

Chaplin Chatter

Principal's Message

OCTOBER 2018



Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to see our students return back to school this fall – full of excitement, enthusiasm and smiles! When we come into the clean and shiny school in August, the hallways and classrooms echo and there is that somewhat “empty” feeling. It’s just not quite the same without the students. If you’ve ever had the chance to stop by the school throughout the day, you’d understand how vibrant the atmosphere is here – there are kids doing projects both in and out of the classrooms; whistle blowing, often the smell of something cooking; various projects involving cross graded classrooms, laughter and learning, etc. It’s a happening place! We are grateful and gladdened to see our kids back!

We’ve got a lot to tackle this year with your children, and we’re ready to roll. Last year, we set some aggressive targets for our reading and writing, and made excellent progress towards those goals, but there is still some work to do. Over the course of this start-up month we are working on developing this year’s Learning Improvement Plan, which will articulate our goals specifically for the year. These school based goals are what inform our Learning Improvement Teams, which you child’s teachers work on during early dismissal days and throughout the teaching cycle. In turn, these school based goals inform our Division and Provincial goals, called the Education Sector Strategic Plan. As a school, we are continuing with our focus on Reading and Writing – we would like to see at least 80% of our school reading and writing at or above grade level. So, if you have any opportunity at all, please spend some time reading or writing with your son or daughter. This could be as simple as reading each night before bed to writing out a grocery list, planning the calendar, etc. I am often reminded that “it takes a village to raise a child...” – we’re all in this together!

I’d like to extend a very special welcome to our new Chaplin families, and our new staff.

As always, my door is open to students, parents and community. Feel free to pop in and let me know how things are going. We are here to serve and we want to create an open and positive community that ensure your child has a good experience while at Chapin School.

Mr. Hanson, Principal

Please remember to call or email the school if your child is going to be late, absent or have to leave early. The school’s phone number is (306) 395-2388 and you can always email me at hanson.evan@prairiesouth.ca and I can forward on to the appropriate teacher. Communication is key.

Also, please remember to let the bus driver know if your child will not be riding the bus in the morning or after school.

Mr. Warren's News

Science 6

We are looking into animal diversity and everyone has chosen an animal to research and learn more about.

Science 8

The 8s have been learning about the internal structures of a cell, or organelles. They are working on creating an analogy a cell and its organelles.

Art 5-8

We started the year off with specific types of name art to decorate around lockers. We have since moved to perspective art where all points in the foreground end at one or two points in the background.

Art 9-12

The 9-12s have spent many hours decorating a tile in the lounge and the tiles look fantastic!

Math 9/10

The 9s have been working on square roots and surface area. They just completed their unit problem of designing an imaginary play structure made from specific shapes, working out costs for materials and trying to stay within a budget.

Social Studies 5-8

We started the year off identifying countries around the world as well as labelling our own country with its provinces, territories and capitals. We have started a Design Your Own Country project where each student will design a county from start to finish including things like government structure, traditions, climate, commodities and currency.

PE 9-12

We have been working on learning about the game of golf. We have practiced a few of the types of shots as well as a brief introduction to the basics of the game. We had a chance to go to the local golf course and complete a few holes. The kids really enjoyed my onesie!

PAA 5-8

The 5-8s have been working with the new Chromebooks in the school and understanding to use online software like Google Drive, Google Docs and Google Slides. We have also started on our typing skills, which is something they can all work on at home if they want!



Ms. Schill's News

We have had an exciting first month here at school! I am so thrilled to be a member of this wonderful little community! My time spent subbing at Chaplin School last year was exquisite and this September has been no different.

We already have our first field trip of the year under our belts! Grades 3-6 were invited to Safety Day in Mortlach this past Wednesday. We had the privilege of learning about various forms of safety through twelve interactive learning stations. The students toured an ambulance, witnessed a simulation of a truck rolling over, learned about grain safety, and much more! Students were treated to a taco-in-a-bag lunch and a free t-shirt. Overall, it was a fabulous learning experience!

