



MEATH PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2021

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Mr. Matt Gray, Principal

Mrs. Sheri Gunville, Vice Principal

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students, and Families

The leaves are turning, the mornings have a crisp nature to the air, fall is upon us and we have had a beautiful start to October. As we begin for the inevitable colder temperatures, and yes some snow to fly, we have another opportunity to enjoy some outside family time and enjoy our shortest season.

This time of year always brings colds and flu's and I want to thank all of you for being diligent in keeping your student(s) home when they have symptoms. I know it isn't always easy to organize childcare and provide comfort for a sick child, but your efforts help to keep the rest of us safe.

September was a month of new and renewed beginnings at the school. We welcomed a new teacher to our ranks. Ms. Charitee Lehner has joined our Mustang family in grade 2/3. We also have many new students in the school this year. They are wonderful additions and we are so happy to have them. Thank you to all the parents and families who have signed up for our new learning platform Edsby. We saw the start of extracurricular activities with our senior volleyball teams already in action, elections for our Student Leadership Council just around the corner, and Cross Country running well underway.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and our Halloween Carnival will finish the month, but in between, awesome learning and engagement are happening in the classrooms, and the buzz of new faces and new experiences is incredible to see in the school.

Have a great month everyone, and if you're lucky enough to have some pie on Thanksgiving, save a piece for me!

M. Gray, Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

Visitors Entering the School

Due to health concerns, our front entrance door is remaining locked at this time. If you are needing to enter the school, please ring the front door bell and be wearing a mask.

If you are here to pick up your child early, please telephone the office at 306-929-2131. Thank you.

Water Bottles

There are a number of students coming to school without a water bottle. Please be reminded that due to covid restrictions, our water fountains are not available to students. If you would remember please to have your child bring a full water bottle to school daily. We do have a water machine where they can refill their bottles. Thank you.

Registration Package

Included in the registration package is a blank Registration Form. The registration form needs to be returned to the school as soon as possible to keep our student/family information accurate. Remember to complete both sides of the form and sign the bottom section of back page. Thank you.

Online Cash Payment

We are excited to finally be able to provide you with an online payment option. While we will still accept traditional payment methods (cash and cheque), you will be receiving an email in the near future to help you sign up for a new KEV online payment method. We hope this option will make it easier for you to pay for school fees, however, please note that there will be a small transaction charge that the company charges. For example, for a \$20.00 school fee, you will be charged \$21.00, with that \$1.00 charge going to the company. Please find this KEV payment form information attached in this newsletter.

Terry Fox Walk

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who donated money to the Terry Fox Foundation in our annual fundraising campaign to raise money for cancer research. This year our Terry Fox Walk took place on a sunny afternoon and the students and staff were able to walk around the Village of Meath Park and learn about Terry Fox while walking the route. Congratulations goes out to both Ms. Hoda's Grade 1/2 class and Ms. Lehner's Grade 2/3 class who raised nearly the same amount of money! There was only a 0.35 cent difference between the classrooms. Therefore, both classrooms were awarded with ice cream sandwiches for their fantastic fundraising effort! Thank you once again to everyone for their donations and participation!

U of Regina Presentation

A University of Regina enrollment services representative will be giving a presentation to interested grade 11/12's on Thursday, October 28th at lunch. Mrs. Gunville will also be meeting with all grade 11/12 students in October to discuss transition and graduation plans. Grade 10's, watch for November news!

Canteen

For those wondering about Canteen, we are changing how we run the canteen and giving the running of it over to our Student Leadership Council (SLC). Once the SLC is up and running, we will open the Canteen, hopefully, by the end of the month.

SLC Elections

SLC Election Day will be held on Wednesday October 6th.

SLC Spirit Week will be held the week of October 25th. Spirit Days are as follows:

Monday, October 25th - P.J. Day

Tuesday, October 26th - Mustang Gear Day

Wednesday, October 27th - Orange and Black Day

Thursday, October 28th - Pattern Day

Friday, October 29th - Costume Day (Halloween Carnival and Haunted House)

Volleyball

The Senior Girls Volleyball team will be hosting their annual Volleyball Tournament on October 15th and 16th this year with limited spectators wearing masks.



