



Caronport Elementary School Weekly Memo for Parents



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Learning and Growing Together

MONDAY (20th) K Day	Day 1	8:00	Drama Club Practice
		8:15	Clarinets & Trumpets Sectional Practice
		12:05	Choir
		3:30-4:45	Boys Bball Practice
		4:45-6:00	Girls Bball Practice
TUESDAY (21st)	Day 2	8:00	Drama Club Practice
		8:00	Flutes & Percussion Sectional Practice
		12:05	Band
		4:00	Boys Bball @ Sunningdale Departure @ 3:15
		4:00	Girls Bball here vs Westmount
WEDNESDAY (22nd) K Day	Day 3		Books Due for Family Literacy Night (See poster below)
		8:00	Drama Club Practice
		8:00	Brass & Bari Sax Sectional Practice
		12:05	Choir
		3:30-4:30	Art Club
		3:30-4:45	Girls Bball Practice
		4:45-6:00	Boys Basketball Practice
THURSDAY (23rd)	Day 4		Turkey Chili & a Bun Lunch Orders Due Today
		12:05	Band
		4:00	Girls Bball here vs Sunningdale
FRIDAY (24th) K Day	Day 5		SLC PJ Day
		8:00-8:40	Girls Bball Optional Cardio Practice
		12:05	Choir
		2:50	Christian Ethics

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3:30-5:00

Drama Club Practice

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 27th- 31st – Family Literacy Week ‘Take 20 in 2020’

Monday, January 27th – *SAVE THE DATE!* SCC Hosting a Family Literacy Fun Night!

5:30 pm – Optional Potluck; 6-7:00 – Games More info below.

Tuesday, January 28th – SCC Selling Turkey Chili & a Bun Lunch. Purchase/pay on School Cash Online


Friday, January 31st – Prep/LIT Day – No Classes

Monday, February 10th – Early Dismissal at 2:25 pm

Monday, February 17th- Friday, February 21st – Vacation Days – No Classes

Get to School ON-TIME BLITZ

There were a lot of students late for school this week. Some were due to the icy cold weather, while others seem to be students regularly struggling to get to school on time. With 110 recorded lates, we decided to have an all-school ON-TIME BLITZ next week! If we reduce this number by 80% and only have 20 lates next week, the ENTIRE SCHOOL will get a prize. The first school bell rings at 8:50 so we will be expecting the students to be here, ready to learn by 8:55.




Presents:

Anime Nation

Youth Anime and Manga Club

Screenings • TokyoTreat Snack Box • Activities
3rd Wednesday of the Month • 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Ages 13 - 19 • No Registration Required • Free
Moose Jaw Public Library • Herb Taylor Room



CES LITERACY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sponsored by the Moose Jaw Literacy Network and the Ministry of Education

Canada's Family Literacy Day is January 27th, 2020 and CES would like to celebrate with you! This year, we will not only have activities taking place during school hours, but we would also like to invite families out for a brand new event in the evening! Keep reading for more info:

5:30pm

Optional Potluck in the CES Gymnasium

- *Come have supper with us as one big CES family!*
- *We will provide plates, utensils, and drinks.*
- *Bring a supper dish big enough for your family (and then some more to share).*

6:00 – 7:00pm

Games

- *We will have literacy-focused games ready for you and your family to play. There will be options suitable for all grades! Feel free to bring a game along from your own personal collection (as long as they have a focus on reading, vocabulary development, etc). We recommend ones like Scrabble, Zingo, Boggle, Charades, Apples to Apples, etc.*
- *There will be desserts/snacks available for everyone.*

Book Trade

- *Grab a 'new-to-you' book for your family.*
- *By January 22nd, go through your bookshelves at home and find a book or two that you aren't reading anymore. Bring it to your classroom teacher. The SCC will set up a table with all of the books collected and you can take one home that night!*

Draw Prizes

- *Enter your name into our draw to win some great prizes!*

Did you Know...

Families and children interacting together **by reading and playing** is considered one of the **best ways** to make a difference for **school success!**

When we **play together**, we learn **social skills**, such as: how to play fair, how to cooperate, understanding and following rules, making conversations, and improving thinking skills.

PRAIRIE SOUTH TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT **-40 CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

This is an informational piece for parents, school staff and other Prairie South stakeholders. The hope is that it provides some important information on how we go about cancelling bus routes when the weather is at or near the -40 threshold (-40 includes windchill). First, why do we use -40 as the threshold to cancel bus routes? It's an AP (Administrative Procedure #553) which is set by our Board in consultation with the senior administration team. It's based on several factors, but the underlying reason is student safety which is the underlying focus of everything we do in the Transportation Department.

