

École W.S. Hawrylak School January 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events...

Jan. 8th: Welcome back! 2018 WSH Reading Challenge notes to go home; HSCC meeting at 7 PM
Jan. 9th: Pink Day t-shirt order form goes home (due Jan. 16)
Jan. 12th: HLC Spirit Day: Backwards Day
Jan. 15th: Family Literacy Day
Bingo Contest sheets to go home with K-3 students -due back Feb.1
Jan. 16th: Kinders to the Royal Sask Museum in AM
Jan. 17th: Kinders to the RSM in AM
Jan. 18th: Mme Roy Grade 5 and Mme Gouin's Grade 4/5 class
Trapper's Challenge Outdoor Ed; Ms. Da Costa's Grade 4 class on Winter Ecology Trip to Boggy Creek Valley
Jan. 22nd: Skating at the Al Ritchie Arena 1:00 for Mrs. Anderson, Mme Coon & Mme Gaudet; 2:15 for Mme Radfelder, Ms. DaCosta & Mrs. Trithart; Mrs. Burton's class cross-country skiing in PM
Jan. 24th: Mrs. Burton's class cross-country skiing in AM; Campbell Collegiate Elementary feeder school basketball tourney
Jan. 25th: HLC School Spirit Day: Hawaiian Day
Jan. 26th: No School for students – Professional Development Day for staff
Jan. 27th: Family Literacy Day
Jan. 29th: Skating at the Al Ritchie Arena 1:00 for Mme Roy, Ms. DaCosta & Mrs. Trithart; 2:15 for Mrs. Burton, Mme Krassman & Mrs. Rogers; HSCC Read-A-Thon – official start today and ends Feb. 9 (reading logs are due Feb. 14th to classroom teacher); PCM Conference in PM for grade 5's
Jan. 30th: SCC and RBE Engagement Forum at École Harbour Landing School at 7 PM
Feb. 1st: Family Literacy Bingo Cards are due K-Grade 3
Feb. 2nd: Progress Report Cards are issued for Term #1



Mrs. L. Frei - Principal

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Literacy and Learning

A Foundation for Success

January is family literacy month - celebrating families sharing the joy of reading and literacy together. Spending just 15 minutes a day to read or do a learning activity with children can improve their literacy skills dramatically. And, held annually on January 27 is Family Literacy Day, a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Find out more at: www.abc.life/literacy.ca/family-literacy. We will be having a Family Literacy Bingo contest (K to Grade 3) from Jan. 15th to 31st. Bingo Cards are due back to the office on Feb. 1st to be eligible for prizes.

As parents, you can do so much to encourage your kids to read. Here are 10 simple things you can do to help:

1. Make reading materials available to your kids (books, magazines, comics, e-books). Find out what they might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
2. Look to involve your child in activities that require reading such as following a recipe or tackling instructions for a kit-building project.
3. Take your children to the library regularly and explore the children's section together.
4. Play games with your kids that are reading-related. Find spelling games played with letter tiles or board games that require players to read cards and instructions.

Our sincere appreciation

Thank you to all the students, parents and families for supporting our Christmas concert performances, candy cane sales, festive clothing days and the many other events in December. From our candy cane sales, we raised approximately \$950.00 which will be donated to the Saskatchewan Children's Hospital and the Children's Wish Foundation.

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and fun Christmas holiday season. Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are looking forward to working with everyone in 2018 at W.S. Hawrylak School!

Winter Weather is here!

January is usually the coldest month of the year. Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Outdoor recesses will continue (-25 degrees Celsius is the determining temperature for indoor recesses). Please clearly label your child's winter clothing items with his/her name. Please be extra careful when dropping students off since we all need to ensure student safety and heavy exhaust fumes can create a visibility hazard. The front doors are always unlocked for students arriving late or when the doors may be locked due to indoor recess times.