In **ELA 9/10** we are currently working on our novel studies. The grade nines are reading *The Giver* and the grade tens are reading *The Chrysalids*. This class has been incredibly exciting because we have invited Mortlach grade tens to join in via skype. Having a giant T.V., camera, and microphone set up in the classroom has been an adjustment for all of us but we are finally getting used to constantly "being on T.V". Students will be finishing up their novel studies shortly and we will be moving on to our inquiry projects!

In **ELA 5-8** we are learning about the writing process and working to perfect our writing skills! Students were able to choose their own books for this novel study and having been exploring the text through guided journal entries. Students will be finishing up their novels shortly and presenting them to the class. We also just completed our read aloud book "Fatty Legs" which was about a young girl who attended a residential school. We will be starting a new read aloud book next week! We are wrapping up our *Patterns and Relations* unit in **Math 5/7** and are excited to learn about *Whole Numbers* in our next unit!

In **Social Studies 9/10** we have been busy researching the critical attributes of a society and worldview. As we wrap up our first unit we will be moving on to learn about time and archeology. The grade tens will also be dissecting democracy.

For the in-class portion of **Wellness/Phys.Ed 9-12**, we have begun to implement our *Personal Plans for Wellness* . Students have also learnt about the importance of volunteering within the community. Next we will move onto our *Mental Health* unit.

Students in **K-4 Visual Art** have created their very own folders designed to hold all of their art projects for the year. We have also studied primary colours, the colour wheel, and complementary colours. We have put this knowledge to use by creating construction paper robots and will be finishing these up next class!

It has been a spectacular September here at Chaplin and I cannot wait to see what October holds!

- Ms. Schill

Mrs. Geiger's News

Kindergarten: This year we are very excited to have Xander in our Kindergarten class. Xander is the only student in Kindergarten but he has lots of big kids in the room to learn from! Xander is beginning to learn the other's names. For the month of September, our tiny Kindergarten class has been learning about patterns and numbers to 5. Xander is also learning the sounds of letters and is working with the Gr.1/2's as they learn about animals.



Gr.1/2: Welcome to Grade 1 Peyton and Sam and to Grade 2 Ty. They are getting back into the groove of things as they are reviewing their sounds and learning and reviewing sight words. In Math, they learned about patterns and used different blocks and beads to make different patterns. They are now learning about numbers to 19 and 99. In Science, we are investigating characteristics of different animals and plants as we explore Growth and Changes in Animals and Plants. We have also been talking about our school community, who belongs and the roles of people in the school.

Gr.3/4: Janessa and Madyson are enjoying Grade 3 and Alexis, Cieairra, Ethyn, Kasey, Skyler and Surri are great helpers in Grade 4. These 2 grades are also learning about Patterns. They are learning about increasing and decreasing patterns in numbers. In Science, the older group of students are also learning about Animal Habitats and Communities. In Social, we are exploring the province of Saskatchewan. We used our mapping skills to find different cities and towns on the map using coordinates. We are also talking about how geography affects how and where people live.

Mrs. Leisle's Library News

Once again, Scholastic Book Orders will be offered through our school library. Scholastic offers a great variety of titles at discount prices. Book orders will be sent home with each student every month throughout the school year.

Book orders are distributed through the library and ordering is volunteer. If your child wishes to order anytime throughout the year, please send the orders to school with the cheque (made payable to Scholastic Canada) or money included. The classroom teacher will forward the orders to the library. Our school library receives bonus points on these orders, which are used to purchase new books for our library. The library was able to purchase many new titles last year and we thank you for your continued support



Chaplin School Library Policy and Procedures

Please read through them and if you have any question or concerns, please contact the school.

