

DAVIDSON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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MAY 2010



DATES TO NOTE



APRIL 30

JR DRAMA PERFORMANCE – 7:00 PM

MAY 3
MAY 3 – 14
MAY 4
MAY 13
MAY 20
MAY 22

2:10 DISMISSAL/STAFF MEETING
GRADE 8 MATH ASSESSMENT
SCC MEETING – 7:30 PM HS LIBRARY
K – GR 8 BAND PRESENTATION – 11:00
SECTIONAL TRACK MEET – LOREBURN
GRADE 12 GRADUATION EXERCISES –
7:30 PM AT DAVIDSON COMMUNIPLEX
VICTORIA DAY – NO CLASSES
PIZZA BUN HOT LUNCH
DISTRICT TRACK MEET – SASKATOON

MAY 24
MAY 26
MAY 29

JUNE 7-9

GRADE 8 CAMPING AT WASKESIU

EARLY DISMISSAL STAFF MEETING

During the May Early Dismissal Staff Meeting, teachers will review Ministry of Learning plans for K-12 curriculum implementation in the upcoming 2010-2011 school year, as well as continue working on projects initiated in their Professional Learning Teams.

PAN-CANADIAN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

In 2003, the provincial and territorial ministers of education, through the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), agreed to develop the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) as a replacement for the School Achievement Indicators Program (SAIP). The program assesses the knowledge and skills of 13-year-old (Grade 8) students from across Canada in the areas of reading, science, and mathematics. Each PCAP assessment has one major component and two minor components.



The first PCAP assessment was administered in the spring of 2007 to 13-year-old students, and the major component was reading. The next PCAP will take place May 3-14, 2010. In this second assessment, mathematics will be the major component, while reading and science will be the minors.

Saskatchewan is participating in the PCAP 2010. Davidson School is one of 150 English-language schools and 8 French-language schools that have been randomly selected to participate. Grade 8 students recently received an information package regarding this assessment to take home to parents, so be sure to ask them for it!

HOT LUNCH



Davidson School, along with Packet's Foods, is pleased to offer a hot lunch of pizza buns, veggies & dip, and donuts to students on Wednesday, May 26. Watch for order forms to be sent home soon!



PLEASE NOTE



CAREER GUIDANCE

Student Loan Information Night is Thursday, June 3rd, 2010 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Carlton Trail Regional College in Davidson

Remember there are many scholarships and bursaries out there. Keep Applying - do not get discouraged.
www.studentawards.com

BADMINTON

Sr Badminton

Thank-you to all Sr Badminton players for coming out this year. We were a small group but it was fun! We are lucky here at Davidson School to have such a great group of athletes. Congratulations to Bryce and Garrett for advancing to Districts in Kindersley. After a full day of games, they ended up 4th in the District. Good Work Guys!

Sr Badminton Team:

Boys Doubles:

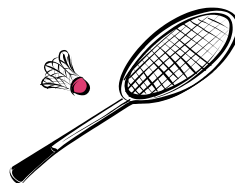
Bryce Prpick and Garrett Deino
Luke McCreary and JJ Lang
Pat How-McLaren

Mixed Doubles:

Mark Zoerb and Taylor Cross

Boys Singles:

Preston Lynch
Sengine Boychuck



See you next year!
Coach Karen McConnell

Jr Badminton

Another whirlwind Junior Badminton season has come to a close. Although badminton is always a very short season, we had 30 junior players from grades six through nine who had the opportunity to play league games at home as well as in Loreburn and Kenaston. We were also fortunate to host an exhibition game against players from Craik. It is always wonderful to see so many come out to practice their skills and have some fun. This year Sectionals were held in Kenaston and all of our Davidson players did very well. Congratulations to the following players who advanced to Intersectionals in Loreburn on April 21st: Jasmine Smith and Ryan Booker (Mixed Doubles), Elise Packet and Courtney Read (Girls Doubles) and to Kass Ebenal and Casey Lloyd (Boys Doubles) who advanced all the way to Districts in Biggar this past weekend.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all of our parent drivers – we couldn't do it without you!

Hope to see you all next year!
Mrs. German

TRACK AND FIELD

Track season is finally here and we are certainly hoping that the beautiful weather returns. We are hoping to get the track and jump pits in tip-top condition this week. Practices will be starting next week – Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays after school from 3:15 to 4:30 - so we would like to remind grade 7-12 students to sign up for the events in which they wish to participate. Davidson students must sign up for at least 2 events and attend 5 practices before they will be eligible to participate in the track meets. Our Section 3 Track Meet will involve students from Loreburn, Kenaston and Davidson, and will be held in Loreburn on Thursday, May 20. The District Track Meet will be held in Saskatoon at Griffith Stadium on Saturday, May 29 and Provincial Track will be held in Moose Jaw on June 4 and 5.



Bantam (Under 13 as of Dec 31, 2009)	Midget (Under 15 as of Dec 31, 2009)	Junior (Under 16 as of June 30, 2009)	Senior (16 and over as of June 30, 2009)
80m hurdles (boys)	100m hurdles (boys)	100m hurdles (boys)	100m hurdles (boys)
80m hurdles (girls)	80m hurdles (girls)	80m hurdles (girls)	80m hurdles (girls)
100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 3000m races	100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 3000m races	100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 3000m races	100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 3000m races
4X100m relay race	4X100 relay race	4X100 relay race	4X100 relay race 4X400 relay race
shot put	shot put	shot put	shot put
discus	discus	discus	discus
javelin	javelin	javelin	javelin
long jump	long jump	long jump	long jump
high jump	high jump	high jump	high jump
	pole vault	pole vault	pole vault

DRAMA

Congratulations to the Senior Drama students who travelled to Unity on April 16 & 17 for the Drama Festival. They gave an excellent performance and learned a lot from the adjudicators and other performers. The following awards were presented to

Davidson School students:

Technical Certificates of Merit

Stage Manager – Jasmine Smith Lighting – Vanner McDonnell Costumes – Cast & Crew

Spirit of the Festival Award

Dana Moskaluke

Acting Award of Merit

Luke McCreary

Mary Ellen Burgess Performance Award – Runner Up

J.J Lang

Best Visual Production Award

Cast & Crew



Way to go, everyone! Special thanks to our director, Mrs. Arlene Low, and to everyone who helped with our production!