5. Set aside a regular time for reading in your family, in addition to schoolwork. This could be 20 minutes before lights out, just after dinner, or whatever fits into your household schedule. As little as 15 minutes of free reading a day can help improve your child's skills and habits.
 6. Read aloud to your child and if age-appropriate, set aside time for bed-time stories. You can also have your child read to you.
 7. On gift-giving occasions, always include a storybook, novel, comics or magazines based on your child's interests.
 8. Set aside a special place for children to keep their own books. Consider creating a book nook in your home.
 9. Extend your child's positive reading experiences with a special outing. For example, if you child has enjoyed a book about dinosaurs, follow up with a visit to the museum.
 10. Don't limit reading to books. Encourage your child to read menus, advertising signs, road signs, grocery flyers, and food labels - to you. Take advantage of your family's everyday life for countless reading opportunities.
- This article is borrowed from: <http://www.Toronto4kids.com/January-2016/January-is-Family-Literacy-Month/>

***PLEASE CHECK our school website:**
<https://ecolewshawrylak.rbe.sk.ca/> for weekly updates and school news.



Progress Reports Term #1

Parent Portal (<https://powerschool.rbe.sk.ca/public>) is open online at any time for parents/guardians (Grades 1-8) to monitor your child's assignments, grades and attendance. With Regina Public School Division's recent changes to the progress reporting timelines, the Progress Reports for Term #1 will be issued on Friday, February 2nd. Students in Grades K-8 will have scheduled 3-Way on Friday, March 23rd all day, students will not have regular classes on this day. Some kindergartens will also have conferences on March 22nd. Please note that all kindergarten students will not have school on March 22nd and 23rd.

Basketball Season... Go HUSKIES Go!

Our girls and boys basketball teams have been practicing and preparing for another great season of competition and skill development. Thanks to our coaches: Boys' A team – Mr. Kardynal & Mr. Fiege; Boys' B team – Mr. Dela Cruz; Girls' A Team – Mme Pringle, Mme Coon & Ms. Ziegler; Girls' B Team – Mme Gouin & Mrs. Foster.

Cheer Team

Our Cheer team has been super busy practicing three times a week for their upcoming competitions in February and March. We have 25 cheer team participants in grades 5-8. Thanks to our two community member volunteer coaches: Ms. L. Hwang and Ms. R. Schienbien.

HSCC News

The next HSCC meeting is on Monday, February 5th at 7PM and ALL parents are welcome to attend. The HSCC is hosting a Read-A-Thon (info attached) with a Winter Olympic theme... on your mark, get set, READ! Students can use Read-A-Thon time and 2018 Reading Challenge books together.

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2018

Children who will be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2018 and live in the Hawrylak School boundaries (please see the RBE link for boundaries School boundaries) are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September 2018. Please call the office at 306-791-8445 or come by to get more information. We will need verification of the birth certificate and immunization records.

Perfect Attendance

Thank you to our students and families for continuing to strive for perfect attendance each month. When students attend school on a regular basis, they benefit from the excellent instruction of our teachers and the social interactions that support learning. December had 338 students who were here each and every day and on time! Well done!

2018 Reading Challenge

What are you currently reading? We are hosting a reading challenge to all staff and students! The reading challenge record sheets will be sent home this week and due back on June 25th, 2018 to be entered to win some great prizes! Read... READ... READ!

Red Cross Pink Day

We are pleased to provide an opportunity for our students, staff and parents to purchase their own *Day of Pink* T-shirt for the cost of \$8.00 each. The order forms will be sent home on January 9th and due back with payment by Jan. 16th. The Red Cross *Pink Day* in Regina Public Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th, 2018. We will be encouraging everyone to wear pink on this day OR a *Day of Pink* t-shirt and show the world that we can imagine no bullying. It takes a year-round, whole community approach, but together we can help stop bullying behaviour. Red Cross *Pink Day* is a day to bring awareness to bullying issues in Saskatchewan and encourage others to join the movement for positive, healthy relationships.

WE Act Rafiki Bracelets

École W.S. Hawrylak School has formed a [WE Act Committee](#), made up of compassionate and enthusiastic Grade 6-8 students. Our committee challenges students to identify local and global issues that inspire them to make a difference. We have decided to focus on the [ENVIRONMENT](#) pillar. The first initiative our group has taken on is to sell [ME to WE Rafiki Bracelets](#). These bracelets are crafted in small villages by women, who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to work and support their families. Each bracelet is \$10, with \$5 automatically being contributed back to these villages. All orders are due by Friday, January 19.

