School Hours
Welcoming Bell 8:50 a.m.
Classes Begin 8:55 a.m.
8:55 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

École Arthur Pechey Public School

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December 2019



24 HOUR ATTENDANCE NUMBER: 1-833-309-1241 PLEASE REPORT ALL ABSENCES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Character Day Snow White-large gym Mad Hatter Theatre Co.	3 Afternoon Library Puppet Show: All Grades 1 & 2 and French Grade 3	4 Afternoon Library Puppet Show: Kindergartens	EA Rawlinson Centre 10:00-11:15	Choir: City Hall 12:00-1:30
9	10	11	family 6:00-7:30 Crazy Hair Day	Give a Little Life Choir Concert: 7:00-8:15
16 Band Concert: 7:00-8:15 Twin Day	17 Red and Green Day	18 Holiday Spirit Day 3:25 – 4:25	Family Movie Night: Movie m 5:30-7:00 Christmas Sweater Day	PJ Day
23	24	25	26	27
		NO SCHOOL		
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Please take note of our toll-free telephone number, 1-833-309-1241, to inform the school of a student absence.

School Messenger Communication

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to use Remind as a way of communicating with the AP school community as a whole group. We will use the School Messenger notification service to send important information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages. You should have already received email messages from the school. If you haven't, please contact the school to learn more. To receive important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more by text message, please send a text message with the message "Y" or "Yes" to 978338. Please note that message and data rates may apply.

School News

Phys Ed News - Mr. Kalika

Intramurals will begin this month with a BUMP basketball tournament!

The basketball season is starting up for grade 6-7 and 7-8 boys' and girls' teams at the beginning of December. Coaches will send home game/ practice schedules with the athletes. You may also find all game schedules on the P4A website: HYPERLINK https://sites.google.com/a/students.srsd119.ca/p4a/ under the basketball tab on the main page. Grade 5 basketball will start in January.

Coaches:

Grade 5: Mme. Best and Mme. Bilodeau Grade 6 Boys: Ms. Mercredi Grade 6/7/8: Girls: Mme. Villeneuve Grade 8 Boys: Mme. S. Meyers

Grade 7 Boys: Mr. Kalika

Thank you to all the coaches! Let's have a great year Eagles!

New School Jerseys! Students will be able to purchase their own jersey for \$25. The jersey will be theirs to keep, and they will be able to wear them for all school sports team games! If students prefer not to buy their own, jerseys will still be available to borrow for games. There are boys and girls styles in multiple sizes available. Jersey numbers are preset and cannot be chosen. Jerseys are navy blue and dry wicking. Team coaches will provide students with more information.

AP Students in grades 5-8 will begin skating and shoveling during their outdoor PE periods. A special thank you goes out to West Hill Rink for allowing us to use their facility. Students, please dress warm for the weather as we will be skating/shoveling within our community and may be outdoors! What a great way for our students to give back to our community by shoveling driveways!

Allergen 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. More information about anaphylaxis is available at the school. Please contact us. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Supervision

Our school provides supervision 8:35am-3:25pm. If your child requires supervision or child care outside of these hours, please make the appropriate arrangements. For information on our Before and After School Program, please contact Shawna Sinclair at (306) 981-2355.

Exciting News! We have created a school SARCAN Drop & Go Group Account making recycling drop off so easy. Feel free to donate your household recycling using the Drop and Go group phrase **APPS** in the touch screen terminal at the SARCAN depot. All funds will be sent to the school by cheque, and will be used to help with transportation for a variety of school events throughout the year. Thank you so much your continued support!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night is Thursday, December 12th 6:00-7:30 p.m.

There will be indoor and outdoor activities!

Sleigh rides, caroling, craft, bingo, family pictures and much more!

*Silver collection for family pictures to help offset the cost of printing pictures.

Hope to see your family there!



BUS UNLOADING ZONES

We are very fortunate to have increased bus service for Arthur Pechey students this year. We need your help! Please do not park in the bus unloading zone directly in front of the school. This unloading zone between the two signs must remain clear of cars as there are at least four buses needing to park. As well, the **staff parking lot is not a pick-up or drop-off point**. Thank you in advance for reviewing with your child how and where to use the marked crosswalks on 26th Street and 4th Avenue and for helping to keep our children safe!



