



Sedley School

Kindergarten – Grade Eight

“A Community Learning Together”

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JUNE 2011

SEDLEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011

7:00 PM

SEDLEY SCHOOL – PROJECT ROOM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM MRS. BRICK AT THE SEDLEY SCHOOL.

Wednesday, June 1 – Sedley SCC AGM @ 7:00 pm

June 3 – Beginner Band trip to Superbands at South Shore School

June 6 – 10 – Spirit Week

Monday, June 13 – Tree Canada planting ceremony @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, June 16 – K&3 Field Trip to Regina (Imax & Science Centre)

Thursday, June 16 – VMS Spring Band Concert – Sedley Gym Hall 7:00 pm

Friday, June 17 – Grade One & Two Field Trip to (Imax & Science Centre)

Friday, June 17 & Saturday, June 18 – Grade Seven & Eight Overnight Field trip

Wednesday, June 22 – Grades 4/5/6 Field Trip to Moose Jaw Tunnels and Regina

Thursday, June 23 – New Kindergarten Orientation with Mrs. Regel 2:30 pm

Friday, June 24 – Grade 8 Farewell and Awards Evening followed by school dance

Tuesday, June 28 – Last day of classes – 3:30 dismissal (Report Cards sent home)

Attendance:

All parents are requested to report their child's absence to the school, via a note or phone call. A message may be left on the school answering machine, please leave your name as well as the time and date of the message.

School Phone # (306) 885-2122

A phone call will be made home if there has been no communication with the school on a child's absence. Student attendance is recorded morning and afternoon.



Sedley School is a “Nut Management” School. We kindly ask all students, staff and visitors to refrain from bringing items that contain “nut” products, may contain “traces of nuts,” or items made in a facility where “nuts are processed”, into the Sedley School.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Head Lice:

Please continue to check for nits or head lice regularly. If your child/ren is infected, the school should be notified. Any further questions could be directed to the Public Health Nurse, Louisa Eastuke, 766-7517

2009-2010 Yearbooks for Sale

\$15.00 each (5 left)

Principal's Message

Wow! I can't believe that we are heading into our final month of the school year! We are in the home stretch, but our classrooms are busier than ever! Our kindergarten and grade three classroom has been full of action. The kindergarten students have been learning about their five senses and nutrition. The grade three students are wrapping up their Knights and Castles unit and have also been studying simple machines. Our grade one and two students have been learning all about plants. They are also about to embark on an exciting Pirates unit. Ahoy! Our K/3 and our 1/2 classrooms are both looking forward to their field trips to the Saskatchewan Science Centre. Our students in grades four, five and six have been enjoying their study of the solar system. They have also been learning about Treaties and focusing on humour in Language Arts. They will be going on a field trip to explore the Tunnels of Moose Jaw, followed by swimming in Regina. Our grade seven and eight students have been learning all about the Holocaust through literature. They have also been very busy working on independent inquiry projects. They are very excited for their outdoor education overnight camping trip. They have also been busy preparing for our Grade Eight Farewell, Awards Ceremony and Dance.

We have received our staffing allocation for the 2011-2012 school year. Our staffing numbers have remained relatively stable, with some moderate increases. Our staff members are also remaining consistent. The classroom arrangements for next year will be a Kindergarten and grade 1 class (Mrs. Regel), a grade 2/3 (Miss Halbgewachs), a 4/5/6 class (Mrs. Herperger) and a grade 7/8 class (Mrs. Lees). Mrs. Graham will be continuing as Student Services teacher along with some prep time coverage. My time will be divided evenly between administrator and classroom teaching time. Mrs. Aulie will continue in her role as itinerant teacher librarian, with support from our library associate Diane Schaeffer. Mrs. Brick's administrative assistant position has been increased from 50% to 75%. This will be a great benefit to our school. Mrs. Muhr and Mrs. McEwen Educational Assistant schedules will be finalized as classroom timetables are created. Mrs. Walter will maintain her contract as caretaker.

Finally, please consider joining us for our School Community Council Annual General Meeting on June 1. The SCC is a valuable support to our school's curricular and extra-curricular activities and facilities. I have been extremely appreciative of our SCC members, led by departing president Sheila Muhr. The great dedication and insight of our SCC members make our school community a wonderful place to learn and teach. Thank you to our continuing and outgoing SCC members for all of the work that you have done this year. We need new SCC members and I would invite our parents and community members to consider taking on this important role.

Let's hope we see the sun soon!

Sarah Kennedy

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Used Book Sale at Sedley School

Monday, June 6th and Thursday June 9th at noon

Bring a used book and get a used book for free! All other books 25c

(bring as many used books to donate as you wish ... only one free book per person)

