



MEATH PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2021

Prepare, Engage, Succeed

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Mr. Matt Gray, Principal

Mrs. Sheri Gunville, Vice Principal

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students, and Families

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?
A rebel without a Claus.

December is here once again. I think I need to write that one more time. December is here once again. I can't believe the speed at which this year is flying by. As the saying goes, when you're having fun, the time flies.

Volleyball season has come and gone and I want to congratulate both our Senior Boys' and Girls' teams for their excellent seasons. Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship made us all proud to say we are Mustangs. Another thank-you to your coaches, Mr. Milburn, Ms. Zawislak, Mrs. Winterton, Mr. Walburg, and Mr. Regal for all the time you put in. It never goes unappreciated and the lessons and memories that your efforts give your players will last for a lifetime.

As we move into December, we have many things happening in our short month of school. Classes are busy organizing a Virtual Christmas Concert, the SLC is planning a Spirit Week and selling Candy grams for a fundraiser. Our SCC poinsettias have arrived and are ready for pick up. If you missed the order, and are interested in a red one, we have some extras for sale.

With all of that going on, our senior sports begin a new season as basketballs can be heard dribbling in our gym.

As we look to the end of the month, I want to wish you all Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays that are filled with laughter, joy, and most of all good health,



Mr. M. Gray, Principal

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.

Student Registration Forms

If your child has not yet returned the new registration form for this year, please complete the form and return, or call the school and we will send another home.



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We are able to provide you with an online payment option. While we will still accept traditional payment methods (cash and cheque), we hope this option will make it easier for you to pay for school fees and fundraising events, 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 go to this website to register. <http://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online>. You may sign up and will still have the option to use the program.

Christmas Activity and Meal

Due to the recent number of positive Covid cases in the school, we have also reviewed our plans for our Winter Activity evening and Christmas Dinner. While we will still be doing a virtual Christmas Concert, we have decided to postpone our Christmas Dinner and Winter Activity evening until later this school year.

Instead of having our Winter Activity evening happening on December 8th, we will move it to February 17th, 2022, and our Christmas Dinner to a spring (Easter) dinner with a date yet to be determined.



Our School Parent Survey

The Our School Parent Survey will be open until December 17th. Please visit <http://www.ourschool.net/meathparents> to give your input on how to improve our school to meet your family's needs. Thank you.

Meath Park Public School Vaccine Clinic at Our School

On Monday December 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a vaccine clinic at Meath Park School, hosted by Saskatchewan Health Authority. Booked appointments as well as walk-ins will be available. CHILDREN 5-11 YEARS OLD CAN NOW BE BOOKED INTO THESE CLINICS. Influenza as well as COVID-19 Pfizer will be available at these clinics. Call 1-833-SASKVAX (1-833-727-5829) or BOOK ONLINE at www.4flu.ca

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MEATH PARK SCHOOL

Meath Park

MONDAY, December 13, 2021

3:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Call 1-833-SASKVAX

(1-833-727-5829) or

BOOK ONLINE at www.4flu.ca

Appropriate Winter Wear

It is that time of year that the weather is turning cold, wet and sometimes uncomfortable. We generally send our K-Z students outside for all breaks and noon hours unless there is a tremendous wind, rain or snow storm and unless the temperature or combined windchill is at or below minus 30 degrees Celsius.

We ask all students to please be prepared to dress appropriately to ride the bus and come to school with appropriate footwear, jackets, toques, ski pants, gloves/mitts for such weather as well as appropriate indoor footwear during the winter months.

Preschool/ Before and After School Program

We are happy to announce that we are moving towards opening a Preschool and Before and After School program for next year. While the initial plans to open each have been delayed because of Covid, we are very hopeful to have everything in place for the beginning of the school year next year.

To help share the workload and provide for the long-term sustainability of the program, we are looking for six to eight parents to form a board to oversee the program. If you are interested on being a part of the board, please contact Mr. Gray at the school.

