

School Hours
 Classes Begin 8:50 a.m.
 8:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Lunch
 12:00 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.
 12:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.



École Arthur Pechey Public School

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September 2021

Monday lundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi
30 School Start Up No Classes	31 PLC Day No Classes	1 PLC Day No Classes	2 Classes Begin	3
6 Labour Day	7	8	9	10
13 CANTEEN OPEN Monday open all grades Tuesday Grades 6/4 Wednesday Grades 5/1 Thursday Grades 3/2 Friday Grades 6/7/8 Kindergarten on their attendance days using preorder form.	14	15 Cross Country meet- Mair Park @ 3:45 Sports Day 	16	17 AP Clan Shirt/Colour Day
20	21	22 Cross Country meet- WJB @ 3:45	23 Identity Day	24 Hat Day 
27	28 AP Clan Shirt/Colour Day	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation -more info below	

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-SCC AGM Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 pm
 October 8- PLC (no classes)
 October 11 - Thanksgiving
 October 18 - Picture Day

School News

Dear Arthur Pechey Families,

I am so excited to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope you all had the chance to enjoy the summer. While concerns regarding COVID-19 are not yet completely behind us, there is much to look forward to this school year including the return of a wider variety of curricular opportunities such as trips within the community, guest speakers, and the opportunity to participate in community events and activities as well as extra-curricular sports and activities.



We want you to know that safety remains our top priority. We will continue to maintain the protocols that kept us safe over the past school year such as wearing masks indoors, limiting contact, and increased cleaning and sanitizing, for example. Please take some time to look over the most recent SRPSD COVID Response Plan <https://www.srsd119.ca/> to get a thorough understanding of our safety guidelines. If you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to me so that I can help.

Our home-to-school connection is so important as we work together to support our children in achieving their fullest potential. We place high value on our partnerships with parents, families, and community. We invite you to be active in your child's education here however you can, for example, through open communication, attending school events, or even joining the School Community Council. My greatest hope is that our students and their caregivers feel a genuine sense of belonging at Arthur Pechey.

We are especially excited to welcome everyone back into the school this year as it is looking so fresh and new! After a new coat of paint, an office update and a new canteen, the school is looking better than ever! We are also looking forward to the new playground equipment being installed this fall! Thanks to all of your support we have been able to add a disc golf course, two disc swings, a basketball three-point net, and more. Stay tuned for more information.

We know that our students are your everything. We are honoured and grateful to spend this time with them. Please trust that our team will do everything we can to ensure that they are seen, heard, and develop the sense of belonging they need in order to achieve all that they are capable of.

At École Arthur Pechey Public School, we believe that our students deserve a great school. And we believe that this is something that we can achieve by working together with our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Know that my door is always open.

I wish you all a wonderful school year.

Yours truly,
Brandi Sparboe
Principal
École Arthur Pechey Public School

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Communication is Key

AP will use the School Messenger and eventually the Edsby notification service to send important information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages. Please make sure the school has your correct email address. 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.

Keeping our School Community Safe!

We are so happy to welcome our students and staff back this school year. We continue to work hard to create a safe and joyful environment at Arthur Pechey. Please see below for some key safety measures you can expect. For the full version of the SRPSD COVID Response Plan please see: <https://www.srsd119.ca/wp-content/uploads/SRPSD-Re-Entry-Plan-Revised-2021-08-24-WORKING-COPY.pdf>.

- We appreciate your efforts in monitoring your children and keeping them home if they are sick. If your child is not feeling well or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or if the number of symptoms they have is increasing or the symptoms are getting worse, please call 811 and follow the direction of SHA.
- Mask wearing: All students, Pre-K to Grade 8, as well as staff, are required to wear masks while indoors during the school day with some exceptions in Physical Education and Band.
- All students will wear a mask while riding the school bus or while being transported during the school day.
- Recesses and lunch will be staggered so that there will only ever be half or fewer of the students accessing the equipment and using the entrances.
- Students are asked to only bring to school what they require such as a lunch kit, backpack, and water bottle.
- Rather than water fountains, we have three bottle filling stations. Please ensure your child has a water bottle to use at school.
- Continuation of increased cleaning and sanitization of the school facility
- Continued promotion and education on hand washing and sanitizing.
- All visitors to the school must 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. Please ensure that you are asymptomatic when visiting.