Cold Weather Transportation Procedures

If the wind chill is -45C or higher at 7:00 a.m., all student transportation will be cancelled. All schools will remain open, unless otherwise notified. In the event of any cold weather/wind chill cancellations, parents will be notified by school connects telephone or text notification system. In the event of a transportation system-wide transportation cancellation or school closure due to weather, all local Regina TV, newspaper and radio outlets will broadcast this information both on the web and on the air. Information will also be tweeted by @RegPublicSchool, and announced at www.rbe.sk.ca in the Important Announcement section. If buses are cancelled, please continue to call the school to report your child's absence as we will need to know his/her whereabouts in the event that he/she may have walked to school. Student safety is a priority!

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT READING

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

- Is the author trying to persuade, inform, or entertain the reader?
- What message does the author want the reader to know?
- Why did the author write this piece?

ASKING QUESTIONS

- What questions do you have about what you read?
- What is something that you would ask the author?
- What else would you like to know about this topic?
- What do you think was the most important part?

MONITORING YOURSELF

- What background knowledge do you have that relates to this text?
- Did you ask yourself questions as you read?
- Did you reread sections that were difficult?
- What did you do when you came to a word you didn't know?

INFERENCE

- What is a generalization you can make about the main character?
- What is something you can figure out about the story that the author didn't tell you?

SUMMARY & MAIN IDEA

- What is the main idea? What are two supporting details?
- What would be a good title for this selection?
- What happened at the climax of the story?
- Write a summary including beginning, middle, and end.

CONNECTIONS

- What does this passage remind you of?
- What is another book you have read that has something in common with this one?
- What books have you read that have a similar theme or message?
- What is something you have learned this year that relates to the story?

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Playground Conflict Managers

We are proud of our 37 Grade 5 students who were trained to assist younger students at recess with minor conflicts. We appreciate their dedication, time and willingness to demonstrate how to problem solve in a peaceful manner. Thanks to Mrs. Burton for her leadership with the PCM, and she will be taking these students to a division wide conference on the afternoon of January 29th.

Parking and dropping off zones

We do realize that parking and stopping areas are limited around the school zones. However, the City of Regina sets those boundaries and bylaws for each school. Also, the Regina City Police are monitoring speed limits as well in the school zones in the morning and after school. We are meeting with the Regina Police Service and City of Regina to problem solve the parking and dropping off limitations around the school. We ask that the bus bay is reserved for busses from 8-9AM and 3:00-4:30 PM to ensure student safety during those high traffic times.

Lunchroom Supervisors: We are still looking for part-time or casual lunchroom supervisors for this paid position from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM. Please come to the office to pick up an application if you are interested. Thanks!

Lost and Found items

Please have your children check through the lost and found items to claim their belongings. We often have the items

out on display and then we will donate everything to a local charity. We highly encourage students to have their name clearly labelled on their clothing items, boots, shoes, lunch kits and backpacks.

No School for Students on the following dates:

- Friday, January 26th - Professional Development Day for Staff
- Friday, February 16th – Teachers' Convention
- Monday, February 19th to 23rd inclusively - Winter Break
- Thursday, March 9th - Professional Development Day for Staff
- Friday, March 23rd - Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences all day
- Friday, March 30th to April 6th inclusively - Good Friday and Easter/Spring Break
- Friday, May 18th - Professional Development Day for Staff
- Monday, May 21st – Victoria Day – no school for students and staff
- Friday, June 15th - Professional Development Day for Staff
- Friday, June 29th - Teacher Preparation Day

*Please note, the last day of school is Thursday, June 28th



École W.S. Hawrylak Students... Please answer these 4 prompts about reading on a piece of paper with your name and bring it to the office to be entered for a prize.

Reading everyday helps...

I read because...

I like to read about...

In 2018, my goal for reading is...