Halloween Carnival and Haunted House

We are having a Halloween Carnival on Friday October 29th. Students are welcome to wear costumes this day as mentioned in SLC news.

The grade 12 class will be hosting a Haunted House on Friday, October 29th as a fundraiser for Graduation. All students are welcome to come with a \$2.00 admission. If there are any concerns, kindly feel free to contact the office. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Haunted House!

The grade 12 class thank you for your support!



Meath Park's New Crosswalk

The Village of Meath Park recently installed a crosswalk for student's to safely cross the street at the school near the parking lot entrance. This photo was taken while our students participated in our Terry Fox Walk. Please be aware of all students while driving.

School Community Council (SCC)

The Meath Park Public School, School Community Council (SCC) is now looking for interested members to be a part of the council. The SCC consists of parents of K-12 students, administration of the school, school staff and a student representative. The council meets five times per year to discuss school progress, school initiatives and school concerns. The council provides advice to the administration of the school and to the division Board of Education on policies, programs, and school operations. Members of the council provide a vital link of communication between the school community and the school itself. This year SCC's focus will be to support and create a daycare/ before and after school program for Meath Park Public School.

Our SCC will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, November 17th. We will be seeking nominations for President/Chair and Vice Chair. If you are interested in attending or being nominated, please contact Mr. Gray at the school.

School Parking Lot

The school parking lot and adjacent street to the school are very busy areas after school. We have a lot of parent vehicles and student vehicles leaving the parking lot at the same time students are crossing the street or that the busses are leaving the parking lot. We would please ask that when leaving the parking lot that you pay very special attention to students crossing the road. Please drive the appropriate speed limit and follow all traffic laws. Thanks in helping keeping our students safe.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

School bus drivers have a difficult job. There are plenty of distractions inside the bus. Knowing this, you should make extra allowances, and be aware of the possibility that the bus driver may not see you or your signals. Rear-end collisions are the most frequent type of crash involving school buses and are usually caused by another driver failing to stop while the bus is loading or unloading passengers.



When approaching a school bus, begin to slow down as soon as the flashing 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.** The single greatest threat to the safety of children who ride school buses is motorists who pass when children who ride school buses 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 feet) 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 deactivates the stop arm.**
- **Before moving, check to see that all children have safely crossed the roadway.**

Passing a school bus with flashing lights is a serious offence and will result in a minimum fine of \$335.00. You do not have to stop for a school bus if you are travelling in the opposite direction on a divided highway. Some cities, towns and villages may have a bylaw prohibiting the use of flashing red stop lamps and stop arms on school buses. In those communities you are allowed to pass the bus. Drivers are not required to stop for buses displaying four-way hazard lamps, **however, use caution, go slowly and always watch for children crossing.**

Nut Alert Reduce the Risk

The Saskatchewan Rivers School Division and the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region recommend that all Prince Albert and Area School communities work to "reduce the risk" for all students with life threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) by taking the strong initiative and commitment to become *Nut Alert*. Please read the *Nut Alert information below* that provides the rationale for this initiative.



Meath Park School will continue their school-wide campaign to provide the safest environment possible for children with life threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) immediately. For more information contact me, the school principal, or a public health nurse.

What are peanut butter substitutes?

Peanut butter substitutes are peanut and tree-nut free spreads that look and taste like peanut butter. They are made from roasted soybeans, brown peas, sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds. Examples include soy nut, pea and sunflower seed butters.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wednesday, October 6 th | - SLC Election Day
- 7/8 Boys/Girls Volleyball at Meath Park (SH) |
| Friday, October 8 th | - PLC Day - NO CLASSES |
| Monday, October 11 th | - Happy Thanksgiving - NO CLASSES |
| Thursday, October 14 th | - 7/8 Boys/Girls Volleyball at Vincent Massey |
| Friday, October 15 th | - SGVB Host Volleyball Tournament
- SBVB to St. Mary Tournament |
| Tuesday, October 19 th | - SBVB to PACI |
| Wednesday, October 20 th | - 7/8 Boys/Girls Volleyball at Red Wing |
| Friday, October 22 nd | - SGVB and SBVB to Carlton Tournament |
| Monday, October 25 th | - PJ DAY |
| Tuesday, October 26 th | - MUSTANG GEAR DAY
- SBVB to PACI |
| Wednesday, October 27 th | - ORANGE & BLACK DAY
- 7/8 Girls/Boys Volleyball at Arthur Pechey |
| Thursday, October 28 th | - PATTERN DAY
- U of Regina Presentation - noon - Gr. 11 & 12 Students |
| Friday, October 29 th | - COSTUME DAY
- Halloween Carnival
- Sr. Girls Volleyball to Carrot River Tournament |



