



COUGAR NEWS



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Clavet School

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we continue to shift out of the COVID and construction upheavals that we've had over the last 3 years, we are provided with opportunities for us to re-evaluate our policies and practices. As a staff, we are working through our expectations of students and we are consulting with our School Community Council for feedback. Most recently, we have looked at our expectations around cell phone usage at the school. Cell phones are ubiquitous in modern society and schools are not exempt from their impact. We continue to look at digital literacy instruction, but we are doing this in the shadow of COVID instruction that had a high reliance on digital access. Our recent elevated absence levels continue to place a reliance on digital options for students to stay caught up with school work when absent, and we continue to adjust to the capabilities of Edsby to provide some of this support. However, the cell phone usage in the school does not reflect this need.

Our legacy cell phone policy indicated that from kindergarten through grade 9, students were not to use cell phones in the school, unless under the direct instruction of a teacher for the purposes of instruction in their class. This expectation will not change for students from kindergarten to grade 6. Although we have a number of students in grades 4, 5 and especially 6 who have cell phones, it is still our expectation that they are not used during the school day. Teachers at this level do not expect students to have access to cell phones for instruction. We have a number of mobile computing options (iPads and Chromebooks) that students can use. If parents wish to contact these elementary students, they are encouraged to send messages through the teachers or through the school office personnel.

Students in grades 7-9 will have a slight change in expectations. These students will now have access to their cell phones before and after school, and during their breaks. We continue to encourage our students to interact socially, and engage in physical breaks during these times, but we will no longer monitor or control student use of cell phones during these non-instructional times. Students in grades 7-12 will still have the expectation that they will not use cell phones during instructional time.

Next on our list is a review of our student driving expectations. Currently, students are only allowed to drive to school and home. They are not to use their vehicles during the school day, including at lunch and during breaks. We are the only school that I am aware of that has this restrictive a policy. Unfortunately, we are not staffed to be able to adequately monitor its adherence. We have had numerous complaints from local residents about speeding and stunting during the noon break that would indicate that students are not following these expectations. We continue to encourage concerned residents to contact the RCMP with their witness accounts. We also continue to work with our RCMP liaison officer to increase their presence during these times. We are currently contemplating a change in our school policy that would put more reliance on the students and their parents for monitoring driving habits during the noon break. Please let us know if you have any feedback on this issue.

Good luck to the high school students who are writing final exams this week and next.

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Principal
Clavet School
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CLAVET PRE-KINDERGARTEN



The Clavet Pre-Kindergarten program for three and four year old children runs Monday to Thursday 9am-12pm. The open house date and times for Pre-Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year will be posted on our website and in upcoming newsletters. Applications will be available at the open house or at the office after the open house date. Children must be three years old by September 1st. Please call the office at 306-933-1022 or email christine.findlater@spiritsd.ca for more information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the 2023-2024 School Year

Registration is now taking place for any child who will be turning five (5) by December 31, 2023. Registration is important for an accurate class count. **Please pass this information on to your neighbours and friends.** There will be an open house in the spring, watch upcoming newsletters and/or the website for more information.

If you have questions/concerns about your child starting kindergarten please call or e-mail Tracy Fitzsimmons at 306-933-1022 or tracy.fitzsimmons@spiritsd.ca



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KNITTING CLUB

Is open for grade 5 and 6 students on even days at lunch. I am also looking for donations of yarn, if anyone has any they are willing to donate.

GAMES CLUB

for grade 4-6 kids at noon on odd days. I am looking for games if anyone has any they are looking to get rid of!



Thank you
Ms. Green

WINTER RECESS GUIDELINES



Clavet School has established the following temperatures as a guideline for winter recess time. We would like all students be dressed properly (winter jacket, ski-pants, toque, mitts, boots etc.) as we try to go outside as much as possible. Many students ask to go outside even when temperatures dip low. The combined temperature is based on Environment Canada's temperature of Saskatoon.

At the time of the recess break:

- -26 °C and warmer – everyone outside
- -27 °C to -39°C – All students dress up and run to football shack and back or be a part of Polar Bear Club
- Polar Bear Club - only those dressed properly will have the option to stay outside with teacher supervision
- - 40 °C and colder – everyone is to be indoors

EXTREME COLD WEATHER AND WHEN THE BUSES DO NOT RUN

AP805 – Bus Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather

A bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold **will run in the afternoon, if conditions have improved**. In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning due to cold weather, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day.

Bus routes cancelled at 6 a.m. due to cold weather will operate on their regular routes at the end of the school day, provided that temperatures reported at **12 noon** are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).

Families will receive notifications through the [Versatrans My Stop app](#) and the update will be posted on the Division's [website](#) and phone hotline (306-683-2805) by 1 p.m.

Please see the Division's updated [Admin Procedure 805 - Bus Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather](#).

