

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

# École Arthur Pechey Public School

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# September 2020



Monday lundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi
31 School Start Up No Classes	1 PLC Day No Classes	2 Workshop Day No Classes	3 School Start Up No Classes	4 School Start Up No Classes
7 Labour Day	8 Classes begin with staggered start	9	10	11
14 Regular (full) attendance schedule begins	15	16	17	18 Virtual Assembly Show your Eagle Pride and wear your AP clothing or school colours
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day		

**Please take note of our toll-free telephone number  
to inform the school of a student absence.**

**1-833-309-1241**

## Upcoming Important Dates:

October 5 - Picture Day  
 October 6 - SCC virtual meeting @ 6:30 pm  
 October 12 - Thanksgiving  
 October 26 - PLC (no classes)

## **School News**

Hello Arthur Pechey families!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year – a year like no other! Our team at AP is eager to welcome students back to school. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families, both those who are returning as well as those who are new to our school community. We look forward to building on our existing relationships and forming new relationships as we work together to provide our students with the absolute best school and educational experience possible. We have worked hard to get the school ready and to create detailed plans that support student and staff physical, mental, and emotional safety. These plans align with all SRPSD and Ministry guidelines and will continue to evolve to reflect the current health situation.

Please look on our school website to find more detailed plans about our safe return to school. We will continue to update you through School Messenger, Instagram, and Facebook as additional information is available. Staying connected to you is so important to us! We place high value on our partnership with you and knowing that by working together we can do the most to help students to achieve their full potential. Stay connected through School Messenger, phone calls, email, as well as classroom digital platforms such as Seesaw and school Instagram and Facebook accounts! In a normal school year our team plans multiple family events and activities over the course of the year. For example, prior to the September long weekend we put together a Virtual Open House, touring you through our school. This month we are also putting together a Virtual School Assembly. Although we may not be able to host such face to face events for the time being, stay tuned for more information about family engagement events and activities that have been reimaged to support our ongoing connection. Our students will do better the more connected we are.

Although this year and this global pandemic have provided us with a multitude of challenges, we know that together we can create a safe and joyful learning environment in which students can achieve their human and academic potential. We know parents and caregivers are doing heroic things to help get their children back to school and learning safely. Teachers and school support staff have been working tirelessly to prepare for the absolute best school year possible. Collectively, the Arthur Pechey staff includes the most compassionate, skilled, and dedicated group of individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working alongside. I have no doubt that together we will support our students in having a wonderful school year.

Please know that the safety and the happiness of your child is of the utmost importance to us as we work diligently to navigate a safe return to school for all. We truly believe that it is going to be a great year – safe and joyful. We want everyone in the Eagle family to know that they matter and that they belong here. If you have any questions, concerns, or just need to talk things out, please don't hesitate to reach out via email or phone. We would love to hear from you!

All the best,

Brandi Sparboe

Principal

# — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

For the safety of our students and staff, we are limiting non-essential access to the school for visitors. Please use our Curbside Assistance and **call 306-922-9229 or text (306)314-8820** for assistance with student pick up for appointments, questions, lunch drop off, etc. We would be happy to help you!

If you must enter the school, please wear a mask (we can provide you with one), sanitize your hands, sign in with your name and contact information on the table in the entranceway, and check in at the office to let us know how we can help you.

Thank you for support and your cooperation in keeping our school as safe as it can be.



**The Library is excited to welcome students back! Our library and book borrowing will begin on Tuesday, September 15.**

École Arthur Pechey Public School Library is full of wonderful reading choices for our students and classrooms! We are excited to offer selections for students to read and enjoy as they return to the building and our school community.

**The following information describes how library borrowing will proceed:**

- The Kindergarten to Grade 3 Classes will have the library come to them – alternate weeks.
- Grades 4 to 8 classes will come to the library for a quick book exchange, browsing the books put on display for their group specifically - with their eyes only - and then return to class.

**The borrowing period will be 2 weeks instead of 1 week and students will be allowed to borrow 4 books at a time.**

- Students may return books to the library return bin for that day. The returns will be signed in and reside in that day's return bin, to sit for 72 hours before going back into circulation.
- Hand sanitizer will be required before entering the library and students will select books from DISPLAY ITEMS ONLY – books that they can see the cover. (Look with eyes first and use hands ONLY when picking the book they will check out from the library).
- Books can go home with students and upon return to the building MUST be placed in the return bin to be quarantined.

