

École Arthur Pechey

Public School



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Mrs. Brandi Sparboe

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Mrs. Sherry Gunville

Welcome to École Arthur Pechey Public School!

Our school opened in September, 1960. Since then, through many changes and much growth, we have developed a reputation for being a first-rate school with passionate and dedicated educators; high-quality, relevant programming; as well as rich and engaging educational and extra-curricular opportunities. This reputation is enhanced by a community of supportive parents and caregivers. What a combination!

Our entire staff is proud of this tradition and is committed to maintaining and continually enhancing this reputation. We fully support our motto that “Every Child Matters” and we also support the extensive research telling us that nothing does more to support student success in school than family engagement. We want you to know that we want every single parent and caregiver to understand that they are a key part of our team. Students, families, staff, we are all a part of the École Arthur Pechey Public School community.

We are looking forward to learning and working with you each of you to make 2018-2019 the best year yet at École Arthur Pechey Public School!

École Arthur Pechey Public School Staff

General Information

École Arthur Pechey Public School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 public elementary school. We have a population of approximately 400 students. We are a dual track school meaning that we have students following either an English or a French Immersion program.

The school facilities consist of the following: Twenty-two classrooms, the Music/Band room, a Student Support Services room, a large library space including a Makerspace area, a small and large gymnasium with a stage, and a rotunda. We believe in providing students with access to technology to enhance their educational programs; students have access to laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, as well as SmartBoards and Sound Field Systems in each classroom.

In addition to providing a quality education, École Arthur Pechey Public School provides many opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular activities. Students may choose to participate in sports teams such as Cross-Country Running, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, and Track and Field. Other opportunities to get involved include, but are not limited to, the Student Leadership Council, Chess and Checkers, Knitting/Crocheting Club and Kids Club. Our Grade 4 students take on the role of Safety Patrollers each year and our Grade 5 students act as PeaceKeepers, providing additional guidance and support for our younger students over the lunch hour and at recess.

Bell Schedule

8:50	Welcome Bell
8:55	Homeroom - Tipi Teachings: Values and Character Education
9:15	Period 1
10:05	Period 2
10:55	Recess
11:05	Period 3
11:55	Lunch in Classrooms
12:15	Noon Recess
12:30	Period 4
1:20	Period 5
2:10	Recess
2:20	Period 6
3:10	Dismissal

Before & After School Program

A Before & After School Program is offered at École Arthur Pechey Public School. APBASP has both full-time and part-time spots for students in **Kindergarten to Grade 6**.

The Program provides a safe, caring and welcoming environment for children before and after school. Children will participate in outdoor play, crafts, active games, board games and free play.

The Before and After School program runs on-site at École Arthur Pechey School, Monday-Friday. Morning drop-off is no earlier than 7:00 am, and afternoon pickup is no later than 6:00 pm.

For more information or to register you can email apbasp@outlook.com or contact one of the board members listed below:

APBASP Board of Directors

President: Shawna Sinclair – (306) 981-2355, ssinclair@srsd119.ca

Treasurer: Jacy Gitzel - (306) 747-5533, jacy_gitzel@outlook.com

Registration forms and additional information are also available in the main office.