<u>Silver for Gold</u> was created with the hope of impacting families across Saskatchewan. We collect pop tabs and donate 100% of the money to Childhood Cancer Research and Awareness directly supporting <u>Small But Mighty SK</u> from <u>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</u>. Please save your tabs. If you have any questions, please contact Mme Shelley Mitchell. She is the representative for Prince Albert and area and will pick up your tabs.

School Goal News:

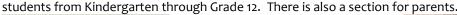
The wall is getting bigger! Classes have been working hard to get as many of their bricks up on our foundation wall. We had an Estimation Extravaganza the last week of November and are looking forward to the Twelve Days of Christmath coming up in December. Great work so far team!

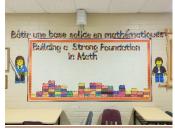
Myth: Math belongs in the classroom. I can't help my child learn math at home.

Fact: Teachers and parents play different roles in helping children learn math. Both roles are equally important. Your child's teacher is trained to teach the math curriculum. Your role is to support your child in learning math, and to encourage his/her curiosity and interest about math. A key way you can do this is through everyday activities that involve math.

The booklet, <u>Doing Mathematics with Your Child</u>, <u>Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide</u>, includes tips and activities that you can use at home to extend math learning beyond the classroom. All activities are organized by grade and curriculum strand from Kindergarten to Grade 6. (http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf)

The website mathies, www.mathies.ca, hosts a wealth of interactive resources including games, learning tools, and activities for









French Immersion News:

The Grade 2 and 4 students had the opportunity to see a French movie at the Public Library. The French Society of Prince Albert (SCFPA) regularly show French movies at the Public Library. They invited our students to go watch "Le coq de St-Victor" (The Rooster of St-Victor). It was a very funny movie and felt just like being in a movie theatre. What a treat!

Our school hosted the Association Jeunesse Fransaskois Dép'Art, an art workshop geared towards 12-18 year olds. Six students participated in a day of Art workshops in French in improv, visual arts and music. They enjoyed their day and learned some new techniques at the same time.



UPCOMING BAND AND CHOIR PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS

There are a few important upcoming dates for our band and choir students. Each child plays an important role in the band and choir. If your child is unable to make any of these performance dates, please email Mrs. Acorn at sacorn@srsd119.ca, or call the school (306)922-9229 as soon as possible. Students are asked to wear black pants/skirt and a white shirt for all performances. Students will be provided with a blue Arthur Pechey Music sweater to wear overtop of the white shirt. Please have your child at the performances half an hour before the scheduled start times. We are hoping to see you and your friends/family in the audience!

- Friday, December 6th, 12:00-12:30pm Christmas at City Hall
 - <u>CHOIR</u> students will bus to City Hall to Christmas Carol over the noon hour. Students will eat lunch prior to going. If you or anyone you know would like to come listen, lunch is available for you to purchase while you take in the sounds of the season!
- Monday, December 9th, 7:00-7:30pm St. Alban's Anglican Cathedral (1410 Bishop MacLean Crescent)

 CHOIR members from Arthur Pechey, Vickers, Carlton, and Prince Albert Concert Choir will meet for a quick rehearsal of our finale for the December 13th "Give a Little Life...Give a Little Song" fundraiser concert. Parents are welcome to stay and watch, or just drop off their child. However, please come in the church at 7:30 to pick them up.
- Friday, December 13th, 7:00-8:15pm St. Alban's Anglican Cathedral (1410 Bishop MacLean Crescent)

 "Give a Little Life...Give a Little Song". This is our 3rd annual fundraiser concert for the Victoria Hospital
 Foundation. Our CHOIR will be performing a couple of selections alone, and then we will be joined by the Vickers
 School Choir, Carlton Comprehensive High School Choir, and the Prince Albert Concert Choir. This is a wonderful
 opportunity for our students to use their talents to give back to our community. We hope you can join us.
 Students will need to bring a lunch to school this day, as we are going to be bussed to the Cathedral during the
 school day to rehearse and do some recording. Students will be back at the school by 2:30pm.
 Parents/Guardians will need to arrange their own transportation to the Cathedral for the evening concert.
- Monday, December 16th, 7:00-8:15pm Arthur Pechey Band and Choir Concert

This concert will take place in the Arthur Pechey School Gym, and will showcase all of our grade 4-8 <u>CHOIR</u> students, as well as all of our grades 5-8 <u>BAND</u> students. There are only two evening band concerts per school year; this one in December, and the Saskatchewan Rivers Massed Band concert in May. Please try to arrange your schedule in order for your child to attend.