**Happy Reading!**

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE**

**If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees please do so at the office.**

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 and extra consumable 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.

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## **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 but also their human potential. The Tipi Teachings is the Character and Values Education program we use, as a school, to drive this.

The Tipi Teachings model that we follow includes 15 teachings, including one value for each of 13 poles. In all, there are 15 teachings that hold up the tipi. Over the course of the school year, we focus as a school 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 morning, classes begin the day reflecting on, discussing, or 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 our bulletin board by the gym for more information about the Tipi Teachings and what we are currently focused on as a school. If you have any questions, want to know more, or 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 of École Arthur Pechey Public School. Our relationship and partnership with you, our school community, is integral to our continued success in providing the best possible education for our children.

### **Orange Shirt Day**

École Arthur Pechey School invites all staff and students to wear an orange shirt on Monday, September 30th. We will be participating in activities that raise awareness about residential schools and reconciliation throughout the school day. For more information, please refer to [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org).



**Kindergarten registration for the 2020/2020 school year:** We continue to accept registrations for both the English and French Immersion kindergarten classes. Please contact us at 306-922-9229 for further information or register online at [ap.srsd119.ca](http://ap.srsd119.ca)

### 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.*



### **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.*

### **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

Our parking lot is out of bounds for students. We urge parents to support us in this safety endeavor by dropping off their children on either 4<sup>th</sup> Ave West or 26<sup>th</sup> Street West. We encourage the children to cross all streets in a safe manner by crossing at the corner or at cross walks. Staff supervision is also provided at our crosswalks.



### **Bylaw update**

Please be advised that there have been changes made to the Traffic Bylaw which now prohibits U-turns in school zones. In an effort to improve the safety of our children, the City of Prince Albert has added this safety measure. There is a \$100 fine for violating this restriction.

### **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.

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

<https://ecolearthurpecheypublicschool.entripyshops.com/>



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## School Board Election

**Monday, November 9, 2020**

### **SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 119**

The school division is divided into **ONE (1) CITY SUBDIVISION** in which **FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS** are to be elected and **FIVE (5) RURAL SUBDIVISIONS** in which **ONE (1) BOARD MEMBER** from each subdivision is to be elected.

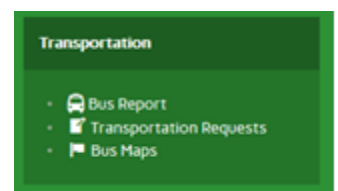
#### **Qualifications of Candidates....**

A person is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for and hold office as a **BOARD MEMBER** for a school division if the person:

- (a) is an voter of the school division on the day of the election;
- (b) is a Canadian citizen at the time he or she submits his or her nomination paper; and
- (c) has resided:

- ☐ in the school division for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted the nomination paper; and
- ☐ in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted the nomination paper.

A candidate may choose to run in the **IN-CITY SUBDIVISION AREA** or **ONE** of the **FIVE OUT-OF-CITY AREAS** of the school division, regardless of his or her residency in the division; however, he or she must obtain signatures of voters of only that subdivision area in which he or she intends to run.



#### **Nomination Forms....**

A person may be nominated as a candidate for election by filing a nomination paper in the prescribed form, signed by ten voters residing in the subdivision in which he or she intends to run.

### **Filing Nomination Papers....**

Nominations will be received by election officials during regular office hours from **September 21 until October 6** and on **Nomination Day, Wednesday, the 7th day of October, 2020** from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

**Rural Subdivisions at the Education Centre, Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division No. 119, 545 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 1B1 (regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

**In-City Subdivisions at the City of Prince Albert, 1084 Central Avenue, Prince Albert S6V 7P3 (regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.)**

Nomination papers may be submitted personally or by agent by personal service, by registered mail, by ordinary mail, by fax, by email or as otherwise specified by the returning officer and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 or by a certified cheque or money order in that amount made payable to the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division.  
**For more information visit us at [www.srsd119.ca](http://www.srsd119.ca)**

## **Be a Candidate!**

*Authorized by: Jerrold Pidborochynski, Returning Officer  
545 – 11 Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 1B1*