



I take this opportunity to acknowledge **Staff Appreciation Week** and publicly thank the staff of KCS for their commitment to our students and school community. The hours of preparation for both academic and extracurricular activity are valued by our students and community in general. Thank you for all you do to help make KCS "A Great Place To Grow!" Thank you to our **School Community Council (SCC)** and our **Student Representative Council (SRC)** for taking the time to show your appreciation of our staff by way of food and treats delivered to the staffroom this week. Your kind gestures are valued by our staff and your thoughtfulness is positive encouragement to all.

Semester Two is underway with some minor adjustments to the timetable. Please be sure to contact teachers or myself if you have any questions or concerns regarding semester one report cards or expectations related to semester two courses. Formal student-led conferences are scheduled for mid-March for term three report cards but please feel comfortable contacting teachers between now and then to discuss student progress.

Thank you to the folks at **South West Terminal (SWT)** for working with our School Community Council (SCC) in order to provide an excellent learning experience for our students. The grade winners of the January SCC Bucket Challenge took part in a tour of the SWT facility where they enjoyed some treats and learned about an important part of our rural community. Thank you also to our SCC for creating great opportunities for our students in support of our **School Learning Improvement Plan**.

Voting for the **Willow Awards** takes place toward the end of March. Our school has been a supporter of The Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice - The Willow Awards since its inception in 2001. It is a great way to encourage young readers and at the same time support our School Learning Improvement Plan which has goals associated with reading skills. You might want to explore this year's Willows by going to the Willow Awards website (www.willowawards.ca). This would be an excellent way to support your child's reading goals as you have a conversation about some of the books they are enjoying.

The annual **Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey** will be taking place in March, giving students, parents, and staff an opportunity to share their thoughts related to education in our community. Prairie South Schools started taking part in this survey process in 2011 and schools have gathered some valued data. This in turn has helped schools develop our Learning Improvement Plans and set goals for improvement. Our SCC has been supportive of the process by encouraging parents to take part and sharing their thoughts through the surveys. More information will be coming your way after the February break in preparation for the March surveys. Thank you in advance for contributing to the data that helps us make KCS "A Great Place To Grow!"

Congratulations to our **KCS Kougars curlers** who took part in the SW Section Bantam Playoffs at the end of January. The bantam boys' event took place here in Kincaid while the mixed team traveled to Glentworth. At the boys event here in Kincaid our **grade 8 team (Justin C., Greg E., Matthew C., Tyler B.)** had a great showing but lost out as they moved toward the silver medal match. Our **grade 8/9 team (Ryley G., Kade G., Kyler S., Ian V.)** captured the silver medal and moved on to District competition last weekend in Central Butte. At that event they enjoyed some stiff competition but were unable to reach the finals. **Thank you for a great season!** At the bantam mixed playoffs in Glentworth our KCS **team of grade 6s (Arthur W., Kael W., Daniel D., Jessica B.)** played well but lost to more experienced teams. We are looking forward to our improved skills showing through next year. **Thank you bantam curlers for a great season!**

In other extra-curricular news you may be aware that we have a **bantam boys 3-on-3 basketball team** at KCS this year. Our local sports association brought in this sport in an attempt to provide a basketball experience for students in small schools that have not had the opportunity in the past. Not many schools took up the sport but a few schools who have regular basketball teams invited us for some exhibition competition. **Mr. Morgan** has been working with **our boys (Davis W., Johnny A., Morgan B., Derrick P.)** who have taken part in a couple of games at Assiniboia Elementary School, Gravelbourg High School, and are headed to Assiniboia Comp High School this week. **Go Kougars!**

As curling and basketball draw to a close we move into **badminton** and **archery**, which will both start after the February break. Good luck to all of our KCS athletes as they hone their skills and take part in some great opportunities.

It is that time of year when the **new phonebooks** are distributed. In the past Sasktel has encouraged recycling by offering a small cash incentive for school who collected old phonebooks. This program no longer exists but we still encourage our community to recycle their old books. If you do not have a recycle bin at home please feel free to send the old books to school and we will put them into our recycle bin. **Thank you for your consideration of the environment and for setting a good example for our youth.**

Happy Valentine's Day!!! I hope you are able to share the day with family and friends who are special in your life. All the best to everyone during the February break! Students return to school Monday, February 22nd which will be an early dismissal day.

A Warm Thank You to Bob & Irene Wells (long-time residents of Kincaid, now residing in Swift Current) for their donation to our Student Leadership.

KCS EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Sunday, February 14 th HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!	
Saturday, February 13 th – Sunday, February 21 st	February Break HAVE FUN!
Monday, February 22 nd	<i>Early Dismissal 2:24 p.m.</i> LIT Meeting: Teachers
Thursday, February 25 th	100 Day at KCS!
Monday, February 29 th	Happy Leap Year!!!
Tuesday, March 1 st	Next <i>KCS Connections</i> Newsletter

HEALTH NOTES

Eating Well with Children

Adults choose what foods to offer, when to offer them and where they will be eaten.

