



ABERDEEN COMPOSITE SCHOOL

September 2018

Principal: Donna Duriez Vice Principal : Deane Martin Gray

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Dates to Remember
Sept. 22nd Senior Girls Volleyball Home Tournament
Sept. 25th Terry Fox Walk
Sept. 29th Jr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament in Aberdeen
Sept. 27th Anti Bullying Workshop Gr. 4 to 6
Oct. 4th Rider Pride Green Spirit Day
Oct. 5th No School PD Day
Oct. 8th No School Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 11th Bus Evacuation Drills 9:00
Oct. 11th Academic Awards Night 7:00
Oct. 12th Fire Prevention Presentation K-3 Students
Oct. 18th Digital Citizenship Presentation 7:00
Oct. 24th & 25th Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-8:00
Oct. 25th Picture Retakes 1:00
Oct. 27th Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament in Aberdeen
Oct. 29th Gr. 4-8 Junior Halloween Dance
Nov. 5th SEE Your Future Career Field Trip Gr. 11 & 12
Nov. 7th Persephone Theater Field Trip Gr. 10, 11 & 12
Nov. 8th Remembrance Program 9:30 am
Nov. 8th Live Different Motivational Presentation Gr. 6 to 12 @1:30pm
Nov. 9th No School PD Day
Nov. 14th Gr. 9 Take Your Kid To Work Day
Nov. 12th & 13th No School Remembrance Day and Day in Lieu
Nov. 21st Gr. 1-8 Report Card Distribution
Nov. 23rd Gr. 9-12 Report Card Distribution
Nov. 26-Nov. 30 Grade 12 Work Experience
Dec. 21 SRC Christmas Banquet
Dec. 22nd to January 6th Inclusive Christmas Break
Jan. 23th, 24th, 25th & 28th Exams
Jan. 29th No School
Jan. 30th Semester 2 Begins

WELCOME TO OUR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR!

The beginning of the 2018-19 school year has gone exceptionally well. Our school enrollment remains close to last year. We have 333 students which includes 25 new kindergarten students. A list of staff and their assignments is included in this newsletter. We are very proud of the students and staff who have welcomed the newcomers by showing wonderful citizenship skills through their helpfulness and hospitality. Keep up the great work!

Thank-you for attending our "Meet The Teacher" evening on September 6th. We had a record turn-out and certainly enjoyed the opportunity to connect with parents and share classroom routines and learning expectations. We want to thank our **School Community Council** who sponsored this event.

We would like to invite everyone to attend our annual **"Awards Night" on Thursday, October 11th** at 7:00 pm. This is always a fantastic event that gives our school community the opportunity to celebrate the academic achievements of our students.

MY PRAIRIE SPIRIT CLASSROOM and LEARNERS FIRST

Effective classroom instruction plays a significant role in academic success and student well-being. In Prairie Spirit School Division our goal is to provide instruction that leads to student growth and success which is an integral aspect of our Learning For Life vision and mission. Our teachers' work is guided by a document titled **My Prairie Spirit Classroom** that provides a basis for optimal learning experiences that include instruction where **learning opportunities for all students are characterized by high expectations (rigor), personal and purposeful application (relevance), collaborative learning environments (relationship), risk-taking to consider alternative instructional approaches (innovative) and student choice (engagement).**

Like our students, our teaching staff are on a continuous learning journey and have been immersed in professional development designed to support their professional growth. We have the assistance of a learning facilitator who works with teachers to develop their skills and work towards the creation of classrooms that follow the **My Prairie Spirit Classroom** template. If you are interested in discussing instructional practices or have questions regarding your child's progress we encourage you to contact the school.

As the school year progresses, we will have many chances to share more information and discuss student progress. Every student from Grades K to 6 will be given a student planner to use as both an organizational and communication tool. Feel free to write notes to your child's teacher and check the planner for homework information and upcoming due dates. Students from Grades 1 to 6 will be given time in the school day to write in planners. We recommend that students from Grades 7 to 12 purchase a planner and take the initiative to organize themselves and use the planner on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to communicate information regarding their personal academic progress. Also, do not hesitate to contact the office or your child's teacher if you have questions. We welcome communication through e-mail. Staff e-mail addresses are denoted in the following way: `firstname.lastname@spiritsd.ca`. We are looking forward to a great year and encourage parents/guardians to be a part of our team.

Students, staff and parents working together will create an exciting and fun place to learn!

Donna Duriez

Deane Martin Gray

RAISING TECHNOLOGY SAFE CHILDREN PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS (Parenting the Selfie Generation) OCTOBER 18th 7:00 pm SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dr. Alec Couros, professor of educational technology & media at the Faculty of Education, University of Regina will be at Aberdeen School to present timely and informative information regarding digital citizenship in the 21st century. Dr. Couros is a dynamic and innovative speaker who will speak about social media and the role that parents can play in supporting their children to **use technology in a safe and positive manner**. The SCC has also arranged to have Dr. Couros available to present to students and teachers during the day.