Staff List

Mrs. B. Sparboe	Principal
Mrs. S. Gunville	Vice Principal
Mrs. S. Kaponyas	Secretary
Mrs. C. Urbaniak	Secretary
Mrs. C. Schneider	Secretary
Mrs. M. Zulkoskey	Kindergarten
Mme A. Beaubien	French Immersion Kindergarten
Mrs. K. Conarro	Grade 1
Mme L. Clifford	French Immersion Grade 1
Mrs. A. Shillington	Grade 2
Mrs. J. Henry	Grade 2
Mme K. Dupuis	French Immersion Grade 2
Mme S. Mitchell	French Immersion Grade 2
Mrs. J. Seitsonen	Grade 3
Mme S. Meyers	French Immersion Grade 3
Mrs. C. Guenter	Grade 4
Mrs. L. Tash	Grade 4
Mme C. Fetch	French Immersion Grade 4
Mrs. A. Kerley	Grade 5
Mme B. Best	French Immersion Grade 5
Mrs. L. Primeau	Grade 6
Mme A. Szeszorak	French Immersion Grade 6
Miss A. Adams	Grade 7
Ms. C. Mercredi	Grade 7
Mme D. Krohn	French Immersion Grade 7
Mrs. D. Poulin	Grade 8
Mme J. Meyers	French Immersion Grade 8
Mr. M. Kalika	Phys. Ed.
Mrs. S. Acorn	Band/Music
Mrs. A. Rutz	Music
Mrs. A. Banman	EAL Teacher
Mrs. K. Sinoski	Student Support Services
Mme N. Villeneuve	French Immersion Student Support Services
Mme J. Meyers	Dreamcatcher Coach/French Immersion P.E./ Makerspace Teacher
Mrs. L. Isbister	Library Technician
Mrs. J. Semchuk	Library Technician
Miss A. Peterson	School Social Worker
Mrs. A. Woodcock	School Social Worker
Mr. H. Boyer	E.A.
Mrs. C. Cochet	E.A.
Mrst. Cooper	E.A.
Ms. B. Furber	E.A.
Mrs. C. Gallegos	E.A.
Ms. J. Hyslop	E.A.
Mrs. L. Howden	E.A.
Mrs. D. Locke	E.A.
Mrs. D. Kowalski	E.A.
Mme G. Neudorf	E.A.
Mrs. A. Praud	E.A.
Mr. E. Swalm	E.A.
Mr. B. Pearse	Caretaker
Mrs. V. Sauer	Caretaker

Activity Fees

Kindergarten students pay \$10 and students in Grades 1-8 pay an annual fee of \$20.00. This money is used to cover a wide range of expenses such as outdoor education, field trips, and extra items necessary 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.

Allergies: Nuts, Fish, and Scents

We have students and staff in our school with severe life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) to fish, nuts, peanuts and products containing nuts or peanuts. Exposure to even a tiny amount, such as peanut butter on the hands of someone who then touches a doorknob, computer, water faucet, water fountain or other article that is then touched by an individual severely allergic to fish or nuts, could be enough to cause a severe reaction.

The school has established emergency plans for the students. Part of this plan is to establish a safe environment for all. Therefore, we ask parent, students, and staff to avoid including fish, nuts, peanuts and products containing nuts or peanuts in lunches or snacks to the school.

Assemblies

Assembly presentations provide a special opportunity for our school community. The school will arrange assemblies throughout the school year. All assemblies and times will be communicated to our school community via the monthly newsletter, notes home, and/or the school Remind messaging system.

Assemblies allow us to showcase our learning and to celebrate our identity and growth as individuals. Assemblies are connected to learning outcomes and highlight student development in areas such as reading, writing and speaking which are directly linked to the English Language Arts Curriculum. Students also have a chance to perform music, dance and drama which are part of our Arts Education Curriculum. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend as often as possible. Please come!

Attendance & Phone-in Policy

Regular attendance is very important. Please telephone the school, text, email or send a note if their child will be missing classes for the day or a portion thereof. **École Arthur Pechey Public School is now using the SafeArrival absence reporting system. Please use the toll-free number, the website, or the SchoolMessenger mobile app to report your child's absence in advance.**

The toll free number is: 1-833-309-1241. If you have any questions or trouble reporting an absence please call the office.

Our phone number is 306-922-9229 and our attendance email/text is apattendance@srsd119.ca. If your child does not arrive at school, and you have not notified the school through a note or phone call, we will attempt to reach a guardian at home or at work to ensure that your child is safe. This is a time-consuming process for us.

Thank you in advance for notifying us when your child will be late or absent.

Band Program

The École Arthur Pechey Public School Band program begins in Grade 5 with instruction by a specialized Band Teacher, Mrs. Acorn. All students from Grade 5 and 6 take Band classes as part of their music curriculum. Grade 8 students may choose between a Band or Music program. The bands perform throughout the school year at concerts, assemblies and festivals. The school bands traditionally participate in the local Music Festival and depending on finances and ability may choose to undertake certain road trips to other festivals and concerts in other schools. École Arthur Pechey Public School has a long history of a strong band program, encouraging students in the performing arts.