How to do an adult's job well:

- ✓ Sit at the family table for meals and snacks. Put down cell phones and turn off computers and TV's.
- ✓ Do not bribe or force children to eat. If they are not hungry, it is okay if they choose not to eat.
- ✓ Close the kitchen after meals and snacks. Only offer water between meals and snacks.
- ✓ Have healthy food available for you and your family. Children are more likely to eat well when healthy foods are available and when the rest of the family also eats these foods.

LEADERSHIP &

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

Leadership and Developmental Assets are a focus in our small school. We provide activities for our students to help them grow in these areas. **If you are interested, you can show your support for these important learning opportunities by giving a donation to this fund. You will be recognized on the front page of the KCS Connections for your support.**

NUTRITION CORNER

Peanut Butter Wedgies

Double this recipe and give your big brother or sister a wedgie or two. Want a more colourful wedgie? Add a few dried, chopped apricots and some raisins to the banana.

Get It Together:

- Measuring Spoons, Table Knife, Sharp Knife, Cutting Board
- Peanut Butter 2 tbsp. 30 mL
- Flour Tortilla (9 inch, 22 cm, diameter) 1
- Medium Banana, sliced 1

Directions:

- ✓ Spread the peanut butter on the tortilla.
- ✓ Arrange the banana slices on half of the tortilla.
- ✓ Fold the tortilla in half to cover the banana slices. Press down lightly. Cut into 4 wedges. Serves 1.

Bright Idea: When you just don't feel like a wedgie, forget about slicing the banana. Put the whole thing on the peanut butter and roll the tortilla up around it to form a wrap.

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The **CHINOOK REGIONAL LIBRARY Kincaid Branch** is changing the hours that we are open starting February 2nd.

We will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thank you

Debbie Robertson, Librarian

ST. JOHN'S LODGE ASSINIBOIA

100th Anniversary Supper

March 6th, 2016 at 6 p.m.

At the Masonic Temple

Students who attended last year's leadership camp will be sharing their experiences.

4th Avenue East, Assiniboia

Tickets: \$20.00

Contact: Jerry Ruehs @ 306-625-7400

A Safe Journey to School

When getting off the bus:



Take ten large steps away from the bus.

In Urban Areas: under no circumstances should children in an urban area attempt to cross in front of the bus. If a child must cross a street after getting off the bus, he/she should wait until the bus pulls safely away, walk to the nearest intersection and then cross the street following normal safety procedures. Use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.

Prior to crossing a street at an intersection: Kids should be alert. Look both ways. Look twice. Listen. If you think you hear a car, stop. Wait, listen, and look. Look again and then cross the street when you absolutely know it's safe. Continue to watch for traffic.

In Rural Areas: In a situation where the eight-light safety system is used, students may cross in front of the bus. Students should cross in front of the bus at least five metres (15 feet) so that the driver can see them at all times. Students should await the driver's signal indicating it is safe before crossing. Before crossing, students should look both ways before stepping onto the roadway and continue to watch for traffic. Never cross behind the bus. Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.

If you drop something near or under the school bus, never attempt to retrieve it without the driver's permission. If you can't tell the driver; leave it there till the bus pulls away. Younger children should then get a parent to help them retrieve it.

SCHOOL PHONE BOOK RECYCLING PROGRAM HAS ENDED

Kincaid Central School will no longer be collecting phone books. Sask Tel has ended the program:

Sask Tel announced the end of the Directory Recycling Program. The program has operated successfully with the help of Saskatchewan schools for over 20 years, ensuring that 'phonebooks' were responsibly recycled and that children learned the importance of recycling.

Although it is the end of a pioneering program that taught valuable lessons, its conclusion should be viewed as a triumph. Increasing amounts of Saskatchewan residents have come to better understand the importance of recycling and are implementing it into their everyday lives.

Kincaid Central School COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Submitted by Charla Achter

Our last meeting was held on January 12, 2016. We had invited members from our community to join us so that we could share our vision with them for the remainder of the year. Thanks to all of you who attended. Your ideas were fabulous and we appreciate your support in our endeavour.

As a council we were hoping to provide experiences for the winners of the "bucket challenge". These experiences/outings are meant to be educational, fun, and increase our students' sense of community! Since then we have taken our first group to the South West Terminal. Thank you to the staff of the SWT for all of your preparation. The students learned a lot about general farming practice, chemical usage, grain handling, and all of the other services that the South West Terminal provides to our community! THANK YOU!



