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April 2023 Newsletter

Events this Month

Tues. Apr. 4-Booster Juice orders due on School Cash Wed. Apr. 5-Popcorn orders open on School Cash Wed. Apr. 5-Gr. 6-8 Dance 7-9 p.m. Wed. Apr. 5-SCC AGM Meeting @7 p.m. Thurs. Apr. 6-Jersey Day Fri. Apr. 7-14- No School for students and staff Wed. Apr. 12-Deadline to order popcorn on School Cash Mon. Apr. 17-Grade 8 Farewell Photos Wed. Apr. 19-Popcorn Day Thurs. Apr. 20-Booster Juice Day Thurs. Apr. 20-Spring Fling Family Dance 6-8 p.m. Fri. Apr. 21-Earth Day-wear blue and/or green

Message from Administration

Thank you to all our families for participating in student-led conferences. Our students were very excited to showcase their learning and finalize goals for the final term. We appreciate your involvement in this important initiative. Did you know that not all Prairie South Schools offer French as a subject? Learning the French language is optional in Saskatchewan schools. Our Sunningdale Staff and School Community Council (SCC) is investigating the possibility of removing French from our learning program effective Sept 1/2023. Presently, our teachers at Sunningdale School struggle to teach French effectively. French teachers are extremely hard to find as most French teachers work in French immersion schools like Ecole Palliser Heights. Some of our French language-passionate families have chosen to send their children to Palliser, which is a great option. Our community is now so diverse and comprises many different cultures and languages. Our English as an additional language (EAL) learners' numbers have increased immensely over the last few years, and these EAL students are trying to learn French in addition to English. Our school goals encompass reading, math and student well-being. We could use this time to focus on these three areas instead of teaching French. If you have concerns about us dropping core French for extra reading, math and/or student-wellbeing initiatives, please call the administration prior to May 1st. Bring on the sun! Thank you.





School Community Council News

The SCC Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom. We are in dire need of more members. Please contact Genelle Payant, SCC Chair, at <u>payant.genelle@gmail.com</u>, if you are interested in putting your name forward.

Mark your calendars for April 18 at 7 p.m. The Moose Jaw City Police ICE Department will be presenting on the topic of the internet and child exploitation (ICE). This is open to all Prairie South parents and students. It will be held at the auditorium at Peacock Collegiate. This will be the same session that was offered to Sunningdale parents in January. It was so well received the Division is hosting it again for everyone. Please attend if you missed the January session or would like to hear the information again.

The Spring Fling Family Dance will be held Thursday, April 20 6-8 p.m.

Dress for the weather!

Please help your child come dressed



appropriately for the weather conditions. Students will be expected to go outside for breaks and will need to be dressed suitably. An extra pair of socks

stashed in the backpack may come in handy. You may wish to take a moment and write your child's name in their boots and outside gear like jackets and mitts. This helps when we are trying to help locate lost items.

Sunningdale Social Media

Keep up-to-date on all the latest news and events happening in our school on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. We are sharing classroom learning, community involvement, sports updates, and current events on our socials often.

Tabs for Tyce

We continue to collect pop can tabs to raise funds and awareness for childhood cancers. We have several collection bottles throughout the school to collect pop can tabs for this worthy cause. We "can" fill those bottles!

Bike and Pedestrian Safety

Spring is in the air and it is great to see



more students walking and riding bikes to school. This would be a great time for parents to talk to their children about the rules of the road and traveling to and from school safely.