

Thomson Community School

April 2017 Newsletter



From the Administration

Greetings to everyone in the Thomson community. As we send out the April newsletter spring is upon us. Weather at this time of year does not always cooperate. Please ensure your children are adequately dressed for the cool weather that may exist during this transition season.

“Parent/Student/Teacher” conferences took place on March 24th. We are very pleased that attendance increased from previous years. If you weren’t able to make it, please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding the progress reports. Open communication between the home and school is a vital component of your child’s educational experience.

The Basketball season has wrapped up for another year. We want to take a moment to thank the team members for their efforts throughout the season. The teams made us proud in how they represented themselves and Thomson Community School. They were true ambassadors indeed! We want to take this opportunity to thank our coaches who spent many hours teaching and preparing the teams for each game: Mr. Bonnor, and Ms. Lee.

We are now accepting registrations for the next school year. If you have a child who can enter kindergarten next year or know of someone who has a child of kindergarten age, please contact the school at 791-8460. Registration forms can be picked up at the school office.

If you look at the calendar, you will notice that that the Easter break is only two weeks away (April 13th – 21st). Once we return on April 24th we are back in school for the remainder of the school year. On behalf of all of the staff, we hope you have a restful and relaxing break full of laughter with your family and friends.

Mr. L. Somers
Principal

Mrs. K. Black
Vice-Principal

Books for Breakfast

On Thursday, April 13th, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, we will be holding Books for Breakfast. Parents/caregivers are invited to attend and read books with their child/children while sharing a light breakfast. Favorite books can be brought from home or you can read ones provided by the school. We hope to see you there!

Easter Luncheon

On Wednesday, April 26th, students in grades 1 to 8 will be walking to New Beginnings/Grace Lutheran Church for a turkey lunch. Thank you to New Beginnings/ Grace Lutheran for making this an annual event! If you **do not** want your child to attend please call the school at 306-791-8460.

Heritage Kids Cook

Beginning Monday, April 24th, the Heritage Association will be offering an introductory cooking class for children aged 9 to 12 years old at Thomson School. This program is open to students who have not participated in the Heritage Kids Cook before. Registration is limited to 10 students, forms are available at the school office.

Beauty & The Beast

Thomson Community School students, from Kindergarten to grade 8, will be attending a production of Beauty and the Beast on Wednesday, May 17th. Students will be bussed to and from Douglas Park School, from 1 to 3 pm, to watch the play. Cost to attend is \$4.00 per student, which covers admission and transportation costs. Please watch for permission forms being sent home in the near future.

Keeping the Community Safe Spring Clean Up

The Street Project, in partnership with the Regina Fire Department, is inviting residents to participate in their Keeping the Community Safe Spring Clean Up that will take place in the Heritage, Al Ritchie and North Central neighborhoods in April. Volunteers should be available for a minimum of half day service. Orientation, including a demonstration of a safe needle pickup and related equipment, will be provided. It is a safety requirement that all volunteers wear sturdy, closed toe and heel footwear as well as long pants. If you are interested in volunteering contact The Street Project at 306-766-7799 as soon as possible.

National Oral Health Month

April is National Oral Health Month in Canada. To help keep your child's teeth healthy get snack smart with your kids:

- Limit the amount of sugar your child consumes.
- Avoid sugary treats that stay in the mouth for a long time like hard candy.
- Avoid soft, sticky sweets that can get stuck in your teeth.
- Serve your child milk at meal times and water in between.
- Serve vegetables, cheese, nuts or seeds for snacks.
- Have your child brush his/her teeth at least twice a day and before bed.

As part of a healthy lifestyle practice good oral hygiene and have your mouth examined regularly by a dentist. Only your dentist has the training, skill and expertise to identify and address your oral health needs.



Moving Schools

Parent's/caregivers if you have moved or plan on moving and your children will be attending another school please be sure to inform the office so the proper arrangements can be made regarding your child's/children's records etc. .

Thin Ice

With spring comes the ice melt. Although there's still some ice on many water surfaces, this ice is extremely dangerous and unstable. While the ice may look ok to walk on, running water under the ice is making it very weak and dangerous.

We would like to remind anyone walking their dog around water or ice to keep the dog leashed at all times. If your pet breaks through the ice, do not attempt to rescue it as you'll be putting yourself in serious danger. We're asking everyone to stay away from all ice surfaces, including Wascana Lake and creek, storm channels, detention ponds and recreational lakes in residential areas. Parents, please take a few moments to remind children, and ensure they know which areas are dangerous. If you see people, particularly children, close to thin ice, call the Regina Police Service at 306-777-6500. And if you see anyone in immediate danger, please call 9-1-1.

Central Zone Outdoor Soccer

Registration night for Outdoor Soccer in the Heritage/Al Ritchie area is on Monday, April 10th at the Al Ritchie Community Association. Children aged 4 to 15 are eligible to participate. For more information, contact the Al Ritchie Community Association located at 2250 Lindsay St.

Provincial Budget

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the public meeting of the Regina Board of Education, the Director of Education, Greg Enion shared information relating to the 2017-18 Provincial Budget. The points he made are available on the news page of the Regina Public Schools website. Please take the time to read this information about the potential financial impact of the Provincial Budget Regina Public Schools. The direct link to the website information is.

<http://www.rbe.sk.ca/news/2017/03/provincial-budget-information-board-meeting>