Chaplin School instituted a new Library Policy on September 2, 2014. Up until that point, Chaplin School had been very generous in absorbing the costs of lost and damaged Library books and materials. However, due to the volume of books that were being reported as lost, or returned with irreparable damages, a new policy became necessary. This policy is as follows:

1. Periodically, generally at the end of each month, students will receive an overdue notice. At this point, if they are not finished with the material, they will be able to renew it. Items must be brought into the Library to be renewed.
2. If the material has not been returned or renewed (in hand) after the **second overdue notice** has been sent out, an invoice will be generated and sent home.
3. Students will not have their privileges suspended, however they may be limited to one book at a time (not including books required for class assignments etc.), until the bill has been paid or the book returned in good condition.
4. Books that are returned with damages will be repaired if at all possible. If a book is returned with irreparable damage (such as being dropped in a mud puddle), the student will be charged for a replacement.
5. Charges will be the cost of the book at the time its record was created, with no additional fees. If the book is paid for and then located and returned in good condition, the student will get their money back. I will also consider each case individually.
6. To pay a library bill, please send cash or cheque in a sealed envelope to Mrs. Leisle via your child.

Please note, before sending an invoice home, I will make every effort to help the student find the material – by reminding them to get help checking bookcases, cars, backpacks at home, the classroom library, etc. I will also check the shelf in case the material was returned without being removed from the student's record.

We believe that becoming a responsible borrower is an important part of a child's education, and it is not our intention to put students off from signing out library material, but rather to encourage respect for Chaplin School's property. This policy is in line with what other schools in Prairie South School Division have already been doing.

Record Keeping

Keep your child's emergency and billet information up-to-date

It is very important that your child's record is kept up to date; therefore, please ensure that you have an emergency contact on our file who is not a parent/guardian. That way, if you are not able to be reached in the event of an emergency, we can contact your child's emergency person.

In addition, if your child is an out-of-town student, we need to know the name of their billet, their address and phone number(s).

Please contact the school to update your child's record.

Email: schultz.lindsay@prairiesouth.ca

Phone: (306) 395-2388

Chaplin School Library—General Policies

Please note the policies and suggestions below and discuss it with your child(ren).

Note: No child may have their borrowing privileges suspended for a lost or damaged book.

It is our belief that we can teach children to become responsible borrowers and respect library property without denying them access to books.



Damaged or Lost Items

While we do not charge fines for late books, we do charge if a book is irreparably damaged or lost. To pay a fine, send cash in a sealed envelope or a check made out to Chaplin School to school with your child.

If a lost book is found or returned, the total fee will be refunded to you provided a replacement has not yet been purchased. All fees will be used to purchase new materials for the library.



Book Care

One of the concepts we emphasize in library is respect for property. You can encourage your child to take care of his or her library books by:

- keeping library books in a safe spot in your home
- please help designate one!
- carrying books by the spine (instead of by the pages)
- washing his or her hands before reading or handling books
- keeping food and drink away from library books
- always use plastic library bag, your child was given one at the beginning of the year, when transporting books
- informing Mrs. Leisle about any torn pages or writing found in the book

Overdue notices and bills for lost books will be sent home periodically with your child. Please check backpacks and agendas for overdue notices.

Checking Out Books

How many books may my child check out at a time?	Our Library system allows 10 books to be checked out per student. However, individual teachers may set an alternate limit. For example, Kindergarten to Grade 3 students generally check out three items at a time.
When should books be returned?	Each week, on the day of their library class.
May students renew books?	Yes! Books must be brought in to be renewed.
What if we forget a book at home?	Students can ask Mrs. Leisle to hold a book if they are not able to take any out. It will be saved for one week.
Where can I look for a lost book?	Check bookcases at home, in vehicles, backpacks, under furniture, and in your classroom.

