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# **MARCH 2023**

## **École Arthur Pechey Public School**

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#### School Hours

Welcoming Bell 8:50 a.m. Classes Begin 8:55 a.m.

8:55 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Lunch 12:05 p.m. - 12:45p.m.

12:45p.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Clan Shirt Day	2 Mix Matched/ Backwards Day	3 (K)	4
5	6	7	8 Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day	9 Formal Day	10 (K)	11
12	Scholastic Book Fair	14	15 Clan Shirt Day	Green Day French Immersion Gr.1-8 Winter Carnival @ Carlton	17 Convention – No Classes	18
19	20 PLC Day-No Classes	21 French Immersion Gr.2-8 Tintamarre @ Downtown	Ramadan Begins  Clan Shirt Day	23 -Tacky Tourist Day -Progress Conferences 3:20-8:20 -Grade 7/8 Band Festival in Regina	24 (K) Grade 7/8 Band Festival in Regina	25
26	27	28	29 Clan Shirt Day	30 SCC Meeting @ 6:30pm	31 (K)	

Mon/Wed - (K)
Tues/Thurs - (K)

Please report all absences:

24 HOUR ATTENDANCE NUMBER: 1-833-309-1241

www.apattendance@srsd119.ca

or you can use Edsby

#### **Upcoming Dates**

April 7-14 - Spring Break

#### **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 the Blooms and Buds Before and After School Program, please contact Samantha Simmonds at (306) 764-6505.

#### Water Bottle Reminder

Please remember to come to school with a water bottle, as drinking fountains have been removed from schools. We have two bottle filling stations for your convenience!

#### **Athletics Update**

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams for a great season, and thanks to our coaches who put in extra time to provide a great experience for our students. Badminton will be starting in March for grades 6-8. The grade 7/8 team will practice on Mondays and play league games on Wednesdays. The grade 6/7 team will practice on Tuesdays and play league games on Thursdays. A schedule will be announced for the second week of March. Please check out the P4A website for the latest updates and information. https://sites.google.com/a/students.srsd119.ca/p4a

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our second annual spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held in our school library during the week of March 13-16. We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library. We look forward to seeing you there! **HAPPY READING!!** 



#### From the IEC Desk

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce your IEC team.

Our names are Cassandra Kalika and Nicole Villeneuve. You would have previously known us as



your Resource Teachers or Student Support Staff. We are your Inclusive Education Coaches. Our jobs are to support, collaborate and inform your child's classroom teachers and educational associates with alternative programming ideas to assist every child within the classroom setting. Here at École Arthur Pechey Public School, we strive to welcome all students into regular classes with same-age peers in their class. Inclusive education means all children have equal opportunities to learn, contribute and participate. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at ckalika@srsd119.ca or nvilleneuve@srsd119.ca

#### Miss Bender's Book Character Contest

Students completed their characters in December. During the month of January, these characters were on display in the library. When classes came to the library they had a chance to vote for their favorite character! Great work everyone and congrats to Brooklyn, Selah, Max, Sara, Hannah, and Jacob who got the most student votes!



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#### Supplies Needed!

Arthur Pechey families, can you help us out? The French Immersion students are in need of toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls for a special project. If you can collect them over the next couple of weeks until **March 15**<sup>th</sup> and send them to school with your child, it would be really appreciated! They can be given to Mme Meyers, or your child's homeroom teacher will get them to her! Thank you for helping us out!

#### See What We're Celebrating in March!

#### **Developmentmal Disabilities Awareness Month**

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM) is a nationwide event to raise awareness about inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life, and the barriers that people with disabilities still face.



#### La Francophonie

Bonjour! The month of March, dedicated to La Francophonie, is celebrated all over the world to promote the French language and its diversity. Bringing together communities from five continents and fostering dialogue is one of the main ambitions of this celebration, which takes place around the International Day of La Francophonie on March 20<sup>th</sup>. About 9.5 million people in Canada keep the French language alive and shine. From one end of the country to the other, these people are native Francophones or of various immigrant origins, or Anglophones and allophones who have chosen to learn and live in French.

In celebration, the French Immersion students will be participating in a few cultural activities. The first of our activities is the Sask Rivers Public School Division French Immersion Winter Carnaval at Carlton on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will take part in opening ceremonies, sharing songs and videos from the French Immersion Schools in our school division. They will participate in indoor and outdoor games and cultural activities to promote pride and connection within our French Immersion community. A hot lunch note was sent home for your child to order an optional chicken finger or poutine lunch for that day at Carlton.

The French Immersion students from Grades 2-8 will be participating in a Tintamarre on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be making a lot of noise in downtown Prince Albert making our way from City Hall to Scarrow Park on the riverbank beside the Provincial Courthouse. This park is dedicated to the Fransaskois community in Prince Albert. We will do a Fransaskois flag raising followed by a concert at Plaza88 by the French group LGS.

We are looking forward to having fun celebrating in French this month!!