The evening session will be held in the big gym and participants will have a chance to win a **\$50.00 gift certificate to LANDMARK CINEMAS**.

We look forward to seeing many parents at this exciting and informative evening.

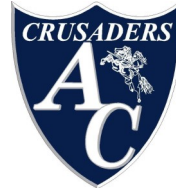


Aberdeen Composite School Staff

The team at Aberdeen School is an enthusiastic, talented and friendly one. The present staff placements and elementary/middle years grade groupings are as follows:

Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten – Mrs. Lesli Ann MacLeod
Grade 1 – Mrs. Kara Fafard and Mrs. Anne Rapley
Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Norma Pealo
Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Sharlene Ethier
Grade 4 – Mrs. April Cator
Grade 5 – Ms. Kory Telfer
Grade 5/6 – Mrs. Gwen Peters
Grade 6 – Ms. Alyson Werner
Grade 7 – Mrs. Kelli White
Grade 7/8 – Mrs. Olivia Ojukwu
Grade 8/Elementary Phys. Ed – Mr. Mat Vedress
Mr. Michael Maier ELA (9 -12)
Mr. Kevin Cumming Physics and Math (9-12)
Mr. Justin Olnhoff Science, Chemistry, Biology and Physical Education
Mr. Kyle Males – Social Studies, Graphic Arts, Life Transition
Mr. Mark Antymniuk – PAA (Industrial Arts) and Arts Education
Mr. Bryan Matkowski – PAA, Arts Education and Physical Education
Mrs. Megan Printz – PAA (Home Economics)
Special Education (K to 6) - Mr. Scott Myrah
Special Education (7-12) Mr. Taylor Holubetz



Educational Associates:

Mrs. Laurie Beaulieu
Mrs. Sherry Kirk
Mrs. Sandy Kocay
Ms. Debbie Komarychka
Mrs. Tammy Lynchuk
Ms. Amber Risling
Mrs. Tammy Wruck
Mrs. Grace Wudrick

Prairie Spirit School Division Director of Education – Lori Jeschke
Prairie Spirit School Division Aberdeen School Superintendent – Fay Cassidy
Principal – Mrs. Donna Duriez
Vice Principal – Mrs. Deane Martin Gray
Administrative Assistants – Mrs. Crysta Lalonde & Mrs. Tammy Wruck
Band Instructor – Mr. Will Martin
Caretakers – Richard Rance, Denise Procyshyn and Jennifer Norman

Student Services

Student Counselor: Dede Koscielski
Speech Language Pathologist: Brett Turner
Occupational Therapist: Alana Naber

Aberdeen School Breakfast Program

We have recently implemented a breakfast program at our school. A table with healthy snacks is set up in the front entrance of the school. Students may choose to pick-up an item on their way to their classrooms. We are presently seeking funding for our program like grants etc. to keep it running throughout the year. We will gladly accept any donations of non-perishable nut free foods like breakfast bars or granola bars. Thank-you to Mrs. Printz and her Home Economic students and Mrs. Kocay and the Functional Life Skills class for their work in preparing the breakfast snacks. Mr. Cumming, Mr. Holubetz and Mr. Myrah are also helping out with the program. If you need any information about donations etc. please contact Mrs. Duriez.



STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

Please do not park behind the busses on Thompson Street between Second Avenue and Central Avenue. There is a parking by-law in effect during school hours. Signs are posted in this area. Individuals are often walking or running between the busses or around the busses to get to vehicles parked directly behind the busses on Thompson Street.



There is moving traffic on the street directly behind the busses and we are concerned that someone may be struck by a vehicle while crossing the street. No one should walk between the busses as this creates a safety issue. Thank-you for your anticipated co-operation and willingness to work together to create a safe environment for the students in our school.



Aberdeen School Newsletter

The school newsletter is distributed on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If there are community groups that would like information put in the school newsletter, please submit the information to Mrs. Crysta Lalonde at the school office. Crysta will also accept e-mailed submissions at the following address crysta.lalonde@spiritsd.ca. The deadline for newsletter items is the Monday prior to the distribution date. The next newsletter will be distributed on October 17th.



School Fees and Registration Forms

There are no school fees for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Students in Grade 7 to 12 are required to pay a \$20.00 per person or \$40.00 per family SRC fee and a \$5.00 Christmas Banquet fee. For Home Ec and IA fees, please see the Fee Sheet or contact the office for more information. Fees and completed registration forms can be delivered to Mrs. Lalonde at the school office phone: (306) 253-4333.



SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME

All students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:45 a.m. unless they are attending a school related activity. Students in Grades 1 to 6 will be expected to remain on the playground until the bell rings. Playground supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. As the weather gets cooler, we ask that students dress appropriately. All students in Grades K to 6 are expected to go outside for recesses and at noon hour. If the weather is inclement (ie. raining or extremely cold) students will be kept inside.