We would like to thank our families for helping us in our efforts to keep our school community healthy by supporting these safety guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Identity Day-Thursday, September 23

Making Connections, Building Relationships, and Strengthening our School Community

For several years now, we have hosted an Identity Day event late in September. This day is meant to provide the opportunity for everyone in our school community to share a little bit about who they are with each other. This is a way for us to build the critical connections we need for our students to feel safe and to have a genuine sense of belonging here at Arthur Pechey.

Flags at Half Mast

Firefighters' National Memorial Day – September 12

In accordance with the Government of Saskatchewan flag policy, flags on all Government of Saskatchewan buildings across the province will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset on Sunday, September 12, 2021 to mark this day.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30

The Government of Canada has designated September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation across this country. Saskatchewan will put flags on all provincial government buildings and establishments to half-mast on that day and recognize it as an important day of remembrance for those who have suffered harm and to honour those lives that were lost at residential schools.

September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation As a community, we invite you to wear your ribbon skirt/shirt and/or orange shirt

École Arthur Pechey Public School invites all staff and students to wear a ribbon shirt, skirt, or an orange shirt on Thursday, 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.



SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE

If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees please do using the new online payment option or you may pay in person at the office. There will be a service fee for online payments. Kindergarten students pay \$10.75 and students in Grades 1-8 pay an annual fee of \$21.00. This money is used to cover a wide range of expenses such as guest presentations, outdoor education, 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.



Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

KEYGROUP
School Cash Simplified

Registration for School Cash Online is now available! Please visit www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions.

Following Their Voices (FTV)

École Arthur Pechey Public School is entering its second year as an FTV school. We are proud to have been selected last year as the first elementary school in Prince Albert to be an FTV school!

What is FTV?

"Following Their Voices is an initiative designed to raise the educational achievement and participation of Saskatchewan's First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students. Following Their Voices focuses on enhancing relationships between students and teachers, creating structures and supports for teachers and school administrators to co-construct teaching and learning interactions with students and creating safe, well-managed learning environments." Retrieved from: <https://www.followingtheirvoices.ca/#/ftv/pages/6>

Research has shown that accelerating learning for First Nation, Inuit, and Metis students through a range of effective, high impact practices, and strategies benefits the whole school population. "Improving the education of Métis, Inuit, and First Nations students not only benefits the students but also benefits the province as a whole" (Ministry of Education, 2018, p.12). In Saskatchewan, we want all people to reach their full potential while walking and learning in harmony and reconciliation.

Want to know more about Following Their Voices?

Check out Arthur Pechey's social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook) to see posts from some of our team sharing what being a part of FTV means to them!

We need your help!

FTV is releasing a parent survey, which is due **November 30th**. The information that will be gathered from the surveys will help teachers support our students from a parent and caregiver perspective. Once you have completed the survey, please screenshot that you have completed it and send it to cmcredi@srsd119.ca OR spilon@srsd119.ca. You will then be entered into a draw to win a credit towards Arthur Pechey's online clothing store.

<https://followingtheirvoices.ca/ftv/surveys/#/anon/code/7aRkW0eS>

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.

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Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 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.

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 4th Ave West or 26th 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 \$150 fine for violating this restriction.

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 (both virtually and in person); share ideas; ask questions; organize events; support fundraising efforts; and more!

At the beginning of each school year, the SCC holds an Annual General Meeting during which the current representative members elect School Council Officers as well as further

representative members. In order to have balanced representation and an effective council, we hope to have at least five members elected each year. Please join us for our AGM on Tuesday, October 5th in our library at 6:30 pm.

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.

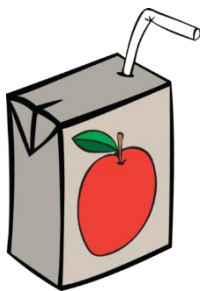


Allergen Aware: Reduce the Risk

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.