Students, Mr. Brody Loverin and Mrs. Barbara Nelson jumped on the scale at the South West Terminal. They weighed a combined weight of 1500 lbs!

As a group, we are gearing up for teacher appreciation week! Please take the time to thank our wonderful staff for all that they do for our children!!! We have a weeks worth of goodies and special gifts lined up for our school staff.

We will also begin an initiative to collect pop can tabs. Keep an eye out for the collection buckets and information piece. They will be out shortly! ***In conjunction to this, our school still collects Campbell's Soup labels!*** Keep them coming in.

Lastly, the SCC is busy prepping for the remainder of the year and we are looking at a big project for our school!!!! Please stay tuned for more details :)

Understanding Barriers Facing Newcomers

Presentation Series:

Feb 1 - Refugees: Processes & Challenges

Mar 7 - Immigrants: Processes & Challenges

Apr 5 - Creating a Welcoming Community

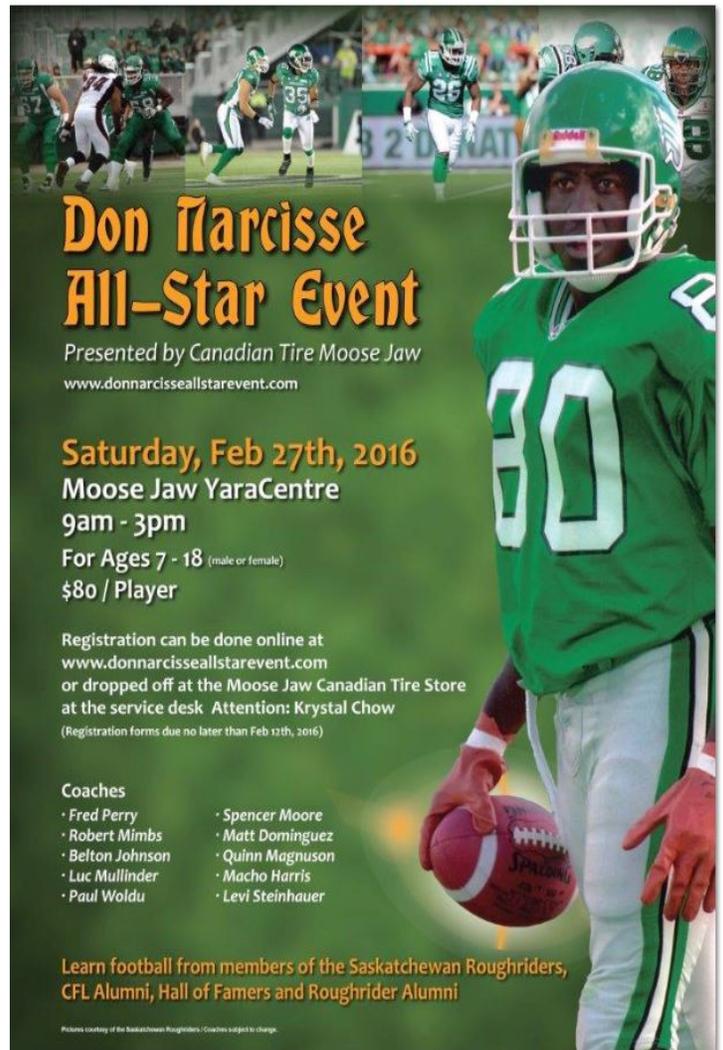
Lunch & Learn Sessions for service providers at 12:00. Register at schlamp.lisa@prairiesouth.ca by Jan 28; \$10/person includes lunch.

Evening Sessions for the public at 7:00; no charge.

All sessions will be held at Hillcrest Apostolic Church, 1550 Main St. N. Sponsored by the Newcomer Services Steering Committee.



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Don Narcisse All-Star Event

Presented by Canadian Tire Moose Jaw
www.donnarcisseallstarevent.com

Saturday, Feb 27th, 2016
Moose Jaw YaraCentre
9am - 3pm
For Ages 7 - 18 (male or female)
\$80 / Player

Registration can be done online at www.donnarcisseallstarevent.com or dropped off at the Moose Jaw Canadian Tire Store at the service desk. Attention: Krystal Chow
(Registration forms due no later than Feb 12th, 2016)

Coaches

- Fred Perry
- Robert Mimbs
- Belton Johnson
- Luc Mullinder
- Paul Woldu
- Spencer Moore
- Matt Dominguez
- Quinn Magnuson
- Macho Harris
- Levi Steinhauer

Learn football from members of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, CFL Alumni, Hall of Famers and Roughrider Alumni

Photos courtesy of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Coaches subject to change.



