



JUDGE BRYANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School Absence Line—In the event that your child will be late or away from school, please call and leave a message at **791-8553**. Please leave your child's name, grade, teacher and the reason for the absence. We appreciate your help!

APRIL SHOWERS

The snow has officially melted away and we move into April Showers. A highlight in March was the conclusion of our boys' and girls' basketball season. I would like to congratulate all our student athletes on wonderful year and their fine seasons. The final game of the year will be on Wednesday, April 5th, when the student teams take on the teachers.

We hosted our Parent/Teacher Conferences and Celebration of Learning on March 10th. This was an excellent opportunity for parents/guardians to come into the school and either meet with the teacher or view some of the wonderful products from their child/ren. Thanks to all the staff for



making this a great event and to all the families who attended.

We would like to begin the process for **Kindergarten registration**. If you are, or know of any families who plan to register for Kindergarten for the 2017—2018 school year, please have them come in and fill out a registration

form. More information for Kindergarten registration will follow in the coming months and an information meeting will occur in May.

We now look forward to our upcoming months! As I said previously, these are the most important times of the school year for the learning process.



JUDGE BRYANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Cooking with kids is one of the most valuable family activities you can engage in together. Here's why:

Top 10 Reasons to Get Kids Cooking

1. Cooking brings families together.
2. Cooking Builds self esteem.
3. Cooking makes kids more willing to try new foods.
4. Cooking teaches kids math skills.
5. Cooking teaches kids reading skills.
6. Cooking teaches kids chemistry skills.
7. Kids who cook tend to eat more fruits and vegetables.
8. When kids cook they learn about the origins of food.
9. Cooking teaches kids about different cultures.
10. Cooking with kids gives them an important lifelong skill.

Cooking time is bonding time. When you cook together, kids feel like they are a part of something bigger. We read to learn, and cooking is one of the best ways to show kids literacy and numeracy skills. It helps teach kids how to read instructions, understand fractions, temperatures, and geometry by giving kids practical benefits of literacy and numeracy.

For more details go to: <http://kidscooking.about.com/od/howtocook/a/top10kidscookin.htm>

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UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

Here are some dates to mark on your calendars.

April

Grade 7/8 Mini Mosaic — Tuesday, April 4th afternoon.

Easter Holiday— April 14-23. No school for staff and students!

Assembly (Independence) — Friday, April 28th @ 1:00 p.m.

May

Literacy Night — Tuesday, May 9th at Regina Public Library Dewdney Avenue Branch at 6:30—7:30 p.m.

PD Day — Friday, May 19th. No school for students!

Victoria Day Holiday — Monday, May 22. No School for staff and students!

Johnson Area Band Spring Concert — Wednesday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Assembly (Belonging) — Tuesday, May 30th at 9:15 a.m.

June

PD Day — Friday, June 9th. No school for students!

Grade 8 Farewell Excursion — Thursday, June 22nd all day.

Evraz Swim Day — Friday, June 23rd

Grade 8 Farewell — Monday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m.

End of the Year BBQ — Tuesday, June 27th. Burger or Hot Dog for all students over the noon hour.

Final Assembly (Mastery) — Wednesday, June 28th at 9:15.

Last Day of Classes — Thursday, June 29th!



For a detailed calendar, see the calendar on the school's website.

UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

RQHR Health Promotion School Newsletter

The RQHR (Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region) Health Promotion Department is here to support your school community in a variety of health areas including: nutrition, physical activity, positive mental health, body image, and dental health. This newsletter will highlight some of the new resources, programs, training, and initiatives available and coming up near your school. There is something for everyone!

Please visit the website below for more information:

www.rqhealth.ca/primary-health-care/health-promotion-newsletter

Scholastics Book Fair

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for your support during our Book Fair. We sold over \$3800.00 worth of books!! That means we will get \$1500.00 worth of new books for our library!

Congratulations to Jaya Buckle who won \$25 worth of books for herself and her classroom in the Family Event draw. Mrs. Villeneuve also received \$25 worth of books for her classroom!