Bikes, Skateboards & Scooters

Students bringing bicycles to school must lock them in the bike racks. Storage cannot be provided inside the school building. Bikes cannot be ridden on the school property between 8:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. on school days. Skateboards and scooters also may not be ridden on school property. Students who deliberately disregard these rules will have the privilege of bringing their bikes, skateboards & scooters to school revoked for a period of time. Thank you to our students for their cooperation.

Bikes without locks must be left at home. **The school does not accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged bikes.**

Bussing

All students need to be registered for school bus transportation. This can be done online at www.srsd119.ca under "Transportation Department".

Students living within either the English or French Arthur Pechey attendance area will be picked up at the bus stop at or near their home. French Immersion students living outside the Arthur Pechey French attendance area will be picked up at or near their homes. English Kindergarten students living within the Arthur Pechey English attendance area will be picked up at or near their homes. For more information or to arrange bussing for your child, please call the Sask Rivers Public School Division, Bus Garage at (306) 763-2323. Please ensure that you know where your child will be picked up and dropped off. A map is available at the school office which also includes approximate pick-up times. If students should miss the bus, parents are responsible to ensure the child gets to school by some other means.

Students will be dropped off and picked up in front of the school. **Please do not park in the bus unloading zone directly in front of the school.** This unloading zone between the signs must remain clear of cars as there are at least four buses needing to park. Please be aware of the bus zones and avoid parking in these areas. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please note: Busing is only provided to those students living in the designated attendance area for our school.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities are a priority at our school. We provide activities aimed primarily at Grade 5 to 8 students. Special events and theme days are organized for students Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Activities are conducted before school, during the noon hour, recess, and after school from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. These opportunities include but aren't limited to sports teams such as Cross-Country Running, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, and Track and Field, Student Leadership Council, Chess and Checkers, and Kids Club. Our Grade 4 students take on the role of Safety Patrollers each year and our Grade 5 students act as PeaceKeepers, providing additional guidance and support for our younger students over the lunch hour and at recess.

We strongly encourage students to become involved in the many rich opportunities that will be available to them.

Fire Drills/Lockdown Drills

Fire drills will be held several times in the fall and again in the spring to familiarize students with this aspect of fire safety. Students are expected to have indoor footwear in the event that a fire drill occurs during inclement weather.

École Arthur Pechey Public School has a process for preparing students for other potential emergencies by doing lockdown drills. This process will be taught to the students ahead of time and practiced throughout the year. Essentially, this is a drill in which the student would be the safest if they remained in their classroom.

Fundraising

The students of École Arthur Pechey Public School – either on a classroom basis or on a school-wide basis – occasionally conduct fundraising activities. The school will only conduct one large scale fundraiser – the annual Walkathon - so that families do not feel that they are constantly fundraising throughout the year. The School Band will also have some fundraising events. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Home-School Communication

Our school has a webpage: <https://ap.srsd119.ca/>. Check it out for copies of our newsletter, information about the school and staff, student links to great learning resources online, and much more.

A detailed newsletter will be sent out near the beginning of each month to inform you of upcoming events, school closures, special activities, etc. It is helpful to keep the newsletter and use it to help plan your month.

Embracing the digital world – and saving paper too! École Arthur Pechey Public will be using School Messenger, an affiliate of our attendance program, Safe Arrival. Email addresses from student registration forms will be used for communication. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the apple Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). We will also be providing the option to receive messages via text messaging.

Please note: We will be making an effort to send home fewer messages with paper, choosing to communicate digitally instead. Without updating your email address or signing up to receive School Messenger SMS messages you risk missing school communication. If you want to get started but aren't sure how, please contact the school for help. It is fast, free, easy, safe, and an excellent way to stay informed about important events at our school.