Hour of Code: December 6th to 10th

The Hour of Code began as a one-hour coding challenge to give students a fun first introduction to computer science and has become a global learning event, celebration, and awareness event. Over 100 million students across the globe have participated in past years; Every Apple Store in the world has hosted an Hour of Code, Hour of Code has been featured on Amazon, Google, YouTube, Yahoo!, Bing, and Disney homepages; Celebrities Ashton Kutcher and Jessica Alba and tech leaders Sheryl Sandberg, Bill Gates, and Jack Dorsey have talked with classrooms in live video chats! This year every student at Meath Park K-12 will get an opportunity to participate as well.

Computer science is changing every industry on the planet. Every 21st - century student should have the opportunity to learn how to create technology. Computer science concepts also help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills to prepare students for any future career. This one hour engaging event for each classroom will spark creativity and increase interest in our new grade 11 level Computer Science course!

Senior Boys' Volleyball

We entered the season like every other team in the province...having been forced to sit out a year due to Covid, we were grateful for the opportunity to be back in the gym together. Our boys were resilient, hard working, committed, respectful, and competitive from start to finish this year. We put up a fight in every tournament we attended, making it to several Semi-Final and Final matches. We attended tournaments in Kinistino, Rosthern, St. Mary, and Carlton. The team overcame a range of adverse circumstances in the final month of the season to win gold in our Conference Playoff in Birch Hills. We earned the right to host Regionals and, with the help and support of the parents, staff, and students in our building, successfully and safely accommodated five teams from across the northern part of our province. By tying for third in the Regional Playoff, our boys qualified for Provincials once again. We came up against some amazing competition in the tournament and although we did not make it to the playoff round, our team competed hard through every match. We are so proud to have been a part of this journey with this team of young men. The Meath Park Senior Boys' Volleyball Team would like to thank the community, parents and families of the players, staff, and student population for all of the support you have provided throughout the season. Whether it was traveling to watch our games, driving your child to practice/tournaments, paying for expenses, or working to set up/run a tournament, we appreciate all that you do to make our boys proud to be members of their community.



On behalf of the team, we wish you all a safe and happy December and Christmas holiday.

Mr. Luke Milburn

Ms. Brooke Zawislak

Mrs. Erin Winterton

Curling

High School Curling has begun! We practice every Monday and Tuesday in Prince Albert.



We are looking forward to playing in the annual Christmas Curling Classic on December 17th and 18th. It should be an exciting year for all those interested in curling. All curling events will be held at the Prince Albert Golf and Curling Club.

We would like to send out a "big thank you" to Hillside Physical Health and Fitness on generously sponsoring the curling team this year.

SLC

Spirit Week will take place from Monday, December 13th to Friday, December 17th:

- Monday, December 13th - Santa Hat Day
- Tuesday, December 14th - Cozy Sock and Sweater Day
- Wednesday, December 15th - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- Thursday, December 16th - Red and Green Day
- Friday, December 17th - PJ Day

Candy Gram Sales (Candy Canes - \$1.00) will begin Monday, December 6th and run until Tuesday, December 14th, then to be handed out on Friday, December 17th.

Canteen

The Canteen is back up and running by your SLC! **At this time, the canteen will only be available to students in grades 5-12.** The canteen will be open from **12:25-12:45 p.m.** Please find a list of the items being sold in the canteen this year below:

Items	Price
Pepperoni Sticks	\$2.00
Beef Jerkey	\$2.00
Chips	\$1.50
Crispers	\$2.00
Nutrigrain Bars	\$1.00
Corn Nuts	\$2.00
KD Cup	\$2.50
Chef Boyardee	\$3.00
Noodle Cup	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$1.00
Vitamin Water	\$2.50
Water	\$1.50

The SLC is also excited to announce that we have a mini school clothing shop in the canteen as well. We have limited sizes and colours available, but will have a small selection of school gear for our students. If you would like to see something in the store, please let your SLC members know and we will see what we can bring in. If you see something you like but want to change the colour or personalize with a name, please visit the school clothing website at: <https://meathparkpublicschool.entripyshops.com/> A list of items and prices for the clothing can be found below:

Crew neck sweater *Adult sizes only*	\$50
T-Shirt *Adult and Youth Sizes available*	\$15
Toque	\$25
Cinch Carry Sack	\$25

School Clothing Orders

Our school clothing provider, Entripy, is having a Black Friday sale. You can get 15% off for a limited time and be able to get your Mustang gear early enough to put under the tree! Just use the code Earlybf15.