Canteen Opening September 13th

Starting September 13th, we will be doing a staggered opening of our canteen. In order to reduce student traffic in our hallways and the mixing of student cohorts, each grade will be assigned one day per week. Students will follow all safety guidelines including physical distancing while waiting in line. The schedule will be as follows:



Open to all grades– Mondays

Grades 6 & 4 – Tuesdays

Grades 5 & 1 – Wednesdays

Grade 3 & 2 – Thursdays

Grades 7 & 8 – Fridays

Kindergarten students will use a pre-order form and have access on their attendance days.



Canteen Menu

Available from 12:00 to 12:40.

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
Corn dogs	\$1.50
Pizza Pops : Pepperoni or cheese	\$2.00
Granola bars.....	\$1.00
Beef Jerky	\$2.00
Hot Rods	\$1.00
Crispers/Pretzels/Popcorn/Chips	\$1.50
Flavored water	\$1.50
Juice boxes	\$1.00
Desserts: wagon wheel, Rice Krispie squares, pudding (chocolate & vanilla), frozen yogurt tubes	\$1.00
Welches Fruit snacks	\$0.50



Students have the opportunity to purchase a canteen card. Students can bring any amount of money to put on their card. The card would be kept in the canteen and students would order and we would deduct the money as they spend. Parents can also set a daily spending limit. Money can be sent and added at anytime to the student canteen card. This is a great option as students wouldn't have to carry money everyday they are going to purchase from the canteen.

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.



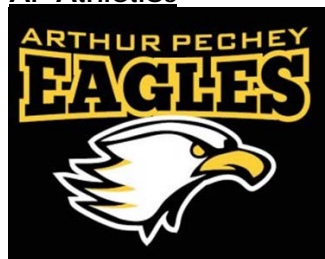
Registering online is quick and easy. However, it may take several days to arrange their busing. The direct link to register is <https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php>. Once you click on our link, look for this box towards the bottom of the page, and choose "Transportation Requests". 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.

Busing

Our bus zone is on 28th Street and there is now 15-minute loading as well as a section for two hour parking 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.



AP Athletics



We are so excited to have our extra-curricular sports starting up again this year, beginning at Phase 4 of the SRPSD Re-Entry Plan. The plan allows for spectators, following masking procedures and signing in for contact tracing. At AP, due to the size of our gym, we will be allowing 2 spectators per athlete to allow for appropriate social distancing during our indoor sporting events. Students will need to have their own transportation to events away from our school, as we are not set up to safely transport students at this time.

The Cross Country Running Club coaches are Mme Szeszorak and Miss Adams. The dates of the Mini Meets are Wednesday, Sept 15th at Mair Park, and Wednesday, Sept. 22nd at WJB. Both start at 4:00 pm (the walk through at 3:45 pm). Extravaganza will be Tuesday Oct. 5th at 11:40 am at Spruce Home School, busing will be provided.

Volleyball coaches are Mr. Strom, Miss. Bender, Ms. McKenzie, Mme Villeneuve and Mrs. Smith. Schedules for games will be sent out soon.



Electronics and Cell Phones

Students are advised not to bring any electronics to school, as we are not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen items. Very few students have access to an individual locker that is secure. 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.

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/>



COVID-19



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Prince Albert and Area Student / Family Only COVID Vaccine Clinics

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED, PFIZER AND MODERNA Vaccine

Sept. 7th 3:30-7:30pm St. Michael School (1695-17 St W)

Sept. 8th 3:30-7:30pm Vincent Massey School (2999-3 Ave E)

Sept. 10th 3:30-7:30pm St. John School (1453-7 St E)

Public Clinics open to anyone

Sept. 1st 9am—5pm Senator Allen Bird (2300-9 Ave W) PFIZER ONLY

Sept. 2nd 1pm-6:30pm Prince Albert Exhibition Centre (Exhibition Dr)

Sept. 3rd 1pm-6:30pm Prince Albert Exhibition Centre (Exhibition Dr)

Sept. 8th 9am—5pm Senator Allen Bird (2300-9 Ave W) PFIZER ONLY

Sept. 9th 9am –4pm U of S Campus (1061 Central Ave)

Sept. 11th 9am—4pm Prince Albert Exhibition Centre (Exhibition Dr)

For more information about Saskatchewan's COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and
to find a clinic near you visit www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19-vaccine



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