Fees: K-12 Student Fee = \$20
Gr. 7 - 9 PAA Fees = \$25
Gr. 10 - 12 PAA Fees = \$25
Caution Fee = \$25
Gr. 10 - 12 Art Fee = \$10

Please pay your fees, as soon as possible.

Fees can be paid in monthly installments.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Open Art Studio every Wednesday from September to March at the Prince Albert Arts Centre, 1010 Central Avenue. Session 1 is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Session 2 is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a free program for 8 to 16 years old. Offered is drawing, colouring, painting, beading, paper mache, knitting, clay, chalk pastels, charcoat, pencils, oil pastels, paper mache, creating!

Registration is now open for the #38 "Anavets" Prince Albert Air Cadets. There are no fees to join and uniforms are provided free which will be required to be returned when leaving the organizations. For more information, there is a facebook cadet group for parents and cadets, "Prince Albert Air Cadets".

High Noon Optimist Junior Curling Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., ages 12 - 19 years old. Equipment supplied, October 27 to February, \$70.00 cost. Windup, prizes and banquet. For more information, contact Pat Bibby at 306-764-2421, bibby@ssaktel.net or Gen at 306-961-7734 or pagcc_curling@hotmail.com or Prince Albert Golf and Curling Club at 765-5201.

Women in Trades Workshops at Saskatchewan Polytechnic Prince Albert Campus is offering Electrical/Plumbing (CESP-1606) on Saturday, October 23rd and Sunday October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn how to wire a light, a switch and an electrical outlet. Learn how to solder, install a faucet and toilet, and basic plumbing skills. Cost \$150.00.

Also offered is Carpentry/Welding (CESP-1604) on Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn how furniture is made and use common tools to make your own cabinet. Learn to assemble and tack weld steel, use

assorted shaping methods, as well as, use cleaning, finishing, and cutting tools. Cost is also \$150.00.

For more information, contact Tammie Pawlust at 306-765-1916 or tammie.pawlust@saskplytech.ca. To register, visit: saskpolytech.ca/WITT

Family Catholic Services Life Improvement Programs Strict Covid-19 Safety Protocols and sanitization continue to be followed. Unless otherwise indicated, all classes will take place at CFS - 1008 1st Avenue West, Prince Albert.

Riding the Wave - A program for Children ages 6-13 Exposed to Violence and Trauma and their parents. (full program is delivered over a weekend). Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Taming the Tiger - Anger Management for Children ages 6 to 12 and their Parents. Saturday, October 23rd and Sunday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Climbing the Rock - A program for Youths Exposed to and Healing from Trauma for Teens between the ages of 13 and 17 years. Wednesday, October 20th to November 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

All the above classes are free registration as well as transportation provided if needed.

Calming the Storm - Anger Management for Adults offered the week of October 18th being a virtual class. Cost is \$25.00.

Calming the Storm for Teens - Anger Management for Teens offered Mondays and Wednesdays, October 25th November 3rd from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$25.00.

Parenting from the Heart - Parenting Class Sunday October 30th and Sunday, October 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free registration.

Stepping Up - Men Building Healthy Relationships is a 13 week program (one session per week) for men who have been abusive in their relationships, running Tuesdays, September 28th to December 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration is \$25.00.

How Long Does the Sad Last - Program for Children 6 to 10 who are Dealing with Loss and Grief on Tuesdays, October 5th to November 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost \$25.00.

Grief Support Group for Adults - Support Group of Men and Women who are Dealing with Loss and Grief on Tuesdays, October 5th to November 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, call Rose at Catholic Family Services at 306-961-8410 or email programs.cfspa@sasktel.net.