#### Ramadan

Every year, Muslims fast each day of Ramadan from dawn until dusk, for the duration of the month. This year, Ramadan is expected to begin in the evening on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 and end

on Thursday, April 20, 2023.



## Tipi Teachings for the Month of March

#### SHARING:

We learn that sharing is one of the most important values. We learn to share and to be willing to help and give of our time.



### Strength Affirmations:

I am strong.
I am brave.
I am enough.
I am helpful.
I can do hard things.

"Sharing is Caring – Teaching our children to share is teaching them compassion and love." ~Kevin Heath

#### STRENGTH:

"We are not talking about physical strength, but spiritual strength. That was instilled in us when we were young people through fasting. We must learn to be patient in times of trouble and not to complain but to endure and show understanding. We must accept difficulties and tragedies so that we may give others strength to accept their own difficulties and tragedies." ~Elder Mary Lee

#### SRPSD Ribbon Skirt/Ribbon Shirt Day Wednesday, March 8th



In the spirit of reconciliation, March 8th 2023, will be *Ribbon Skirt/Ribbon Shirt Day in SRPSD* schools. We are all on a journey together towards reconciliation and we recognize that education is a platform for hope as we come together as a community. The importance of this day is to bring the ribbon skirt teachings and Indigenous perspectives to the forefront and to show solidarity as an SRPSD community.

Much thought has gone into the planning of this day and we have consulted with Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers.

The road to reconciliation is paved by the commitments of all of us to do our part to create safe and inclusive learning spaces. We hope that Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day will lift us all up as we stand together in solidarity with Indigenous people and each other.

Students and staff are invited to wear with ribbon shirts and skirts on, Wednesday, March 8th.

## Drumming Opportunity every Wednesday

Beginning Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, École Arthur Pechey School will be providing our boys with the opportunity to participate in a drumming group over the lunch hour.

We are so grateful to have Rene French from the *Prince*Albert Indian and Métis Friendship Centre join us to share his teachings, passion for drumming and songs with our male youth.

Our drumming group will be open to all boys K-8, and will happen during the lunch hour from 12:05-12:45. In anticipation of this cultural learning opportunity, our school recently invested in and built eight new traditional elk hide drums. These drums, in addition to others that we have been able to secure for our drumming group, will provide an opportunity for numerous boys to participate and learn. We are so looking forward to hearing the beautiful sounds of the drums in our school!





We are so excited to announce that we have new **Cultural Opportunities for Students** starting this week!

Stay tuned for pictures and details on our social media accounts!



#### **Coming Soon!**

Mrs. Primeau & Mrs. Smith will be hosting *Traditional Beading* opportunities for students in the coming weeks.

If you think your child would be interested in learning to bead with us, please encourage them to attend.



#### Let's Keep Recycling!

We still have 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!

<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.



#### **Sparks Update**

Sparks is now only half price until the end of the year! Mme Clifford, Mme Krohn and Mrs. Praud lead Sparks (the youngest branch of girl guides for 5-6 year olds) on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 at École Arthur Pechey School this year. Sparks make crafts, sing songs, play games and have outdoor adventures all year long. Click on the link below to register. For more info, contact Lorelei Clifford at <a href="mailto:lclifford@srsd119.ca">lclifford@srsd119.ca</a> <a href="https://register.girlguides.ca/web/en/unit-single/8627">https://register.girlguides.ca/web/en/unit-single/8627</a>

#### **Fundraiser**

Our school has plans to develop indoor and outdoor traditional garden spaces this spring. We have received a grant from SKOutdoors and SKLotteries to get us started, and are fundraising to continue to build up our funds to support this project. In addition to the garden spaces, the grant and fundraiser will also support classes in attending field trips to both Little Red River Park and Kristie Lake as we grow our relationship with the land, and our physical literacy as we embark on outdoor adventures. We are looking forward to both of these opportunities becoming available to students, and appreciate your support! Fundraiser pamphlets and order forms are coming home with students, or you can order online <a href="https://coloringcookiekits.com/pages/arthur-pechey-school">https://coloringcookiekits.com/pages/arthur-pechey-school</a> by March 16. Yours in learning,

Mrs. Henry

#### **Community News & Events**

A A Lakers Club Tryouts A A

March 5th and 12th at the Alfred Jenkins Field House Gym.

These are ID camps, kids will tryout and be placed into appropriate age groups for the club season.

Girls (Grade 5 and up) - 12:00pm

Grade 5/6 boys - 3:30pm

Grade 8/9/10 boys - 5:15pm

Grade 7 boys - 7:15pm

Once club teams made:

Practice will be 2 times per week.

