



MEATH PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

February 2022

Prepare, Engage, Succeed

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Mr. Matt Gray, Principal

Mrs. Sheri Gunville, Vice Principal

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students, and Families

Another school day, and another day of extreme weather and no busses. January was an incredible month of extreme weather challenges snow and frigid temperatures that just seemed to keep cycling through our area. I thank you for your patience, your ability to work with us, and your ability to be flexible when the No Bus Announcement comes. Please remember the school is open on those no bus days if you can manage to get your student(s) here and home again, and we do miss them when they aren't here.

Hopefully, the warmth of Valentine's Day can cut through January's cold and start an early spring. At school, February is a busy month. Quad three begins for our Senior Students and Report Cards will go home this Friday, the 4th. After reviewing them, I couldn't be happier and more proud of the work, determination, and growth happening in our classrooms. Our elementary Badminton and Senior Basketball seasons are back from a brief pause, and we look forward to our boy's home tournament on the 11th and 12th. We will be live streaming the games that weekend, and we will make sure to get the link to the public so you can watch your Mustangs tear up and down the floor.

Finally, as we come through another Covid wave, I want to again thank you for everything you have done to support the school and keep us safe. Hopefully, we are getting to the point where I can stop needing to thank you for this.

Often, I hear about the "loss of our children's world" and the cost to their mental health over the past two years. I want to honour that the past two years for children have been extreme. There has been loss, fear, and anger. There are restrictions that continually ease, give them back pieces of their lives they hold dear, only to have the restrictions return and remove those things again. Yet, our kids have persevered. They continue to come to school, laugh, smile, engage and grow. They have shown resilience, perseverance and have shown us they are stronger in ways we couldn't have imagined.

My hope here is not to counteract your feelings, as a parent, I have many of the same. Rather, my hope is that you can look at your children for a moment and be incredibly proud of how they have persevered over the past two years, I know I am.



Mr. M. Gray, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Registration Forms

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

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.

2022- 2023 Kindergarten Registration



If your child will be five years old by December 31st, 2022, it's time to register for Kindergarten.

Please call the school at 306-929-2133 to pre-register.

Report Cards

Grade 1 to 12 Report Cards will be sent home with students on Friday, February 4th.



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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.

Boston Pizza Lunch Sale



Order forms for our next Boston Pizza Hot Lunch went home with students on Wednesday, February 2nd. Students have until Tuesday, February 8th to place orders. All information regarding what can be ordered will be on the order form. On-line ordering has been posted in our KEV cash program. Hot lunches will be delivered on Friday, February 11th to each classroom.

Coding Club Update

Once a week, students in grades 3 - 8 are able to come to Coding Club in the Computer Lab. Mrs. Gunville has Little Robot Friends, scratch games to create (not play), and Micro:bits! Micro:bits are fully functioning computers that you can program to create a banana piano, a magic 8 ball, a pet hamster, or even a valentine's love meter! The students have been programming and are excited to show off their creations when they finally start working! Coding teaches logical thinking, following instructions, logic, and of course patience and team work.

High School Quad 3 / Semester 2 Begins February 1st

As the first semester comes to a close and our high school students were entering their next courses, we were able to switch one option to Outdoor Education to suit the wishes of our students. We're so glad Mx. Laewetz is taking on this new challenge and we can't wait for some awesome snowshoeing or ice fishing pictures.

Canteen

The canteen will remain closed until after the February break. We will keep the students posted as to when it will open. When it re-opens, it will only be available to students in grades 5-12.

SLC News

The February SLC Spirit Days for February are listed below:

Monday, February 14th - Pink, Red, and White Day

Tuesday, February 15th - Favourite Story/Book Character Day

Wednesday, February 16th - Teacher Look A-Like Day

Thursday, February 17th - Random Acts of Kindness Day

Friday, February 18th - Canadian Tuxedo Day

The SLC will also be having their annual Buy your Crush a Crush sale. Sales will begin Monday, February 7th to Friday, February 11th.



K to grade 4 students can buy their Crushes from their homeroom teacher. Grades 5 to 12 students need to buy theirs in the Canteen. Crushes will be sold for \$2.00/each and will be delivered by the SLC on Monday, February 14th.

Senior Boys Basketball

The Senior Boys Basketball team would like to thank everyone who supported the team during their bottle drive in January. The team was very successful and we thank the surrounding community for their support. The boys will be hosting a home tournament on Friday, February 11th and Saturday, February 12th, however, we have to limit capacity due to lack of seating and Covid protocols. We hope that you will cheer us on from the comforts of your home via the live stream link that will be provided. We will use the month of February to prepare for conference play offs that will occur in March.

Curling



Curling districts will take place in Prince Albert on Friday and Saturday, February 11th and 12th.

School Clothing

The SLC has a mini school clothing shop in the Canteen. Items are now in the Trophy Case on display. 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,
<https://meathparkpublicschool.entripyshops.com/>

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.

Inclement Weather Policy

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.

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

Tuesday, February 1 st	-	Quad 3 / Semester 2 Begins
Wednesday, February 2 nd	-	Boston Pizza Order Forms Sent Home
Friday, February 4 th	-	Gr. 1 - 12 Report Cards Sent Home
	-	SGBB at Carlton 1:00 p.m.
	-	SBBB at St. Mary 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 7 th	-	Buy Your Crush and Crush Sales Begin
Tuesday, February 8 th	-	Boston Pizza Orders are Due Today
	-	SBBB vs Carlton 5:30 p.m. at Carlton Red
Friday, February 11 th	-	Boston Pizza Lunch Today
	-	Last Day to Buy Your Crush a Crush
	-	SBBB Host Home Tournament
	-	Curling Districts in Prince Albert
Saturday, February 12 th	-	SBBB Home Tournament
Monday, February 14 th	-	Happy Valentine's Day
	-	Pink, Red and White Day
	-	Crushes Handed Out
Tuesday, February 15 th	-	Favourite Story/Book Character Day
Wednesday, February 16 th	-	Teacher Look A-Like Day
	-	SCC Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 17 th	-	Random Acts of Kindness Day
Friday, February 18 th	-	Canadian Tuxedo Day
Monday, February 21 st	-	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, February 22 nd - Friday, February 25 th	-	NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 28 th	-	Classes Resume



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

Meath Park Arena Public Skating Hours

Fridays - Shinny 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays - Public Skating - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sundays - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Drop in Rates - \$5.00 / Seasonal Single Rates - \$20.00 / Seasonal Family Rates \$50.00.

Rental fee for locals \$50./hour / Out of town Rental Rates \$75./hour

Makes a great place to host birthday party's!! Call 306-929-9093



Meath Park Country Store is for sale but will remain open at this time!

Storytime at the Candle Lake Contact the Library for information at 306-960-9775.

River Rider (RR) Football - Non-contact football - Flag Football-Gr. 4/5 /

Little Tykes - PreK - Gr. 4 / / Six-a-Side Tackle Football - PeeWee-Gr. 5 & 6 /

Bantam-Gr. 7 & 8 / High School - Gr. 9 through 11. Please visit our website for league information and online registrations www.pariverriders.com

Royals Baseball Registration for 2022 Season now available online. Early Bird Discount of \$25. When you register before February 15th. Enter promo code "Earlybird25" during checkout for discount pricing! www.paminorbaseball.com

House League Softball Registration is now open online for Boys and Girls ages 4 to 12 for seven weeks of fun (May and June). Go to www.paminorsoftball.com. Registration closes April 2, 2022.