BAND FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

We will be selling raffle tickets for gift baskets at our Band and Choir concert on Monday, December 16th. All proceeds will go toward offsetting the cost of the spring grade 5-8 band trips. We are asking for donations of raffle items. If you know of businesses that may be willing to donate items, or if you have any new items at home or could purchase something suitable as part of a gift basket, please hand them in to Mrs. Acorn no later than Wednesday, December 11th. This way, the baskets will be ready in time for the concert. Some ideas for raffle items include: gift cards of any kind, homemade baking, movie themed items [popcorn, snacks, movies, etc.], personal pampering items [bath items, nail polish, etc.], candy/chocolates, toys, books, home decorations, art items [markers, crayons, glue, stickers, craft supplies, etc.], sports items [balls, skipping rope, ball cap, etc.], family game night theme, kitchen theme, tool theme. All donations are welcome. It would be great if each band family could make one donation. If you are interested in helping prepare the baskets, please contact Mrs. Acorn by email at sacorn@srsd119.ca, or phone the school (306)922-9229. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Acorn

STEAM/Makerspace News:

Thank you to everyone who has been donating materials for us to use to build things. We are always in need and always ready to accept donations of any kind. If you think we can create something out of it, send it! Thank you also to families who have donated games and building toys to add to our STEAM and Makerspace areas in the library.

ARCTIC ADVENTURE: Snow Much to Read!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was an **ENORMOUS, STUPENDOUS, UNBELIEVABLE** success! Thanks to the incredible support of our Arthur Pechey Eagles and their families, as well as our super staff, we have experienced our **BEST BOOK FAIR EVER!** With sales of more than \$4200, we have been elevated by Scholastic to the **"Premium Book Fair"** for next yea, and we receive \$2400 in free books for our library. Thank you for all your support!



Mrs. Isbister and Mrs. Semchuk



Student Expectations

As a school, we would like to remind our students and parents that there are no food or drinks allowed on the playground. In addition, only water is allowed as a beverage in the classrooms outside of lunch time. An additional reminder is that cellphones are to be kept in the students lockers unless given permission by their teacher and they are going to be used for an educational purpose. Thank you for discussing these rules with your child.

Lunch Hour

URGENT! Your child's safety and well-being is important to us. Please carefully read the lunch hour letter that was sent home with your child. We must have confirmation from parents/guardians if your child will be going home for lunch.

Canteen Menu

Available at the school from 11:55 to 12:10 daily

Prices and availability are subject to change without notice

Pizza: Pepperoni & Cheese	\$2.50/slice
Corn dogs	\$1.50
Pizza Pops: Pepperoni and cheese	\$2.00
Breadsticks & cheese, granola bars & Fruit to Go	.50 ¢
Crispers/Pretzels	\$1.50
Flavored water	\$1.50
Juice boxes	\$1.00
Desserts: rice crispy square, wagon wheel, pudding (choco (peaches & oranges), applesauce, frozen yogurt tubes	

**SENDING A NOTE WITH YOUNGER KIDS IS ALWAYS HELPFUL!







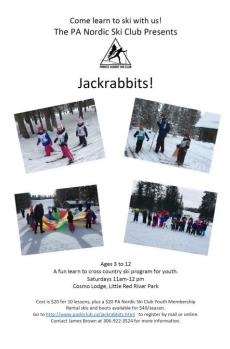


Community News















Prince Albert Early Years Family Resource Centre - Renovations have started!!

Do you have children 0-5 years in your family? Would you like to connect with other families in a fun, family oriented, free setting? Prince Albert is joining a network of 10 other communities that will be opening Early Years Family Resource Centres in February, 2020.

We are so excited to announce that the location for the Prince Albert Early Years Family Resource Centre will be the <u>Gateway Mall</u>. Renovations are underway with the expected opening date of mid-February, 2020. We are developing a website and FB page so that families and the community can keep up to date on activities and programming that will be offered at the Centre. Thanks to the many community partners that have offered to partner with us to offer programming out of the Centre.

We will be visiting many parent groups in January-February, 2020 to get feedback on programming and services that you would like to see offered out of the Prince Albert Early Years Family Resource Centre. Please contact wdmelchert@shaw.ca if your parent group/SCC would like to be included in the schedule of visits.

We hope to provide you with the actual opening date in our next update in January 2020.