BIO 30 FIELD TRIP



Our Davidson students joined Loreburn's Biology 30 students on a field trip at the end of March. We traveled to the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the U of S. A highlight included seeing a fistulated cow (a cow with a hole in one of its stomachs so that its digestion could be studied). We were even able to put our gloved hands into the cow and feel the grooves of the stomach's lining. We also participated in a soil lab - looking at the textures and characteristics of Saskatchewan soil. In the afternoon we traveled to Viterra Research and Development to see plant breeding in action. We were exposed to a lot of state of the art genetic technology which we were exploring in class. There are so many local examples of the biology we are studying this semester and it was great to get out of the classroom and witness it firsthand.

Ms. Cantelon, Biology Teacher

GRADUATION

Grade 12 Graduation ceremonies will take place on Saturday, May 22. Exercises will begin at 7:30 pm at the Davidson Communiplex. Everyone is welcome!



Congratulations Davidson School 2010 Graduates!!

Sengine Boychuk	Chad Crowley	Andrea Edwards	
Jordan Hodgins	Logan Kadlec	Andrew Kovach	
Kyla Kreutzer	Darnel LePoudre	Preston Lynch	
Terry McNabb	Cayla O'Brien	Bryce Prpick	
Jacklyn Storey	Linnea Willner	Tabitha Woodman	Mark Zoerb

A reminder to families of Grade 10 & 11 students: You have been placed on a committee to help with Grad 2010. If your child did not bring home the committee list on April 14, please pick one up at the school office.

BOUQUETS

Davidson School would like to wish a fond farewell to students Amber and David Bosanac, who have moved to Ontario. We wish you all the best at your new school and community.

A big thank you to all parents and community members who came out to watch our drama productions and support our silent auction. We hope you enjoyed the performances! All proceeds will go towards new lighting and sound equipment or other drama expenses.

PLAYSCHOOL



We are very excited to see the sun shining and feel the heat of spring!! We have been able to enjoy some time outside in this nice weather too!! We are looking forward to some exciting things in May. We will be having a special concert/tea for our Moms for Mother's Day; we are working hard on learning new songs to impress them. We will also be going out and exploring some farms for our unit on Farm Animals. At the end of April we had to say a sad good-bye to our helper, Miss Amanda, as she is returning to her studies. But we are very excited and happy to have our new helper, Betty McLaren, be part of our playschool. Welcome Betty!! We hope you are all enjoying the hot weather and sun as much as we are!



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Miss Ang and the Playschool Crew



SCC News for April 2010:

As graduation approaches quickly, the SCC is busy finalizing details and organizing the scholarship process. The scholarship selection committee met on April 27th. SCC members continued to be busy this month. Rebecca Farrell attended a SCC Chair Consultation meeting in Rosetown on April 13, Marilyn Willner attended informative sessions at Rural Congress, and various members helped with April hot lunch at the school. Sun West Board of Education Chairperson, Lorne Ulven, gave a presentation at the last meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 pm in the high school library.



COMMUNITY NEWS



The web is a wonderful place for kids, if they understand the dangers. While the internet is an open door to a world of great information, communication and entertainment – there are risks. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection is committed to helping parents, teachers and anyone else who would like to better understand the good, bad, and ugly about the web. Far reaching and largely unrestricted, you need to know what your kids are facing as they explore the online world. If you'd like to better understand, please visit www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca. *The Door that's not Locked* website is a comprehensive, easy-to-use website that raises awareness about all the things kids are doing online, the risks associated, as well as tips and safety strategies to keep them safe. Thanks to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, Davidson School students in Grades 4 to 8 will receive booklets on internet safety. Below are some ways you can learn more about what your child is doing online:



- Talk to your child about what s/he likes to do online.
- Learn how to adjust/increase privacy setting.
- View your child's instant messaging (IM) logs.
- Ensure that your child's IM program is set up so that no one can speak to him/her without permission.
- Check your child's files in "My Pictures" to see what images are being sent, received, and saved by your child.
- Stay engaged with how your child is using their cell phone.

Small Town

**Congratulations & Best Wishes
to the Davidson School
Graduating Class of 2010!**



**Graduation Exercises
will be held on Saturday, May 22,
at 7:30 pm at the Davidson Communiplex.
Everyone is Welcome!**

Big Dreams



SUMMER ATHLETIC PROGRAMS:

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TRACK AND FIELD CLINIC, U OF S, SASKATOON – JUNE 30 TO JULY 4, 2010
FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS, VISIT WWW.SASKATHLETICS.CA. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 16, 2010.

LEGION ATHLETIC CAMPS, INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN, BRANDON, MB – VARIOUS SPORTS AND DATES, JULY & AUGUST, 2010

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ONLINE AT WWW.LEGIONATHLETICCAMP.COM. SOME LIMITED ENROLLMENT, SO REGISTER EARLY!