SUMMER READING TIPS FOR PARENTS

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- **Read to your child.** Try to establish a daily routine that includes a time to read together. Bedtime is a traditional favorite, but any time will work that is convenient for you and your family.
- **Be a good role model.** Let your child see you reading for pleasure as well as for information. Let her know that you value reading.
- **Give your child the opportunity to read aloud** to you, a friend, another family member or another child. Have him read the book silently before asking him to read it aloud. Correct mistakes only when the mistake changes the meaning of the sentence and then supply the word without making him feel bad for having made a mistake.
- **Include your child in your day-to-day reading experiences.** Share recipes, the newspaper, magazines, the TV Guide, cereal boxes, menus, road signs, etc. Our world is full of things to read if we are aware of our surroundings.
- **Talk to your child about the books she is reading.** Tell her about books you enjoyed when you were a child and ones that you are reading now.
- **Provide your child with books to read.** Help him select books on topics he is interested in and on his reading level. A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at his reading level is to have them choose a page in the book (not the first one) and read it. If he doesn't know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.
- Whenever possible, **watch the television shows your child watches.** Discuss what happens and answer any questions she may have. If she enjoys a certain show, find books, magazine articles and movies on the same subject.
- **Get your child his own library card.** Take or allow him to go to the library often browse for books and enjoy special activities.
- **Help your child learn new words.** Make a goal of one new word a day. Discuss words she comes across and doesn't know. This will help her to explain her vocabulary.
- **Subscribe to a magazine for your child.** *Ranger Rick, In Your Own Backyard, Cricket, World, Highlights for Children, 3-2-1 Contact, Owl, Sesame Street, Zoo Books* and *The Electric Company* are all good choices for children. Many of these are available at your local library and you can check out back issues.
- **Allow your child to choose his own books.** This will encourage him to read and allow him to pursue his own interests.
- **Make sure your child has her own books, puzzles, and educational games** (for example: Pictionary Jr., Scrabble, Junior Trivia games, etc.).
- **Take your child to new places and provide him with new experiences. The broader his experiences, the more he will be able to relate to when he reads.** Here are some suggestions for learning trips: airport, museum, pet stores, swimming, library, fairs, train station, animal parks or zoos, commercial greenhouses, hikes or walks.
- **Keep paper, pencil and crayons on hand to give your child opportunities to write.** Help her write letters to friends and family, keep a journal of special events and new experiences, or write stories and poems. Writing practice helps develop reading skills.
- Talk to your child. **Explain things that happen in his environment.** Listen to what he has to say. Let him know you think his thoughts are important.
- **Find books that tie into experiences that your child has.** If you are going fishing or boating, or to a certain place for your vacation, find a book on the subject to share with her. This will help her to learn more about a few experience and to develop her interest.

Tracy Aulie

Teacher Librarian Itinerant @ Clive Draycott School, Sedley School, South Shore School

BAND News:

- Beginner Band – Super Bands and Beginner Band Year End
 - June 3rd @ South Shore School (Regina Beach)

- VMS Spring Concert @ Sedley School on Thursday, June 16 7:00 pm
(Lunch and AGM for Parents' Association to follow)

SLC SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, June 6 – Neon Day

Tuesday, June 7 – Nerd Day

Wednesday, June 8 – Retro Day

Thursday, June 9 – Western Day

Friday, June 10 – Hat Day and Talent Show (2:30)

Please dress up for our spirit week and show your school spirit!!!

Poetry Institute of Canda Young Writers

The Grade Seven/Eight students submitted short stories for this year's Canadian School Creative Writing Contest. Three of our students stories were chosen to be included in the top group of entries received in the contest. These stories will now go forward into the final competition to be judged in Fall 2011. Also, as a result of their stories reaching the top group of entries, with their permission, their stories will be published in an anthology, entitled The Valley Below, that will have a registered ISBN with the National Library of Canada, Ottawa, Poetry Institute of Canada.

Congratulations to:

Zachary Deal – “A Life Before”

Kurtis Lockert – “Running”

Frank Nordstrom – “Trapped”

SEDLEY SCHOOL WEBSITE – Check out our new school website. PVSD will be launching all new school websites after June 1st – Sedley's new site is not online as of today, but keep checking it will be shortly. The format is very user friendly and all PVSD school websites will have the same look. To access the site go to:

www.pvsd.ca > Schools > School Websites or <http://sedley.pvsd.ca>

Sedley School Community Council News:

Leap into Literacy:

Preschoolers with birthdays in JUNE, JULY and AUGUST can pick up a book at the school.

The Sedley SCC “Leap into Literacy” program will receive \$1,025.33 from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program for Sport, Culture & Recreation.

The Sedley SCC will be planting another row of evergreen trees in the playground on June 13th (weather and ground conditions permitting). The Sedley SCC will receive a grant for the tree rows, planting, maintenance and care. Tree Canada and FedEx are the grant sponsors. We are delighted to receive this support and have arranged to have a “grand” tree planting ceremony on June 13, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sedley School Cookbooks for sale \$10.00 each

Community News

SASKTEL PIONEERS

2011 Phone Book Recycling Program

- Send your old phone books to the Sedley School.
- Recycle your phone books from home by putting them into local paper recycling facilities and contact the school as to how many were recycled.
- The school receives \$0.10 x the number of phone books or \$25.00 whichever is greater for participation in this phone book recycling program.
- This program benefits both the environment and our school. It also provides an opportunity to teach your students about recycling. Salvaging one ton of paper saves about 12 trees. Old phone books are used to make things like new phone books, egg cartons, ceiling tiles, cereal boxes, and toilet paper.

“Spark the Spirit of Giving” project

The SaskTel Pioneers in partnership with our school will be holding the “Spark the Spirit of Giving” project. As part of this project the children in grade 3 (2011-2012 school year) will be given “The Giving Book” which provides activities around the concept of sharing and giving. In addition a contest will be held for students to submit a giving moment story describing something they have done to help someone or something. More information about this project will be sent home with Grade Three students in the fall of 2011.