<https://meathparkpublicschool.entripyshops.com/>

Home Economics Classroom

The Home Economics classes are looking for donations of fabric and yarn. If you or someone you know are looking to clean out your craft room, the students would really appreciate any donations you may have so that they can learn new skills and continue to make projects. If you have donations, you can contact Mx. Laewetz at the school or drop off your donations to the office. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

School Motto

Prepare, Engage, Succeed: Our motto encompasses our mission, vision and values. We honour diversity, and embrace continuous learning here at Meath Park, while at the same time providing a safe and caring learning environment. This year our school goal of having 100% of students achieving at meeting or excelling levels in reading will be supported by teachers focusing on high effect strategies and implementing those strategies with a trauma informed lens. As we learn together again we are dedicated to preparing our students for future success.

School Community Council (SCC)

Thank you to all of those who supported our Poinsettia sale. We made \$1,800.00 which is a great success and will use the same company to sell bedding plants in the spring!



We would also like to thank Tammy Aiken and Ule Graner for their year's of work for the SCC as they step down from their roles as SCC Chairman and Vice Chairman. We are happy to announce that Tracy Lysyk has taken the position of SCC Chairman, Heather Scott the position of Vice Chairman, and Jill Conant and Sarah Hardy are sharing the role of Secretary.

Inclement Weather Policy

Even though the weather has been very cooperative over the last few weeks, this is Saskatchewan and changes are bound to occur. Here is some information from the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division board policy on inclement weather. More information can be found at <http://www.srsd119.ca/boardpolicyfiles/>.



The Board of Education (the Board) believes that a priority of student transportation services is to ensure student safety. On occasion, weather conditions and/or road conditions may be such that safe transportation services are put at risk. The Board, therefore, authorizes the cancellation of bus operations in accordance with guidelines and administrative procedures of this policy. Guidelines:

A. BUSSING:

1. ***When the temperature is at or below -40 degrees Celsius, bus runs will be cancelled. When the temperature is at or below -35 degrees Celsius and the wind chill temperature is at or below -45 degrees Celsius, bus runs will normally be cancelled.***
2. Bus run cancellations, as determined by the Supervisor of Transportation, can apply to the entire Division, to clusters of school attendance areas, or to individual schools.
3. Regardless of temperatures or wind chill conditions, bus runs may be cancelled if severe storms or road conditions make travel dangerous.
4. Weather information used for purposes of decision-making, shall be as reported by the Weather Information Office of Environment Canada at the Prince Albert Airport, the Melfort Weather Station or a bus driver survey of on-site temperatures.
5. Bus cancellations should normally only be made in the morning before bus drivers begin their route or at noon if weather conditions deteriorate during the day.
6. Decisions regarding Division-wide closure of schools do not in any way detract from the authority and responsibility of individual drivers to cancel their own run should local conditions warrant.
7. Meath Park Public School will always remain open regardless of bus cancellations or the weather.

B. COMMUNICATION:

1. The school's web page, the Remind Bus App as well as CKBI and CJVR radio shall be the School Division's main communication medium with regard to decisions relative to this policy.

2. During inclement weather, staff, students and parents are asked to take extra precaution in terms of communications. ***Please call the school if your child is not attending that day because of the weather.***

Sharing the Road with School Buses

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. Passing a school bus with flashing lights is a serious offence and will result in a minimum fine of \$335.00.

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.



