



Sedley School

Kindergarten – Grade Eight

“A Community Learning Together”

P.O. Box 68, 519 Prairie Avenue, SEDLEY, Saskatchewan, S0G 4K0

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Principal: Ms. Sarah Kennedy

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Thursday, September 29 – Terry Fox Run (2:10 – 3:20 pm)

Thursday, September 29 – Sedley School Open House (7 – 8 pm)

Monday, October 3 – Lifetouch Pictures (am)

Monday, October 10 – Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed

Friday, October 21 – PVSD Institute Day – School Closed

October 17 – 21 Education Week

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. A few reasons for absence the school has to choose from on the drop down menus are: appointment, bus related, compassionate, excused by parent, extracurricular sports, family vacation, illness, medical appointment, weather related, etc.



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!

Principal's Message:

Dear Sedley School Families,

The 2011-2012 school year is well underway here at Sedley School. It has been very enjoyable for us to reunite with our returning students. It is amazing to see how much they have grown in only two months! It is wonderful to see them returning to school with so much excitement for learning. We are also welcoming nine enthusiastic new kindergarten students. We welcome these new students and their families to our Sedley School community.

Prairie Valley School Division has a long term Strategic Plan that outlines priority areas and achievement targets. Last year, we selected writing and math (numbers strand) as key areas for improvement at Sedley School. We saw huge achievement gains in both of these areas. This year we will be continuing to focus on these two areas. In addition, we will be adding a reading goal to our school Learning Improvement Plan. Please watch for more information in the coming months as we move forward in an effort to reach our learning improvement targets.

Enjoy the extended summer weather while we can!

Sarah Kennedy

Library News!

Sedley School library has been receiving new resources from Division office for staff and students to use in their daily instruction. Also, there are a number of new reading resources for students arriving in the next month or so. Thanks to students and parents who participated in our Fall kick off, *"What Did You Read This Summer?"* Twelve students who participated, were drawn to choose a free poster as a thank you for their participation. Watch for more activities promoted by our school library to promote literacy and a love of learning!

Tracy Aulie



Please, please, please continue to check for nits or head lice regularly. If your child/ren is infected, the school should be notified. Remind children not to share combs, hats, or any head gear of any sort. Any further questions could be directed to the Public Health Nurse, Louisa Eastuke, 766-7517



A weekly fluoride mouth rinse will continue in the Sedley School. All students who previously participated in the mouth rinse will continue unless a written note is sent to the school stating otherwise. Recently a permission form was sent home with the Grade One students, please return these as soon as possible. Thank you.



All schools in Prairie Valley School Division are “Safe Schools.” Sedley School will practice Fire, Lockdown and Tornado Drills a specified number of times during the year. The students will be informed of the procedures of these drills by their homeroom teachers and principal.

As part of the “Safe School” initiative, the Sedley School outside doors will be locked at all times except during the bus times in the morning and afternoons, lunch hour, and recesses. The only door that will always remain unlocked will be the door closest to the Staffroom entrance. Please ensure that your child/ren, if they are late or arrive at a time when the doors are locked, are informed that the only entrance open to the school is the designated door closest to the staffroom. (A good habit would be to walk your child/ren into the school).



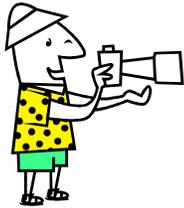
The Sedley School Newsletter will be sent home to every family near the end of the month. The newsletter contains important information pertaining to the school and the school community.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please phone the school and we will add your email address to the newsletter email contact list. If you have any community information you would like to see in the newsletter, you are welcome to submit the information to the school and we will place it in the next upcoming issue.



Please check the school website, it is a great source of information.

www.pvsd.ca/school/sedley



School Pictures Monday, October 3rd (am)

Our photographers are, Lifetouch Canada Inc.

Preschoolers are welcome between 8:30 – 9:00 am

Extra - Curricular:

Cross Country:

Four students attended the cross country meet in Balgonie on September 19. Congratulations to all participants – Good Job!

Volleyball:

- Grade Seven & Eight Volleyball will start on September 28.
- Volleyball Practice will be on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30.
- The team is not in a league, but will have games arranged with other schools in PVSD.
- Volleyball Team Coach – Mrs. Jamie Lees

Flag Football:

Schedule: Tuesday, September 20 Sedley @ Pilot Butte (B)
Tuesday, September 27 Sedley @ Pilot Butte (A)
Tuesday, October 4 Balgonie @ Sedley
Tuesday, October 11 Milestone @ Sedley

Coach: Ms. Sarah Kennedy

Come out and show your support for your Sedley School Flag Football team on Tuesday, October 4th and October 11th!