- from the Bus Garage

For your information, the Prairie Spirit School Division Bus Garage makes the decision based on the 6 am combined temperature (air temperature and wind chill) if the buses will run for the day or not. They use Environment Canada's weather conditions for Saskatoon to make this decision and post their official decision on the PSSD website bus cancellation page, <https://www.spiritsd.ca/buses/>, shortly after 6 am. We also want to make it clear that if parents feel that it is unsafe for them to come to school at any time, they have the right to keep their child(ren) at home. We support the decisions of the parents and the bus drivers in making decisions that they feel are necessary to keep their child(ren) safe.

DATES TO NOTE

JAN. 25 - 30	Gr. 10-12 EXAMS
JAN. 26	QUADMESTER 2 ENDS
JAN.30	SEMESTER 1 ENDS
JAN. 31	PREPARATION DAY – NO SCHOOL
FEB. 1	SEMESTER 2/QUADMESTER 3 BEGINS
FEB. 3	Gr.10-12 COMMENTS

Community News



**Spare Bus Drivers needed
in your community**

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Follows the school calendar

For more information about this flexible opportunity,
please contact the Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496;
email: busing@spiritsd.ca or go to spiritsd.ca/careers



**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**



Clavet Minor Football is on the ball this year and will be offering a variety of programs this spring.

Flag football will be offered to children ages Kindergarten to Grade 4 and possibly if enough interest Grades 5/6. Team codes have been created to ensure everyone who wants to be a Cougar will be a Cougar. SMF has teamed up with NFL Flag to take the program to the next level. Fees are 185 dollars, which will include two game shirts, team shorts and referees for all games.

The team codes are as follows:
Grades K-Grade 2 (Colts) GE67
Grades 3-4 (Stamps) DZ24
Grades 5-6 (Hilltops) EM53

Games are always on Saturdays and generally there is one scheduled practice time weekly, but that will be determined by coaches. Season finishes at the end of June before school year is completed.

Spring 6 person football is available for children Grades 5-8. This is a developmental league where the goal is to teach the new aspect of contact to players and have them fall in love with the game. This program has been the building block for our extremely successful Kinsmen Tackle football program in the fall which is more competitive. There are no team codes for this, but your family account history with SMF will almost certainly lead you to Clavet's team. Practices will be Sundays and Tuesdays at Clavet School with games Thursday nights at SMF Field. Fees have increase to 440 dollars. Clavet Minor Football went to two jamborees last season and if we can hammer out some logistics we plan on hosting one as well. We try to make sure that with six a side everyone gets big bang for their bucks. Again season is over at the end of June.

Finally if you register quickly you can attend SMF Spring Academy for players Grades 8-12. This is more of a specialized identification camp, where children can hone their skills of their preferred position. Practices are throughout the week and the season ends with mini tournament style play games. Fees are 455 dollars. Clavet Minor Football alumni Matthew Zdunich turned his academy into a U16 Canadian championship last summer, so it does open up many other football opportunities.

All registration is done through saskatoonminorfootball.com and the prompts are quite easy to navigate.

If there are questions please do not hesitate to message or call Chad (306)281-5225. Go Cougars, I'm excited already!!! Early bird registration ends February 15th at which time fees will go up 50 dollars.

Clavet School invites you to the

LEGO Expo

Open to the public Monday
February 13, 3:30-7:30 pm



Submissions due Jan 31, 2023

Students from all grades can submit LEGO sets or original creations. We have many amazing LEGO sets to give out to applicants and contest winners courtesy of the SCC and local businesses.

There will be many LEGO worlds to explore: Icons, Friends, Star Wars, Minecraft, Harry Potter, etc and an original creations area. There will be a mini figure colouring contest for Kindergarten to Grade 5. A Lego drawing challenge for Grades 6-12 to draw anything LEGO inspired. There are more ways to win by taking part in the LEGO challenges. Contests ending Jan 31.

Scan the QR code for the submission form or go to
<https://form.Jotform.com/223207941122244>
any questions email legoexpo@hotmail.com

A poster for LEGO Building Challenges. The title 'LEGO Building Challenges' is at the top in large blue font. Below it are six colored boxes, each containing a challenge. The boxes are arranged in a 3x2 grid. The top corners and bottom corners of the poster feature colorful, jagged shapes resembling LEGO bricks in red, pink, yellow, and blue. The background is white.

LEGO Building Challenges

Challenge #1

Build something that can float

Challenge #2

Build a mini version of your home. Can be the outside of your home or a room inside.

Challenge #3

Build your name using LEGO

Challenge #4

Build a LEGO car

Bonus Entry!

Challenge #5

Build a mini scene from your favourite book.

Snap a pic of your completed challenges and email them to legoexpo@hotmail.com for your chance to win LEGO. Due by Jan 31.