2-4 tournaments

season runs early April through May (end dependent on tournaments)

#### Fees:

\$250 plus tournament fees

\$20 tryout fee if not enrolled in Lakers Pre-Season

#### Registration:

will be available online

Or register in person at the first tryout

Any questions, contact Christian Hudon at pacommunitybasketball@gmail.com or at 306-940-7940





We are looking for youth volunteers who have a passion for history and are:

\*Enthusiastic

\*Curious \*Creative

\*Energetic



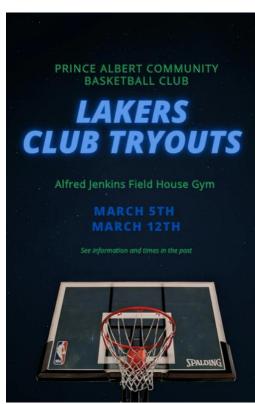
Is that you? An information meeting will be held Saturday, March 4th @ 10:30 AM

Prince Albert Historic Museum

10 River Street East

Please bring your parents or guardians with you. (306) 764-2992 museumeducator@historypa.com











# OPEN HOUSE At CARLTON

THURSDAY MARCH 16TH7:00PM TO 8:30PM

a great way
to share
what Carlton
has to offer
each student
as they build
their
interests,
skills and
plans for the
future



#### **Acquired Brain Injury Education & Prevention Services**

#### What Do We Do?

We are SHA health educators employed in a unique partnership. We strive to engage and support community efforts in reducing injuries; and enhance safety awareness through the provision of injury prevention, brain function & brain injury education, information & resources.

#### Contact Us About:



We developed this program to make brain education easy to understand and deliver. We'll coordinate with you to bring this fun "WALK" through the brain to your school or **BRAIN** community. Kindergarten to grade 6 students rotate through 10 interactive stations that

teach brain function and how to keep the brain safe & healthy.



We offer, to grades 4-6 students, Parachute Canada's interactive neuroscience in-class presentation. Students learn brain anatomy, basic neuroscience vocabulary, and why it's important to protect the brain & spinal cord.

Information will enhance brain knowledge and provide simple injury prevention strategies.

\* Virtual sessions are also offered, provincially, several times throughout the school year.



We work with your community to plan this dynamic injury prevention program for teens. The day-long event simulates the difficult journey of a

hypothetical injury trauma patient,. Students follow the path of an injury victim, through the provision of interactive sessions from local emergency, enforcement, health and other community-based professionals involved in trauma care.

\*Condensed virtual events are also offered, provincially, several times throughout the school year.



We can direct community members/ organizations to the best current bestpractice Mild Brain Injury/Concussion education and resources. This information is

helpful in identifying common symptoms and effective recovery strategies.

#### We Partner to Provide Education On:

- Brain Function/Structure/Health & Wellness
- Proper Helmet Usage
- Child Passenger Safety
- Safe Road Usage (bicycle, driving & pedestrian)
- Off-Road Vehicle Safety (snowmobile and ATV)
- Falls Prevention Resources
- Accessing Injury Prevention & Traffic Safety Grants

#### Contact or Follow Us on Facebook/Instagram:

#### ABI Education and Prevention Team

SHAPreventionABI@saskhealthauthoritv.ca

#### North ABI Education and Prevention Coordinator

Prince Albert, SK (306)765-6470 Kimberlee.Galus@saskhealthauthority.ca

#### Central ABI Education and Prevention Coordinator

Saskatoon, SK (306) 655-8433 Lisa.McGowan@saskhealthauthority.ca

#### South ABI Education and Prevention Coordinator

Regina, SK (306)766-5760 Lorie.Norris@saskhealthauthority.ca





# March Skating Calendar Arthur Pechey

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
			P. 1&2 – 6S, 5M	
			P. 6&7 – 7S, 7D	
6	7	8	9	10
P.2&3 - 5 Smith		P. 6/7 – 3B, 3W		P. 1&2 – 6 Pillar
P. 5&6 – 4 N, 4 F/B				P. 5&6 – 7/8K, 8A
13	14	15	16	17
	P. 3&4 - 5/6 Sayers		P. 1&2 – 6S, 5M	
	P. 5&6 – 2 Mitchell		P. 6&7 – 7S, 7D	
20	21	22	23	24
PLC - No Classes		P. 6/7 – 3B, 3W		P. 1&2 – 6 Pillar
				P. 5&6 – 7/8K, 8A
27	28	29	30	31
	P. 5&6 - 2 Mitchell		P. 6&7 – 4N, 4F/B	
April 3rd P.2&3 – 5 Smith				



# CANTEEN Available from 12:05 to 12:45 Kindergarten students will use a pre-order form and have access on their attendance days. \*Prices and availability are subject to change without notice\*



Fresh Pizza: Pepperoni or Cheese	\$3.00/slice
Leftover Pizza (frozen & reheated – sometimes availab	ole)\$1.50
Corn dogs	\$1.50
Pizza Pops : Pepperoni or cheese	\$2.00
Granola bars	\$0.50
Beef Jerky	\$2.00
Hot Rods	\$1.00
Crispers/Pretzels/Popcorn/Chips	\$1.50
Flavored water	-
Juice boxes	\$1.00
Desserts: wagon wheel, Rice Krispie squares, pudding	g (chocolate & vanilla),
frozen yogurt tubes	\$1.00
Welches Fruit snacks	\$0.50

#### **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.