All funds raised will support Canadian Tire Jumpstart and will also benefit Moose Jaw Minor Football - helping to get all kids off the sidelines and into the game.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The R.M. of Pinto Creek No.75 is currently accepting applications for the position of
3rd OPERATOR

All applicants must have a valid driver's license. Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Mowing; Sign Installation; Culvert repair or clearing; Bridge Maintenance; Rock Picking; Equipment Maintenance/Service, Grading; Backhoe Operations; etc.

Training will be provided and students are welcome to apply. The position will start in early spring 2016 or as agreed.

Please submit references, and salary expected to:

R.M. of Pinto Creek No.75

Box 239, Kincaid, SK S0H 2J0

Fax: 306-264-3254 Phone: 306-264-3277

E-mail: rm75@sasktel.net

Applications should be submitted before March 3, 2016

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The R.M. of Pinto Creek No. 75 Requires the services of a
PEST CONTROL OFFICER
This contracted position will start in the spring 2016

For further information please contact:

R.M. of Pinto Creek No. 75

Box 239

Kincaid, SK S0H 2J0

Phone: 306-264-3277 Fax: 306-264-3254

E-Mail: rm75@sasktel.net

Deadline to submit: March 1, 2016

February 3, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2016-2017 school year calendar was approved by the Board of Education on February 2, 2016. Kincaid Central School's specific calendar will be distributed after the six-day cycles have been inputted. The calendar committee met December 8, 2015 to discuss parameters and developed two draft calendars. The 22 member committee consisted of representation from the Prairie South Teachers' Association (PSTA), CUPE Local 5512, administration, school based staff and School Community Councils. A survey was then conducted to collect feedback from school based-staff and parents. There were 1,505 participants, with seventy-five percent (75%) indicating a preference for an Extended Breaks Calendar, with an eight day break at Christmas, a five day break in February, a six day break for Easter and an extended weekend in May.

The calendar development process was guided by:

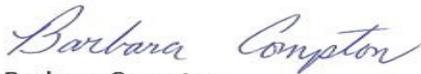
- Education Act Amendment Regulations 2012 effective January 1, 2013
- Locally negotiated contracts (prep days negotiated and placed strategically to meet requests of teachers, the beginning/end of the school year, report card times and semester turn around)

Establishment of a school division calendar is an important process for our school division, as it provides parents and teachers with information to help them plan student learning and family recreation activities. There is an increasing body of research that shows that students, particularly in grades 1-3, who miss periods of school are less successful over the long term than students who are regular attenders. Thank you in advance for helping ensure that your child(ren) are at school when school is in session.

We appreciate the efforts of all stakeholders to provide feedback to establish a school year calendar in a manner that respects the needs of students, staff and communities.

If you have questions or need clarification please contact Barbara Compton at 306-694-1200.

Sincerely,



Barbara Compton
Superintendent of Operations-Prairie South School Division
306.694.1200 (office); 306.640.9807 (cellular)

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Holly Ross

306-264-5125 (home)

hollyaross99@gmail.com

306-264-7925 (cell)

www.divineconnection8.com

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Daily, weekly, monthly.

Active Parenting 5 - 12 Years

6 EVENING SESSIONS
TUESDAYS

March 1st - April 5th, 2016

LOCATION:

YMCA Strong Start Family Centre

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

Transportation and Childcare provided

There is **no cost** to attend

Everyone is welcome!

**PLEASE REGISTER BY
CONTACTING**

Wanda 306.690.7851

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016

9:00 TO 4:00 PM

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AUTISM:
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



For more information:

mjprofessionaldevelopment@sasktel.net



Moose Jaw Literacy Network
District Branch



Friendly City Optimist Club



Moose Jaw and

Registration available at: www.mjprofessionaldevelopment.wordpress.com

CANADIAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE



Canadian Red Cross

The Canadian Red Cross is offering a **ONE DAY** Babysitting Courses for youth 11 years and older. The cost is \$ 35.00 and is available during the February break on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. The class is completed in one day, from 9:30 am-3:00 pm. Location to be determined depending on number of participants.

Our goal is to provide education to people age 11 and up who want to babysit.

To register, complete the registration / permission slip below. Payment must be received at the address below to secure your spot. If paying by check, please make it payable to **The Canadian Red Cross**. Space is limited!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Registration forms and payments will only be accepted at:

854 Connaught Avenue, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 4B3 Telephone (306) 693-2466

Remember to bring:

- A doll or teddy bear that can be used for diapering and infant care
- A nut-free bag lunch; snack and drink if desired

Be prepared to learn and have fun!

Respectfully,

Carolyn Korte, Volunteer Instructor

Canadian Red Cross

carolynrk@hotmail.com

Phone 693-2466

My son/daughter _____ has my permission to attend the

CANADIAN RED CROSS babysitting course on Feb 17, 2016.

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Telephone #: _____ **Email** _____

Address: _____