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, December 3 rd	-	SBBB to PACI Tournament
Saturday, December 4 th	-	Meath Park Improvement Group 8:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, December 6 th	-	Grade 12 Cap and Gown Photos
Friday, December 10 th	-	SBBB to RJC Tournament
Monday, December 13 th	-	Santa Hat Day
	-	Vaccine Clinic at Meath Park School 3:00 - 6:00 pm / Age 5 - 11 Pfizer Covid Vaccine Influenza and Pfizer Covid Vaccine as well
Tuesday, December 14 th	-	Cozy Sock and Sweater Day
Wednesday, December 15 th	-	Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Thursday, December 16 th	-	Red and Green Day
Friday, December 17 th	-	P.J. Day
	-	High School Curling Bonspiel in Prince Albert
	-	Last Day of Classes
Saturday, December 25 th	-	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Saturday, January 1 st , 2022	-	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Monday, January 3 rd , 2022	-	Classes Resume

Christmas

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

Please pay your fees, as soon as possible.

Fees can be paid in monthly installments.

If you wish to pay online, go to this website:

<http://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids Curling After Program at Candle Lake beginning Tuesday, November 2nd and every Tuesday that there is school after that until the end of March. There will be curling instruction, practice and games for students Grade 5 and older at the Candle Lake Curling Club. There is no charge for this. Sliders and brooms are available for use. Children should bring mittens or gloves and either curling shoes or clean running shoes to wear on the ice. The sessions will run from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Anyone who is eligible to be vaccinated must show proof of vaccination before entering the curling rink.

If your child will be participating and rides one of the Candle Lake busses, your child will ride home on Deb's bus #262 on Tuesdays. You must give her a call at 306-981-4170, saying that you give your permission for her to let your child off at the curling rink on Tuesdays. If your child normally takes Arlene's bus, please let Arlene know that your child will be taking Deb's bus on Tuesdays. If your children do not take a Candle Lake school bus, they are very welcome to attend, but you will be responsible for bringing them to the rink. There will be a light snack provided when the children arrive. Parents are welcome to come and watch and even participate. Please be at the rink a bit before 5:15 to collect your child in case we finish early sometime. If you have any questions, please call Valerie Manton at 306-960-0693.

Candle Lake Wapiti Library - Located on the Second Floor of the Community Hall Building
Phone: 306-960-9775 Email: canlake@wapitilibrary.ca Hours of Business:
Tue: 11 am to 5 pm / Wed: 4 pm to 7 pm / Thur: 9 am to Noon / Sat: 9 am to Noon
We have a number of activities to welcome members of our community and surrounding areas to come visit our brand new library. Please mark your calendars for the month of December as we will be hosting a few activities.

- ✓ **Saturday December 4th - Santa Letters**, have your child stop in and compose their letter to Santa with their Christmas wishes, we will mail them off in time for Christmas.

- ✓ **Wednesday December 8th** - Ladies and Gents please come in and **Share your Favourite Christmas Recipe**. We can make copies for everyone who attends, and while you're here, we hope to have a few Christmas Cook Books available to peruse or sign out.
- ✓ **Saturday December 11th** - **Children's Christmas Craft**, we ask that you **pre-register** as space is limited call the library by **Dec. 8th** to get your name on the list. Time for Crafting will be from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**
- ✓ **Wednesday December 15th** - **Teddy Bear Sleepover**, children can wear their PJ's and bring along with them their favourite Stuffy/Teddy Bear and we'll share a story or two. They can leave their Stuffy/Teddy Bear and return back to the library to pick up their friend the next morning, Teddy Bears need sleepovers too! Again please **pre-register by Dec. 8th**, **Story time** will begin at **6:30 p.m.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE PRACTICE ALL COVID REGULATIONS MANDATED BY THE RESORT VILLAGE OF CANDLE LAKE. ALL VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY ARE REQUIRED TO BE DOUBLE VACCINATED (those that are eligible) AND WEAR A MASK.

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".



**BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEAR!**

CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2022