SRC

The SRC is very excited for the upcoming school year. We have held a couple of meetings to plan our events and activities. I am looking forward once again to be working with another wonderful group of students. Our SRC for the 2018-19 school year is President – Ashley Knudsen, Vice President – Morgan Vangen, Secretary – Nevaeh Wakeford, Members - Jayda Blaschuck, Jordyn Gerbrandt, Kelsy Schmitz, Michaela Wakeford, Ave Geiger, Sierra Wheeler, Kaden Gerbrandt, Arey Wakeford, Lilly Johnson, Gilbert Johnson



Chaplin School hosted the annual Terry Fox Run on **Thursday, September 20 @ 1:00 pm**. Everyone met in the gym to receive the instructions and route. The day was a bit cold, but the students all participated. Thanks to the community members who joined us on our walk and a huge thank you everyone who send in pledges to support this worthy cause.

The students of Chaplin School have huge hearts and great school spirit, which is very evident in our success. We look forward to another great year!

Mrs. Teresa Leisle – SRC Advisor

Sports

Bantam Volleyball

This year we had enough girls to make a bantam girls volleyball team. On the team this year we have: Baylee Blaczczok, Ava Geiger, Michaela Wakeford, Sierra Wheeler, Jordyn Gerbrandt, Kelsy Schmitz, Jayda Blaschuck and Nevaeh Wakeford. There is a mixture of ages and skill levels, but everyone is optimistic that it is going to be a wonderful season. Good luck girls!



Senior Volleyball

Our senior girls have formed a joint sponsorship with Eyebrow again this year and the girls from Chaplin School playing on the team are: Morgan Vangen, Jada Thorne, Ashley Knudsen, Danae Mandel and Jayda Blaschuck as well when they need an extra player. Good luck girls in the upcoming season!

Immunization News



Public Health is responsible to for immunizations and follow-up in the schools. Student immunization records are confidentially reviewed each year using the provincial immunization registry called Panorama by authorized public health team members.

During 2018-2019 school year consent forms will be sent to all:

- Grade 1 students requiring completion of Preschool vaccines.
- Grade 6 students requiring Hepatitis B, Meningococcal, Chicken pox or Human Papillomavirus vaccines.
- Grade 8 students requiring final school age booster doses of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough).

Parents are asked to please complete the consent forms and return to school as soon as possible. For more information on immunizations or Panorama please call Moose Jaw Public Health at 306-691-1500.

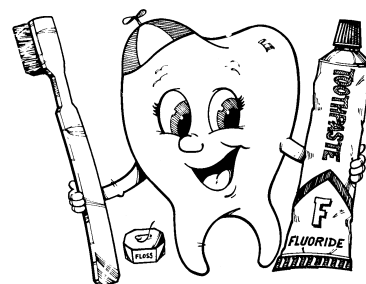
Dental Health

Provincial Dental Screening

A Dental Health Educator will be at **Chaplin School** to provide a visual dental screening for Grades 1 & 7 students on **October 17th , 2018**.

The inspection is a quick visual look at your child's teeth and mouth. A note will be sent home following the screening.

If you do not wish for your child to participate or if you have questions, call Jennifer at Moose Jaw Public Health: (306) 690-5591.



October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 D1	2 D2	3 D3	4 D4 Grilled cheese	5 No school	6
7	8 Thanksgiving No school	9 D5	10 D6	11 D1	12 D2	13
14	15 D3	16 D4	17 D5	18 D6 Grilled cheese	19 D1	20
21	22 early dismissal	23 D3	24 D4	25 D5	26 No school	27
28	29 D6	30 D1	31 D2 Halloween			

Happy Birthday to:
Byron—October 6



November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 D3 Grilled cheese	2 No school (teacher prep)	3
4	5 D4	6 D5	7 D6	8	9 D2	10
11 Remembrance Day	12 No school	13 D3	14 D4	15 D5 Grilled cheese	16 student led conference	17
18	19 D6 Early dismissal	20 D1	21 D2	22 D3	23 No school	24
25	26 D4	27 D5	28 D6	29 D1 Grilled cheese	30 No school	

Happy Birthday to:
Peyton—November 16