Homeroom Classes, Band, as well as teams and clubs may also choose to use a digital form of communication with home such as SeeSaw, Class Dojo, or Google Classroom. Please take a minute to sign up if such an opportunity exists. Regular communication between home and school is so important – it can help students to get the most out of their school experience and can make life easier for everyone!

Insurance

All children at École Arthur Pechey Public School are insured on a 24-hour basis on any school day or while taking part in a school sponsored activity and related travel. Accident Insurance information is sent home with all students in the fall of each year.

Lunch Program

All students are welcome to stay for lunch at École Arthur Pechey Public School. With this privilege comes the responsibility to behave in a respectable manner. If students abuse the privilege through lack of cooperation, parents will be contacted and appropriate action will be taken. Ongoing issues with any one student will lead to lunch hour privileges being revoked.

Parents will receive a note at the beginning of the school year on which they will indicate whether students have

permission to leave the school to go home or out for lunch. Please return this note so that noon supervisors are aware of which students leave at lunch and which students stay. Further communication is always possible in the form of an email or note, for example, to indicate that a student will be leaving the school for lunch that day.

Microwaves: Please note, microwaves are **not** available to heat student lunches.

Canteen: We have a canteen available at the school, open from 11:55-12:10, where students can purchase items such as freshly prepared wraps and salads, pizza, pizza pops, corn dogs, crackers, juice, and other snack items. Proceeds from the canteen support the Band Program, the SLC, and the entire school community.

Library

École Arthur Pechey Public School library consists of nearly 15,000 books, magazines, and other related materials which the students are encouraged to make use of in their studies. Teachers may also schedule their classes to visit the library to use the materials available within the Makerspace over the course of the year.

Each class has a scheduled library book exchange period every week. Full replacement cost is charged for any lost or damaged new books. Students who lose library books may lose their borrowing privileges until books are returned or paid for.

With the permission, students are welcome to use the library for additional research or reading before or after school. Several computers and Chromebooks are available in the library. Students will be able to word process, browse several CD-ROM programs for research purposes and surf the Net!

Makerspace

This year École Arthur Pechey Public School continues the process of creating a Makerspace in the school library. A makerspace is a unique learning environment that encourages tinkering, play, and open-ended exploration for all. Why build a Makerspace? Makerspace Educator Brooke Brown answers that question in the following way: "The purpose of a Makerspace is to tap into as many different interests, passions, and strengths in our students as possible. As educators, we are tasked with the most important job in the world...Creating the next generation of problem solvers, innovators, and earth-shakers. In a Makerspace, children have opportunities to discover, assemble, construct, test, and explore using divergent, "outside the box" thinking. Through creative exploration and purposeful play, students become critical thinkers and inventors while collaborating with their peers." Our hope is to create a space where students are inspired and empowered to create and design, to solve problems, to have fun learning!

Physical Education Program

Fitness, fundamentals, and fun are very important aspects of any physical education program. To have fun and become physically fit, total participation is very important. There are certain requirements that should be met by all students. These requirements are that each child has a pair of gym runners with non-marking soles. Students in grades 5-8 also need some type of gym clothing (usually shorts and t-shirt). Kindergarten to Grade 4 students should try to wear suitable clothing on the days of their gym class. Gym wear is extremely important because of our concern for each child's health and safety. It is much easier and safer to move around in gym clothes than in jeans or a dress.

Since physical education is a mandated part of the Saskatchewan Curriculum, it is expected that all students will participate in class unless the teacher has been informed of health problems which will restrict activity.

Public Health Nurse

A health nurse is assigned to École Arthur Pechey Public School. She provides ongoing service to students and information and advice to staff throughout the school year. The public health office is located on the 2nd floor, in the McIntosh Mall (953-2245).

The basic school program consists of:

- § Immunizations

- § Vision and hearing screening

- § Health appraisals and follow-up of health concerns as referred by teachers

Our nurse welcomes parents and students to contact her at the office or school regarding any health concerns.