Thank-you for your cooperation!



Attendance

If your child is absent from school please phone the school (306) 253-4333 or send a note. Mrs. Lalonde or Mrs. Wruck will often check by phone to enquire about students who are absent. This is a method to ensure student safety. Automated messages go home at 9:45 and 1:45 for any students that have unexcused absences. Thank-you for your co-operation.

Bus Information

Please remember to contact your bus driver if your child will not be on the bus in the morning or afternoon. Updated bus lists will be distributed throughout the year. Please note pick-up and drop-off times. We will be conducting bus evacuation drills for all students in our school in the near future. All issues related to bus conduct may be directed to Mrs. Duriez or Mrs. Martin Gray. All other bus queries should be addressed to Mr. Bill Steckler (306) 374-2496 at the bus garage.



Welcome back Crusaders!

This year's SRC members are excited to be the leaders of Aberdeen School. The first week back included an assembly, with a rousing game of musical chairs in the big gym. **Sixty participants** rallied to be the only person left sitting on the last chair. The annual pancake breakfast for all Grades 1 – 12 students and staff was held on Friday. Although the weather didn't fully cooperate we were able to cook the pancakes outside. However, everyone chose to eat, picnic style, on the hall floor instead of outside where the temperature was very cool.

Four SRC members are leaving today, along with Mr. Cumming, to attend the Student Leadership Conference in Langenburg. They are excited to be attending this annual conference and plan to bring back many ideas for activities that will help build school spirit in Aberdeen. We look forward to their return to hear about all the wonderful experiences they shared while at the conference.

The SRC is planning a Grade 4 – 8 Junior Halloween Dance on Monday, October 29 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Watch for more information to follow.



CRUSADERS' SPORTS UPDATE



GOLF

Last week, Grayson competed in Rosthern for the Senior Boy's CVAC District Golf Tournament. He worked hard throughout the round of 18, and although he didn't qualify for Provincials, he represented Aberdeen well and even finished the round with a few even par holes. This week, Parker competed in Perdue for the Junior Boy's CVAC tournament, had a great game and represented our school well! Great job to both boys!

Coach Myrah

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Senior Girls Volleyball team is well under way! We got our jitters out at a mini tournament in Martensville on Friday and placed very well. We have several tournaments coming up including our home tournament on Sat. Sept. 22. Come on out for lunch and cheer the Crusader's on!!!

Sr. Girls Volleyball Schedule:
Sat. Sept. 22- ABERDEEN
Sat. Sept. 29-Hanley
Sat. Oct. 20- Allan
Sat. Oct. 29- Vonda
Coach Cator and Coach Martin



JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior girls volleyball program is flourishing at Aberdeen school. The girls, although young, are a strong team. They have already made a mark in the league as they finished 4-1 at the early bird mini tournament in Martensville last week. Come out and see the team play at home this year on September 26th and October 27th. Junior athletic programs are primarily built to work on basic skill building, trying out new sports, and making new friends, this year will be no exception.

Coach Holubetz



JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Boys Volleyball team played well at their opening tournament in Martensville. They are now about to enter a grueling tournament schedule with tournaments in Perdue, Aberdeen, Colonsay, Warman and Hepburn all in the next 6 weeks.

MILK SALES



Milk Sales take place each day outside the Grade Two classroom. Milk cards can be purchased from Mrs. Pealo. The cards cost \$10 and they buy 10 milks. We offer both chocolate and white milk. Help support our school sales!

Add some extra nutrition to your child's lunch



Communication Protocol for Parents/Guardians

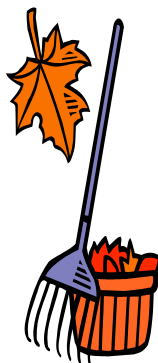
If students or parents have concerns or questions about an issue at school, please follow this communication process:

The classroom teacher is to be the first person to hear and address any concerns from a student or parent.

If the issue cannot be resolved with the teacher, the principal is to be contacted.

If the matter remains unresolved, the parent may request a meeting with the Director or designate (Superintendent).

The parent may also request a hearing with the Board of Education to further appeal the decision.



Information on the Common Cold

Many children have 2 – 6 colds every year! A cold is caused by a virus. Look for a runny nose, scratchy throat, possibly a cough, watery eyes, loss of appetite and possibly a fever. Symptoms can last from a few days to a week.

What can you do to make your child feel better?

- give plenty of fluids
- encourage rest
- a humidifier may be helpful
- treat any fever with acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol, Tempra)
- consult your doctor or pharmacist for other medications that will relieve a cough or stuffy nose in children
- antibiotics do not work against viruses

How can you prevent the spread of a cold?

- wash hands frequently, especially after blowing the nose, in warm, soapy water
- cover your cough
- promote a healthy diet and plenty of rest
- keep a child with a fever and/or persistent cough at home
- consult your doctor if symptoms persist