

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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March 2020

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 <i>Last Day To Order Hot Lunch</i>	5	6 Report Cards sent Home Gr. 1-8 French Carnaval at Carlton
9 School Community Council Meeting-3:30	10	11 Student Led Conferences 3:30-8:30 Hot Lunch	12 Gr. 4-7 Choir to Music Festival AM	13 No School
16 No School	17 Grade 5 Band to music festival (12:00-2:00) Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty School Visit & Pow Wow Presentation	18 Music Alive Presentation Gr 4-8	19 Grade 7/8 Band to music festival (10:30-12:15)	20 Grade 6 Band to music festival (9:45-11:30)
23 French Spectacle Kalimba École Valois – 9:30 	24	25	26	27
30	31			

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

We have new staff who have joined the Ecole Arthur Pechey Public School team this year. Welcome to:

Mme Dupuis: Gr. 2 French
Mr. Romero: Caretaker
Mme Szeszorak: Gr. 6 French

Ms Guenter: Gr. 4
Ms Sampson: Gr. 6

Mr. Just: Gr. 4
Mrs. Schneider: Secretary

Ms Hyslop: EA
Mr. Boyer: EA

Ms Furber: EA
Mrs. Howden: EA

Phys. Ed News – Mr. Kalika

Badminton season is getting underway this month. Practices will be scheduled: Mondays: Grade 7/8

Tuesdays: Grade 6/7

Game Days: Wednesdays: Grade 7/8

Thursdays: Grade 6/7



Please drop kids off between 7:55–8:00am for morning practices at the front door of the school. Due to our large numbers, teams will be formed at Monday and Tuesday practices for the week.

We have registered one grade 8 team and two grade 6/7 teams. It is great to see such large participation numbers!

This year's coaches are Mrs. Primeau, Mrs. Villeneuve and Mr. Kalika

Badminton Goggles! Did you know we have badminton goggles available for sale? If you would like a pair, you can purchase one for \$5. Please see Mr. Kalika if you would like your own pair.

A special thanks to West Hill Community Rink who continues to allow us to use their facility.

New School Jerseys! Did you know that you could own your very own École Arthur Pechey Public School team jersey? Your child can purchase one for \$25. The shirts are a very nice navy blue, dry-wicking style with the school logo on the front. You are welcome to stop by the school to see the jerseys anytime. We would ask that players have their uniform shirt clean and ready to wear on game days. These jerseys will be good for all school sport teams throughout the year and for years to come. Your child will receive their shirt as soon as they turn in the money to their coach. Please make cheques payable to École Arthur Pechey Public School.

Go Eagles!

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.

Fundraiser

To help pay for our ski trip transportation, we will have "hat day" March 6th and 20th. It will cost \$1 to wear your hat. Thank you for all your support!

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!



Silver for Gold 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 Small But Mighty SK from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. 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.

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.

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.

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!

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 (chocolate & vanilla), canned fruit (peaches & oranges), applesauce, frozen yogurt tubes	\$1.00

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

PACI is hosting their Open House on March 19th 6:30-8:00. This is an open invitation to anyone interested in learning more about PACI and what they offer.



Community News

Make the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice

Healthy eating helps children do better in school. Parents and schools can work together to make sure the foods available in schools support health and learning. Here are some ideas for making the school food environment healthier:

Help children learn about healthy eating. Students learn about food and eating in the classroom and by the types of foods promoted and served at school. When unhealthy foods are available in school or the classroom, there is confusion about what is considered healthy.

Make the healthy choice the easy choice. Work with your school to provide healthier foods in canteens, vending machines and at special events. Provide healthy food for classroom celebrations. Make sure drinking water is available and promoted. Processed foods have a lot of salt, sugar and fat and should not be served or sold in schools.

Raise money the healthy way. Make profits with non-food or healthy food fundraisers, such as fresh fruit or grocery gift cards.

Make changes that last. School policies take the guesswork out of deciding what foods to offer at school and during school activities. Talk to your school administration and community council about creating a school food policy that promotes healthy food.



Saskatchewan Health Authority

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BRIDGES PROGRAM

Bridges is an employment and training initiative assisting individuals who have recently transitioned out of the Provincial Correctional System into the community. Students receive certificates and workplace skills from multiple training opportunities, classroom work, guest speakers and volunteer work experiences, all with the intent of bridging into meaningful employment upon completion.

This 10-week program is PTA (Provincial Training Allowance) eligible. All participants must be referred from either a Probation Officer, or an Addictions/Mental Health Counselor, and must have been released from the corrections system in the last year (ex. All participants in 2019 must have been released in 2018 or 2019). Intakes and interviews are conducted prior to program start, and seating is limited.

Upcoming session: March 30-June 12



WINTER/SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS



GOOD GRIEF – A Group for Children ages 6 – 12 who have Experienced Loss

Date: Wednesdays, February 26 to April 1, 2020

**Transportation Provided*

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Vincent Massey Public School

Registration: **\$20/person**

Funded by: **Community Initiatives Fund**

PARENTING FROM THE HEART (formerly Active Parenting)

Date: Wednesdays, February 26 to April 1, 2020

**Transportation and Childcare Provided*

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Vincent Massey Public School

Registration: **\$20/person**

Funded by: **Community Initiatives Fund**

STEPPING UP – A Group for Men who have been Abusive in their Relationships

Date: Thursdays, January 16 to April 9, 2020

**Transportation Provided*

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Catholic Family Services 2nd Floor

Registration: **\$20/person**

Funded by: **Community Initiatives Fund**

To register or for more information, call:

Catholic Family Services 306-922-3202 or 1-877-922-3202 or email pederson.cfspa@sasktel.net