Yearbook: Are you interested in a 2010 – 2011 yearbook? Please contact the school, they should be available for sale in the next month.

SLC:

- The SLC this year consists of six Grade Seven and Eight students.
- Our first event was Rider Day on September 23. Good show of Rider Pride!
- SLC Advisors: Mrs. Brick

Flu Prevention Information (Suggestions Only from the following website)

(www.publichealth.gc.ca) You can play an active role in staying healthy and preventing the spread of the flu virus. Follow these simple steps:

- **Get your flu shot**

Getting the flu shot every year is one of the most effective ways to prevent catching and spreading the flu virus.

- **Wash your hands frequently**

Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds to help remove bacteria and viruses. Wash before and after eating, after you have been in a public place, after using the washroom, after coughing and sneezing and after touching surfaces that may have been contaminated. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also effective in killing viruses.

- **Keep your hands away from your face**

In most cases, the flu virus enters the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

- **Cough and sneeze into your arm, not your hand**

If you use a tissue, dispose of it as soon as possible and wash your hands.

- **Keep common surface areas clean and disinfected**

Doorknobs, light switches, telephones, keyboards and other surfaces can become contaminated with all kinds of bacteria and viruses. Regular cleaning and disinfecting of these surfaces with normal household disinfectants can help. Viruses can live on hard surfaces for up to 48 hours.

- **If you get sick, stay home**

If you think you have the flu, you should stay home from school or work until your symptoms are gone. If your symptoms get worse, call your health care provider.

Talk about staying healthy

Encourage others to follow these simple steps. If you have children, be a good role model. Teach them to count to 20 while washing their hands and show them how to cover up when they cough or sneeze.

Seasonal Influenza: It is Serious

Don't forget: the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region's (RQHR) Seasonal Influenza Campaign will start in October, 2011. It is very important to be immunized. Protect yourself and your loved ones! For general information regarding influenza disease and clinic schedules call HealthLine at 1-877-800-0002. Access the RQHR website at rqhealth.ca, watch your local newspaper or call your local public health office in late September for information on dates, times and clinic sites.

Sedley Influenza Clinic:

Friday Oct. 21 from 9 am til noon at Sedley New Horizon Center

For appointment time please call 885-2023

Drop-in will be accepted but you may have to wait to be worked in.

Francis Influenza Clinic:

Tuesday Oct. 25th from 1:30 – 3 pm

On a drop-in basis at Francis Prairie Village

STOP -- LOOK -- SEE

"SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES"

In cities, towns and villages bus drivers are required to activate their red flashing lamps and extend the "STOP" arm when loading or unloading children; except where a bylaw by that community prohibits their use. When approaching a school bus, begin to slow down as soon as the flashing red stop lamps come on, so the bus driver can see that you are going to stop. If you are behind the bus you may not pass once the flashing lights are activated. If you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction and you are too close to stop you may pass the bus if you do so before the stop arm is extended. **Once the stop arm is out you must stop.** The single greatest threat to the safety of children who ride school buses is motorists who pass the bus when children are loading or unloading.

When approaching a bus that has its stop arm out and its flashing lights activated, as a driver:

- You must stop no closer than 5 m. (15 ft.) from the front or back of the bus;
- You must not advance your vehicle until the bus driver turns off the flashing red stop lamps and deactivated the stop arm; and
- Before moving, check to see that all children have safely crossed the roadway.

Passing a school bus with flashing lights is a serious offense and will result in a minimum fine of **\$360.**

NOTE: Drivers do not have to stop for a school bus if you are travelling in the opposite direction on a divided highway; also, you are not required to stop for buses displaying the four-way hazard lamps.



Sedley School Community Council News:

Leap into Literacy:

Preschoolers with birthdays in September and October may pick out a book at the school. If you did not receive a book over the summer months, please see Ms. Kennedy or Mrs. Brick at the Sedley School for your free Birthday Book.



Are you between the ages of 6 and 21?

Mark on your calendar! **4-H** Registration Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7 pm.** (Location to be announced!) Couldn't make the first meeting? No worries! Join us if you are looking to having fun, meeting new friends and learning new skills! Contact Gillian with any questions at 245-3389

Thanksgiving

