



DR. L.M. HANNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Regina Public Schools

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NO SCHOOL

There is **no school** for staff and students from **April 14th to 23rd inclusive**. Happy Spring and Happy Easter!

NEWS FROM THE DIVISION OFFICE— BUDGET

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the public meeting of the Regina Board of Education, the Director of Education, Greg Enion shared information relating to the 2017-18 Provincial Budget. The points he made are available on the news page of the Regina Public Schools website. Please take the time to read this information about the potential financial impact of the Provincial Budget on Regina Public Schools. The direct link to the website information is:

<http://www.rbe.sk.ca/news/2017/03/provincial-budget-information-board-meeting>

PRE-REGISTRATION OF NEW KINDERGARTENS

Dr. Hanna School is pre-registering new children for next fall's Kindergarten class. To be eligible for Kindergarten, children must have their fifth birthday by **December 31, 2017**. If you have a child who is eligible to enroll for Kindergarten this year, please call the school at (306) 791-8594 to pre-register. Also, if you know of neighbours who do not currently have children at Dr. Hanna School and have a child eligible for Kindergarten, please encourage them to be in touch with us. In the spring, pre-registered Kindergarten students will be invited to visit the school as part of the transition into school life.



SRC APRIL NEWS

The SRC was very happy to donate **\$1 800.00** to the Z99 Radiothon! Thank you Dr. Hanna Tigers and community for your help in raising money to help the babies in NICU.

The SRC will meet next week to further plan some upcoming activities. Stay Tuned! A note will come home with this information.





PARENT INFORMATION SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Hanna School is **excited** to offer our first parent information symposium!

WHAT: A supper and information night featuring the following topics:

- My child struggles with anxiety- how can I help?
- The internet and my child - what do I need to know?
- Help! Strategies for engaging my child in reading at home.
- Truth and Reconciliation, what does it mean?

WHEN: Wednesday, May 3rd (6-7:30pm)

- Supper 6-6:30
- First session 6:30-7
- Second session 7-7:30

WHERE: Dr. Hanna School (55 Davin Cres.)

WHO: Parents and Caregivers

All parents and caregivers are welcome, however session space is limited therefore, pre-registration is required. **A note will be coming home with your child next week in order for you to pre- register for the sessions.**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night was lots of fun for all who attended! We would like to thank the following for donations to our event:

Conexus Credit Union N. Albert Branch
 Sherwood Co-op
 Coles Bookstore Northgate
 Dairy Queen Rochdale
 Safeway Northgate
 Nichol Family
 Oosthuizen Family

Spring Green Homes
 Gardippi Family
 Armstead Family
 Staples North
 Safeway Regent Park
 Gill Family
 Barnhart Family
 Turner Family

Plus thank you to the numerous families who donated cakes for the Cake Walk.

And a **big thank you** to all our volunteers that came out to help run the show!



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Dear Parents and Students!

Here is a refresher on how to use the school cash online system for those of you who haven't tried it yet and would like to! It really is a safer option rather than sending cash with your child.

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of Cash and Cheques coming into our school. We are asking parents to please take 5 minutes to register, by following the steps below. Once you are registered online, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events.

School Cash Online has a one minute movie clip that can give you a brief overview of the registration and online payment process for your children's school fees:

<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

To Register Online:

- Step 1: Go to the Regina Public Schools School Cash Online website:
<https://rbe.schoolcashionline.com>
- Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.
- Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions during the registration process or while paying fees online, please select the *GET HELP* option in the top right hand area of the School Cash Online website screen. You can also access the School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk by phone at 1-866-961-1803 or by email at parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com. The friendly staff at

the Parent Help Desk are available 24/7 (365 days) to solve any puzzles that parents may have when using School Cash Online. They can assist parents with registering, password recoveries, finding their children or any check-out or payment issues.

BASKETBALL UPDATE

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our girls' basketball team. They finished the season strong and were great ambassadors for Dr. Hanna School. Thank you to their coaches for volunteering their time and expertise to coach these teams: Ms. McCrystal, Ms. Berger, and Mr. McCrystal.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team who went 5-1 in the regular season and made it to the North City Final; losing to Harvest City. The boys improved immensely throughout the season because of their hard work and desire to improve. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Krogsgaard are very proud of every member of the team because of how they have improved and represented Dr. Hanna.

FROM THE LIBRARY

March flew by with a very successful first Maker space month – the students loved it!

Our spring book fair was also a success –thank you to the students, families and staff that attended to help support our literacy goals.

This month, watch for reading challenges going home over the break!

Attention All Technology club members! For all those who participated back in December, we will be starting up again in April. We will meet on Wednesday's at lunch for the month of April. Please listen to announcements and ask Ms. Singh if you have any questions.

SKIPPING CLUB

Skipping club will once again be starting up at the end of April and will run until the end of May. The club is for any students in grade 4-8 who wish to join.

Please listen for skipping announcements to attend our information meeting.

SUMMER BLAST COUPON FUNDRAISER

Thanks in advance for your support with our Summer Blast Coupon Book Fundraiser. The kick off assembly was on March 21st, 2017. There are many prize incentives for those individuals and classrooms taking part! If at any time during the fundraiser, you require more books please send a note with your child. Please return any books you did not sell or if you are not interested in selling so we can hand them out to others. As soon as a book is sold, send the sold card and money back to school so that your child has a chance in the daily draws! **All money and unsold books need to be returned by Tuesday, April 25th, 2017.** We are looking forward to using the money raised to improve technology, purchase resources and for special events at Dr. Hanna School. Thanks!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Dr. Hanna is working hard to ensure our students are at school every day! We have made a commitment to improve our student attendance.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

*Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.

*Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.

*Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.

*Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school---and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and at work.



WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?

CHRONIC ABSENCE: 18 or more days (2 days per month)

WARNING SIGNS: 10 to 17 days

GOOD ATTENDANCE: 9 or fewer absences

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BADMINTON TEAM NEWS!

It's an exciting year here at Dr. Hanna as we are able to continue in the badminton league. Thanks to Madam Wiebe and Miss Hack for organizing and coaching our team!

Congratulations to the following team members:

2016 Dr. Hanna School Badminton Team

Arsalan	Zuni	Favour
Oleksiy	Jayda	Mi Kay Lah
Lubna	Awais	Brooklyn B.
Abby T.	Tatiana	Hailey S.
Shubhangi	Tyrel B.	Akshaya
Tristyn	Lane	Katie S.
Kendall	Josh L.	
Daniel O.	Kayla L.	

FRIENDLY REMINDER

To ensure safety at our school, parents/guardians and visitors are asked to stop in at the office during school time. Messages can be left at the office or written in agendas to minimize interrupting valuable instruction time.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

STUDENT A

- * READS 20 MINUTES PER DAY.
- *3600 minutes per school year.
- *1 800 000 words per year

SCORES IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS.

STUDENT B

- *READS 5 MINUTES PER DAY
- *900 minutes per school year
- *282 000 words per year

SCORES IN THE 50TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT C

- *READS 1 MINUTE PER DAY
- *180 minutes per school year
- *8 000 words per year

SCORES IN THE 10TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of the 6th grade, **Student A** will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, **Student B** will have read for 12 school days and **Student C** will have read for 3 school days.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

(<http://bbccatholic.com/school/multimedia/school-files/teachers-1/mrs-angela-kaping-1/404-why-read-1/file>)

STUDENTS RIDING THE BUS

If you are picking up your child after school who usually rides the **bus it is very important that you let the office know.** Our bus supervisors take attendance and when time is spent looking for a student, the bus leaves late affecting many families. Thanks for your help with this.

STUDENT SAFETY

Parents/Guardians are reminded to be very careful when traveling by the school to drop off students. Teachers also have talked to the students about being careful when crossing the street.

Please **do not park in the staff parking lot** when picking up your child or **near the crosswalks** as this becomes a major safety concern for our students. Our safety patrol will be on patrol as well at the crosswalks during the **noon** and **3:37 pm** dismissal.

The safety patrol puts out green pylons in front of the school so cars do not park between them as this helps ensure student safety as well. Please do not stop between them even if you are picking up or dropping off your child(ren). Thanks for your help with this. We want to ensure our students safety!

LUNCHROOM ATTENDANCE

To help with lunchroom attendance, it is important to send a green note as indicated below. Feel free to write more than one date on the green slip. If you need more green slips or updated ones, have your child pick them up at the office.

Please remember that students are to bring a bagged lunch and that there are **no microwaves** available for use. Students are expected to wash their hands before eating and to follow all lunch room rules as outlined in the lunch room contract. Please remember we are a **“peanut free”** school. We are also really encouraging students to keep sweet treats to a minimum.

Thank you to parents/guardians for sending notes when your child registered as Full Time and **will not** be attending. Thank you to parents/guardians for sending notes for your child registered as Part Time when they **will** be attending. This really helps to ensure your child’s safety and whereabouts. Green notes were sent home to make things easier for parents and administration at the office.

STUDENT SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL

Playground supervision is provided during recesses and 15 minutes before school begins in the morning and in the afternoon. We want children to be safe when attending school, so we ask that students **not** be sent to school prior to **8:37 am** and **12:30 pm**.

STUDENT ABSENCE

Attendance at school is important for progress and success of all students. If your child will be away from school, please contact the school directly by

phone (306) 791-8594 regarding the reason for their absence. When our school office is closed or we are answering a call on the other line, the message manager will receive your voice message. Please include the student’s name, grade/teacher, and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a message we will try to contact parents/guardians.

In the past, some parents/guardians have put messages into the agenda when their child will be away and this is a good idea, however, **it is still very important to leave a message on the message manager or with Mrs. Hollyoak.**

Doors from the playgrounds are locked once school has started. If your child is **late** for school, please have your child enter the building through the **front door** and stop at the office to receive a late slip from Mrs. Hollyoak, our administrative assistant.

CELL PHONE USE

We are strongly discouraging students from using their cell phones during school time. (This includes recess and lunch time).



This is a huge disruption in their learning. We realize that students have cell phones and ask that they keep them out of sight during class time. If students are using their phone during this time, the staff will ask for the phone and return it to the student at the end of the day. Please discuss with your child the importance of not using their phone during precious learning time. Thanks for your help.

SCHOOL WEBSITE



Please visit our school website.

Classrooms have information posted there as well as the school calendar. Most upcoming events have been planned thus far and will be posted on the calendar for any forward planning. Check out when the volunteer tea is or the Grade 8 Farewell for example. As well, other important documents such as our Learning Improvement Plan and monthly newsletters are posted on the website. The website address is located on the letterhead of this newsletter.

ALLERGY ALERT

Our school has students who have severe peanut/tree nut allergies. In order to protect them from a life-threatening allergic reaction, we would request that

products with peanuts and tree nuts **NOT** be sent with children. Dr. Hanna School is a “*peanut free*” zone.

April 26, 2017 7-9pm
@ Tony Roma's

Join the HSCC for a fun night out and help raise funds for the Dr. Hanna Playground Fund at the same time. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at: https://www.paintnite.com/events/_1160254 or the Paint Nite website.

HSCC NEWS

PAINT NIGHT

