to play 4 on 4 volleyball on smaller courts. They will start in the middle of September and will have some after-school games later in October.

For more information during the sporting seasons, contact Mr. Strom on Edsby, and visit the P4A website **https://sites.google.com/a/students.srsd119.ca/p4a**

Terry Fox Run – Twonies for Terry



Celebrating 46 Years of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope!
In 1980, Terry Fox set out on his incredible **Marathon of Hope**, running across Canada to raise money for cancer research. His courage, determination, and dream continue to inspire Canadians 46 years later!

We invite **all families to join us for our school Terry Fox Run On September 25th at 2:00 pm!** Come walk, run, and show your support as we continue Terry's legacy and work together to make a difference.
Together, we can keep Terry's dream moving forward!

If you would like to donate to our school fundraiser in September, we are asking each student to bring a Twonie for Terry!

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


Conservation
LEARNING CENTRE
FIFTH ANNUAL
FALL FAMILY FUN DAY
PUMPKINS, PIES, AND PLAY
FOOD TRUCKS
CORN MAZE
PETTING ZOO
STORYWALK®
LOCAL VENDORS
WAGON RIDES
AND MORE!
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3
12PM TO 4PM
18KM SOUTH OF PA ON HWY 2
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