- On days that we may see -40 temperatures in our division (which, by the way, is just slightly bigger than the country of Belgium) Transportation office staff starts monitoring the temperatures at all our schools/areas starting around 4:30am to see if the temperatures are trending up or down. We look at what the temperatures are going to be between 7:00am and 9:00am which is the time most students are being transported
- Just before 6:00am we make a last check of the temperatures at each school and if a school (or in the case of Moose Jaw and Assiniboia which have multiple schools) is going to be at -40 or below we cancel all routes servicing a school or area
- We update the Alert section of our Transportation Web Portal, post the cancellations on the Prairie South Facebook page which also automatically updates our Twitter feed and notify our drivers and notify school administration (by ~7:30am)

The trickier part comes in our rural areas. Each school has a "catchment area" which can be quite vast in the case of some of our rural schools. If the temperatures at a school is going to be -40 or below, it's easy, we (the office) cancels all routes servicing that school. The hard part is when the temperature at a school is going to be just slightly warmer than -40, say in the -37 to -39 range. While the temperature at the school may be under the cancellation threshold, the temperature on any bus route from the country can vary by a substantial amount. We've seen the temperature on routes for a rural school vary quite a bit. We had an example last year where the temperature at the school was going to be -37, the temperature at the beginning of one of the routes that services that school was showing -44... a 7 degree difference on a route that started ~60kms away from the school! In those cases, we rely on the local knowledge of our drivers... they know their roads and weather anomalies the best. It would be impossible or at least arrogant to think that the Transportation Department office staff knew all 109 bus routes intimately. Our drivers are SGI certified and are professionals... we rely on their expertise. In those situations, the driver makes the decision to cancel their route. When a driver cancels their route, we update the transportation web portal, Facebook page and notify the schools. These updates obviously don't happen at 6:00am so they are slightly later as drivers wake in the morning. Media outlets (Discover Moose Jaw, radio stations) know to check our Transportation Portal or Facebook page for cancellations. This means that in a rural school situation (or in the case of Moose Jaw schools that have rural students) which is serviced by several buses, one or more of the routes may be cancelled while others are still running.



HOW DO PARENTS KNOW IF THEIR CHILDS BUS HAS BEEN CANCELLED?

Parents and other stakeholders have several options available to them when it comes to finding out if their child’s bus is running:

- You can check the Prairie South website at <https://www.prairiesouth.ca> and click on the red “Transportation Portal” located in the top right corner of the page. You can then click on the “Alerts” link. You can bookmark the direct link to the Alerts area on our Transportation Portal at <https://busplanner.prairiesouth.ca/Alerts>
- Another very exciting option we are pleased to announce is that we have been working with our software vendor and as of Jan. 15th, 2020 parents can register on our Parent Portal and subscribe to receive automatic email notifications along with other important information regarding their children’s transportation. Once you have registered and subscribed you will receive automatic emails if your bus has been cancelled or delayed.
- Cancellations are posted on the Prairie South School Division Facebook page
- Discover Moose Jaw and radio stations also broadcast our cancellations



Parenting Calendar FEBRUARY 2020

<i>What</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Details</i>
DAD's Group	Monday February 10 & 24 6:00-8:00pm	Dads	Please call contact person	Krista 306-630-2406	PLEASE REGISTER Supper, childcare and transportation available upon request No cost
MOM's Group	Monday February 3 6:00-8:00pm	Moms	Please call contact person	Michelle 306-631-4402	PLEASE REGISTER Supper, childcare and transportation available upon request No cost
Parenting Your 1-4 Year Old	3 Tuesdays Feb. 25- Mar.10 6:00-7:30pm	Parents & caregivers of children ages 1-4 years	MJ Early Years Family Resource Centre 1250 11th Ave NW	Nicole 306-631-4428	Please register Childcare & transportation available upon request No cost
Postpartum Depression Support Group	Fridays 9:30-11:30am	Postnatal Moms & Dads	Fairview Family Centre 665 Fairford St E	sue.rader@ saskhealthauthority.ca	Weekly Drop In Recovery Tips & Support No cost
Well Baby Service	Thursdays 2:00-4:00pm	Parents with Infants 0-6Weeks	Moose Jaw Family Wellness Centre 1000B Albert St W	Public Health 306-691-2300	Open to everyone An opportunity to meet one on one with a Public Health Nurse No cost
Parenting After Separation & Divorce	Saturday February 8 9:00am-3:00pm	Adults	Location given at time of registration	(306)787-9905 or 1-888-218-2822	REGISTRATION MANDATORY No cost No childcare
Breastfeeding Class	Saturday February 8 10:00am-1:00pm	Breastfeeding Parents	Moose Jaw Family Wellness Centre 1000B Albert St W East Block Conference Rm A&B	Public Health 306-691-2300	No cost No childcare

If you know of any other parenting program being offered or would like further information please email katharine.kouss@saskhealthauthority.ca