



# Sedley School

Kindergarten – Grade Eight

*“A Community Learning Together”*

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Principal: Ms. Sarah Kennedy

## November 2011

**Monday, October 31** - Sedley School Halloween Parade @ 1:00 pm

**Tuesday, November 8** – Lifetouch Photo Retakes (Afternoon)

**Thursday, November 10** – Sedley School Remembrance Day Program @ VRS

**Friday, November 11** – Remembrance Day – School Closed

**Friday, November 18** – Report Cards sent home

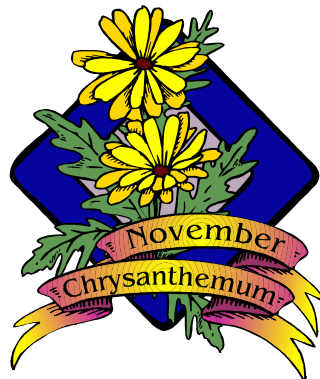
**Tuesday, November 22** – Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Scheduled 4 – 8 pm)

**Wednesday, November 23** - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Scheduled 4 – 8 pm)

**Friday, November 25** – Non Student Day – No Classes

**Tuesday, December 20** – Christmas Concert 7:00 pm

**Thursday, January 5, 2012** – Classes Resume





## Principal's Message

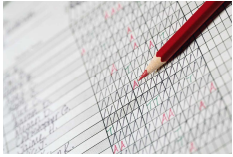
Dear Sedley School Families,

October was another exciting month here at Sedley School. First off, I would like to welcome Miss Amanda Stecyk to our Sedley School staff. Miss Stecyk will be teaching in the grade 7/8 room for the remainder of the school year. We wish Mrs. Lees well on her maternity leave and are sure she will enjoy the time with her family. Education Week brought many great events our way. This year's theme for Education Week was *A Challenge to All...Achievement for All...You Can Make a Difference*. At Sedley School, we embraced this theme through a highway reading challenge. Our students' goal was to collectively read one minute for each meter between Sedley and Francis. This totalled a whopping 13 500 minutes of reading to reach our goal. Our students were dedicated and excited about the task. In the end, we read over 16 000 minutes, going far beyond our goal. What an amazing achievement! Our school also celebrated with guest readers in our classrooms and special library events. Thank you to our Sedley School students, families and staff for your support in making our Education Week challenge and events so fun and successful.

We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween next week. It is always entertaining to see the students parading in their creative costumes. November will be a month focused on assessment and reporting the progress of our students. Student report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to review the report card carefully and discuss it with your child. We will be holding three-way conferences on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. In these conferences, you will participate along with your child in discussing the learning that has taken place in the classroom, along with your child's learning goals for the future. We look forward to seeing you then.

Take Care,

Sarah Kennedy



## Attendance

All students must be accounted for by a parent/guardian phone call, note, or email. An unexplained absence by a parent/guardian will result in a phone call home from the school.

**School Phone # (306) 885-2122**

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## **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 is infected, the school should be notified. Remind children not to share combs, hats, or any head gear of any sort. Any further questions can be directed to the Public Health Nurse, Louisa Eastuke @ 766-7517.



## Safe School – Doors Locked

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).



## Library News

Sedley School celebrated Education Week during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. The students were challenged to read 13 500 minutes (that's how many meters are between Sedley and Francis). Well, Sedley students did better than that! They read over 16 000 minutes – that's Sedley to Francis and part way back again! Congratulations! To celebrate, all the students were treated to an ice cream sundae! Thank you to the Sedley SCC for their support in purchasing the ingredients for a delicious prize!

Also during Education Week Sedley students were treated to guest readers. Throughout the week, the following community members gave up their time to share some stories with the classrooms. Thank you to Rita Duke, Claire Bast, Father Abello, Shauna Forbes and Jeanine Nelson for reading, and to Julie Lapointe who was not able to, because of illness. Staff and students at Sedley School appreciate your willingness and time in visiting and reading in our school.

*The Willow Awards* promote reading by granting a Willow Award to the Canadian books voted by students to be the best of those nominated in three categories: *Shining Willow* (K-3), *Diamond Willow* (4-6) and *Snow Willow* (7-9). Sedley School library has these books and Mrs. Aulie has been book talking and presenting them in the Grades 4-8 classrooms. Students will be busy reading them from now until the end of February. At this time they will be able to vote along with the rest of Saskatchewan classrooms, on the book they feel is the best of the nominated books. K-3 Willow books will be presented to the students in the coming months. If you are interested in seeing a list of nominated books, or reading about them, check out the following link:

<http://www.willowawards.ca/>

The school library hosted some activities with the help of Grades 6-8 students during library week, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the students in Grade 6 who helped with the pumpkin seed guessing contest, and the Grade 7/8's who helped with the cuddly stuffed animal contest. A jar of candy was handed out to the lucky guesser of the number of pumpkin seeds in the pumpkin and many interesting awards were given out to our many stuffed animals.

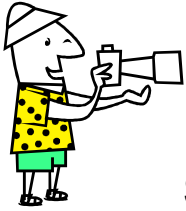
Tracy Aulie,  
Itinerant Teacher Librarian



## **Sedley School Website**

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

[www.pvsd.ca/school/sedley](http://www.pvsd.ca/school/sedley)



## **School Photos**

School Picture Retakes will be on Tuesday, November 8th (pm)

Sedley School Photo Proofs taken on October 3 have been sent to LifeTouch. Student photo orders should arrive in approximately four to six weeks.



## **Halloween**

Sedley School Halloween Parade will be at 1:00 pm on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone welcome, preschoolers are invited to attend in costume.



## **Remembrance Day**

Sedley School staff and students will be travelling by busses to Vibank Regional School to attend their Remembrance Day Program. We will be leaving Sedley School at 10:15 and arriving back by 12:30. Students will eat lunch and have a recess break upon return to the Sedley School. All students must bring a lunch, preferably a non-microwaveable lunch, to the school on November 10, 2011.

Please sign the attached permission slip and return to the Sedley School before November 9, 2011.

Sedley School will be closed for Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.



## **Report Cards**

Student Progress Reports (Report Cards) will be sent home on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.



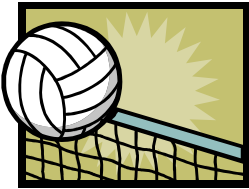
## **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Please fill out and return the attached conference schedule information before November 10. Remember to schedule a time that will be good for both you and your child to attend.



## **Book Fair “Reading Is Out of This World!”**

Don't forget to stop in and visit the book fair during the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## **Extra-Curricular**

### **Flag Football:**

The Flag Football team ended their season with a Flag Football Jamboree at Taylor Field on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The team had a great day and did very well at the Jamboree. The team had an unexpected opportunity to meet with Saskatchewan Roughrider's Head Coach, Ken Miller.

Thank you to all the Flag Football parents for showing your support at every game!

### **Volleyball:**

The Grade Seven/Eight Volleyball team played an exhibition game against Vibank School on Wednesday, October 12.



## **Flu Prevention**

Suggestions from the following website: [www.publichealth.gc.ca](http://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.





## **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.