Report Cards & Parent–Teacher Interviews

Report cards are sent out three times each year. Reporting periods fall within the following three months:

- § November

- § March

- § June

Since it is impossible to communicate fully with parents through a report card, parent – teacher interviews are scheduled after the November and March reporting periods. Parent – teacher interviews are scheduled shortly after report cards are sent home, but are not limited to these times.

School Community Council

Parents are a wonderful asset to any school and have a positive impact on students and performance. An active parent group is one indicator of a successful school, and our parent group is no exception! Our monthly newsletter will inform you of the opportunities at École Arthur Pechey Public School and within the larger school division. Please do not hesitate to call the school (306 922-9229) if you missed some of the information or are interested in becoming more involved. Get involved for your child's sake and for your own. It is fun and rewarding. Give it a try; we'd love to have your input.

School Social Worker

Our School Social Worker is a liaison between the school, the home, and the community. She assists families with concerns regarding their children and helps new students and families to adjust to the new school environment and neighbourhood. She is available for home visits, and can be reached at the school, (306)922-9229.

Staff Parking Lot/Pedestrian Safety

For student safety, we ask parents **NOT** to use the staff parking lot to drop off students. 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!

Telephone/Cell Phone

We have only 3 phone lines at the school. Our phones are often busy. We try to keep a line free for calls from parents, etc. If you get our answering machine, and choose to leave a message, please indicate the date and time so we can get back to you as soon as possible.

Students who do choose to bring a cell phone to school must have it turned off and stored in a safe place, such as their locker. Cell phones are not to be in use or turned on during the school day. If students are found using their cell phone, the phone will be taken and kept in the office until the end of the day. Should this happen a second time the phone will again be kept at the office until the end of the day and the student's parent/guardian will be informed. If a third incident occurs, the parent/guardian will be contacted and the phone will be kept until the parent/guardian is able to come in to pick up the phone.

This Us: Tipi Teachings – Character and Values Education

When we first heard about the character and values education program that Muskoday First Nation Community School had developed, we knew that we wanted to share it with the staff and students of École Arthur Pechey Public School. We knew that teaching character education and developing the moral intelligence of our students would serve several purposes including helping to improve social skills, helping students to develop strong internal control, help to build thinking skills necessary for making positive choices to solve problems, and ultimately build skills to live a positive life-style. We also know and appreciate that this program is culturally relevant to many of our students.

The Tipi Teachings themselves are not a new idea. To the Indigenous peoples, the tipi was much more than simply a shelter. The tipi was a sacred connection with family, nature, and the Creator. The Cree people use 15 poles to make the structure of the tipi. For every pole in that tipi, there is a teaching. It follows that there are 15 teachings that hold up the tipi. Over the course of the school year, we will focus as a school on a new teaching every couple of weeks.

The Tipi Teaching model supports our efforts in addressing bullying and deterring violence within our school community. It is a way to teach our students how to develop successful friendships and establish life-long relationships. Through the teachings, the students are taught to care for and respect each other. It is a strategy for our whole school to develop moral reasoning, etiquette, self-control, and empathy.

At École Arthur Pechey Public School, we have taken the Tipi Teachings in the spirit of those who created this model and used it on a daily basis in order to help establish and maintain a successful character education program; a program that is culturally relevant and meaningful to our students.

Please see our bulletin board by the library for more information about the Tipi Teachings and what we are currently focused on as a school.

Transportation

Any students needing the school bus this fall must be registered. It only takes 2 to 3 minutes and is very easy to do!

Registering your child for busing is necessary, but doesn't have to be done every year. Please only re-register if the student's information (such as school, address or contact info) is changing. Please register if you are not sure if you already have.

Registering online is quick and easy. Doing so now will ensure your child is placed on the proper bus for the first day of school. Not registering on time could delay having your child assigned a bus several days into the new school year.

The direct link to register is <https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php> or you can simply type "Sask Rivers School Division" or "SRSD119" in a search engine (we recommend Google) and we will surely pop up. Look for "Transportation Requests" in the green band towards the bottom of any of our web pages.

If you have any question please contact your school or the Transportation Department at 306 763-2323.