Basketball

The boys and girls basketball season has come to an end. The season ran from January to March with three teams participating. We have a boys team play-

ing in Competitive B coached by Mr. Brace, who lost to Hanna in the final seconds of the semifinal by 1 point. Our boys team in the East Recreational League coached by Mr. Parker, had an excellent season with all the athletes improving significantly. Our girls team in the East Recreational League coached by Mr. Goodman and Ms. McDonald, completed the dream season going undefeated all year. The boys' and girls' teams began to practice in early December with games concluding in March. Special thanks to all the coaches, parents for driving and student athletes on a great year!

School Community Council

There is a place for parent input on the school's goals as well. I would like to strongly encourage all parents to become involved in the School Community Council (SCC).

There is plenty of room for more members. Our next meeting is on Monday, May 8th, at 6:30 p.m. If you have any interest please let the school know. Childcare is also provided.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET 2017-2018

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the public meeting of the Regina Board of Education, the following points relating to the Provincial Budget were read out by the Director of Education.

- On March 22, 2017, the Government of Saskatchewan released the 2017-2018 Provincial Budget.
- The Regina Board of Education and the senior administration of Regina Public Schools are currently working to determine the implications of the provincial budget on School Division operations.
- This is what Regina Public Schools knows about the Government of Saskatchewan's 2017-2018 Budget as it relates to education:
- The Government of Saskatchewan's 2017-2018 Budget reported a 1.2% (\$22 million) decrease to school division operational funding. This percentage, however, is based on the Provincial Government's fiscal year, which is April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2018.
- The fiscal year for school boards, however, is different; it is September 1, 2017, to August 31, 2018. The operating funding decrease for school divisions' fiscal year is 2.9% (\$54.2 million).
- In January, 2017, the Report on the Review of the Education PreK-12 Funding Distribution Model was completed. The Government's implementation of the recommendations contained in this report will reduce net funding to Regina Public Schools by approximately \$2.5 million which serves to compound the impact of the general decrease in operational funding support.
- These funding reductions come in a year that Regina Public Schools is expecting an overall enrolment growth of 575 new students and is anticipating the opening of three new joint-use schools and two rebuilt schools.
- The estimated gap between funding recognition and projected expenses for 2017-2018 totals approximately \$9.5 million for Regina Public Schools.
- The Government of Saskatchewan has provided significant capital funding for the three new joint-use schools and the two rebuilds (École Connaught and Scott Collegiate at Mâdawêyatitân Centre), all of which are scheduled to open in September, 2017.
- The Government of Saskatchewan has also increased funding for Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) of school division facilities.
- The Board of Regina Public Schools recognizes that this Budget will negatively impact school families and the services the School Division provides.
- Once there is a plan for the coming year, it will be shared with our school families and staff in order to provide time for any necessary adjustments.

For more information about the Government of Saskatchewan Budget or earlier documentation related to it, see Regina Public Schools Website at www.rbe.sk.ca/news/2017/03/provincial-budget-board-meeting.

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3—Day 3 SCC Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4—Day 4 Grade 7/8 Classes Mini Mosaic	5—Day 5	6—Day 1 Grade 5/6 Soccer Tournament	7—Day 2	8
9	10—Day 3	11—Day 4 Ms. Davies's class to a play at Jack Mackenzie p.m. Mr. Schneider's Grade 7 class canoeing at 9 a.m.	12—Day 3 Mr. Hlushko's and Mr. Rasmussen's Grade 7 classes canoeing at 9:00 a.m.	13—Day 3 Ms. Desjarlais's class at Mackenzie Art Gallery Mr. Goodman's and Ms. Chan's Grade 7 classes canoeing at 9:00 a.m.	14 Good Friday	15
16	17 No School	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22
23/30	24—Day 2	25—Day 3	26—Day 4 Grade 3's swimming lessons Ms. Lynch's and Ms. Trithart's Grade 4 classes at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum p.m.	27—Day 5	28—Day 1 Assembly- Independence 1:00 p.m.	29