



COUGAR NEWS



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Clavet School

Administrator's Message

As we prepare to wrap up another season, I thought it important to acknowledge the parent support that we are so fortunate to experience at Clavet School. We have a number of parent and community volunteers who have played a critical role in coaching and supervising our athletic teams; helping out with our musical and drama programs; and providing an art program for our students. We also have community volunteers who help out in the school, sharing their knowledge and experience; reading to students; shelving books in the library; and accompanying groups on field trips. We're hoping for both great weather, and a lot of parent volunteers to help with our grade 5 to 9 ski trip on March 23rd.

It was a parent initiative that led to the Lego Expo earlier this week. There was a great response from the students and community to the event and we're anticipating the event will be even bigger next year. Another parent from our School Community Council suggested the upcoming One Book, One School project that our elementary students and their families will participate in after the break. We're excited about the support for literacy and the focus on reading that the event should bring to the community.

We are also looking forward to the spring supper that we will be hosting on March 31st. The event was originally planned as our traditional Fall Supper, but due to construction and other volunteer conflicts, we were unable to host it at that time. This is a very large event for our school and community. It relies on all our elementary parents to participate, supplying both the food and the labour for the event. All the proceeds go back into the elementary classrooms to continue to develop our classroom libraries. It's a great opportunity for us as a community to get together to support the school.

Thanks for your ongoing support. Feel free to contact us or a member of the SCC if you have any ideas on how to make our school a better learning environment for all.



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. Please call the Clavet School at **306-933-1022** to enroll your child for the 2023-2024 school year. 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

WINTER RECESS GUIDELINES

Clavet School has established the following temperatures as a guideline for winter recess time. We would like all students to 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 indoor

ATTENDANCE



A friendly reminder to please enter the absence in Edsby or call the office with any student absence, in the event that your child's teacher is away we will have the information at the office. Please note this includes snow days and vacations. Thank you!

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](#). The update can also be accessed on the Division's [website](#) and by phoning the hotline at (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.

HOT LUNCHES

Almost every last day of the week, our school offers a hot lunch from a local vendor. We use a 3rd party website called Healthy Hunger, www.healthyhunger.ca, to set up all the orders and to collect all the money. These hot lunches are not a fundraiser for the school and we do not receive any profit from them. We decided to do this because we had numerous parent requests to set up a lunch program to help alleviate the burden of making school lunches every day. If for any reason a student is not here on the day of a hot lunch and is unable to receive their lunch we try to give it to a sibling or try sell it to another student. If we are able to sell it, we are then able to refund the student that is not here. Orders can be made, cancelled, or changed up to 5 days before the scheduled hot lunch (Sunday at midnight for a Friday lunch) by contacting Healthy Hunger directly through their website: www.healthyhunger.ca, by phone: [1-800-818-6260](tel:1-800-818-6260), or by email: support@healthyhunger.com.



If you have any other questions or concerns about hot lunches please contact the school: clavet@spiritsd.ca



DATES TO NOTE

FEB. 15	PINK SHIRT DAY
FEB. 20	FAMILY DAY – NO CLASSES
FEB. 21-24	WINTER BREAK – NO CLASSES
MARCH 13	NO CLASSES – TEACHER PREP DAY
APRIL 3	CAP & GOWN PHOTOS
APRIL 4	K - Gr. 12 PARENT /TEACHER INTEVIEWS 3:30-6:10
APRIL 5	K - Gr. 12 PARENT /TEACHER INTEVIEWS 5:00-7:30
APRIL 6	DAY IN LIEU – NO CLASSES
APRIL 7	GOOD FRIDAY – NO CLASSES
APRIL 10-14	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Canada Dental Benefit for Kids

Please share the following information:

The Canada Dental Benefit provides eligible parents or guardians with a direct tax-free payment of up to \$650 per year for two years to help cover dental expenses for children under 12. This is a temporary benefit available to families without private dental insurance and with an adjusted family net income under \$90,000. The permanent program is being developed and is due in 2024.

The first benefit period is for children under 12 years of age as of December 1, 2022 who receive oral health care between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. The Canada Revenue Agency began receiving applications and processing payments for the benefit on December 1, 2022.

Details: [Canada Dental Benefit - Canada.ca](http://CanadaDentalBenefit-Canada.ca)



School Community Council

The next SCC meeting is March 1st @ 5:30 PM

The spring supper is scheduled for March 31st with 2 sittings; 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. In the past, the supper has been held in the fall and is a fundraiser. Funds raised provide books for the K-6 classrooms. In order to make it a success we are looking for volunteers for the day and evening of the event. If you are interested in volunteering for this event or other events please contact Rhonda Lavoie @ 306-321-7299 (call/text) or rhonda@tufsaskatoon.com or any SCC Member [Link to member contact page](#)

Spring Soccer

Outdoor Spring Soccer registration for U5-U9 opens Feb 21. Sign up details can be found on our Facebook page Clavet Community Soccer or email clavetsoccer@outlook.com. Deadline to Register is March 13 to ensure a spot on a Clavet Team.



URGENT NEED FOR SPARE BUS DRIVERS




Spare Bus Drivers needed in our community

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Follows the school calendar
- Earns pension and accesses health and dental benefits as a regular route driver


For more information, contact the Bus Garage:
(306) 374-2496 or busing@spiritsd.ca
Details at spiritsd.ca/careers

Prairie Spirit Bus Drivers

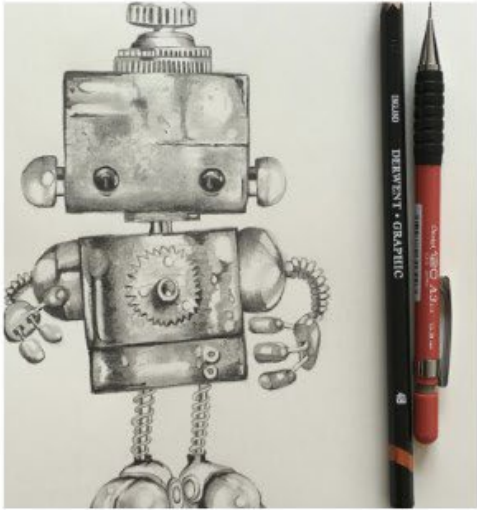
- paid for a minimum of 4 hours, even if route is cancelled due to inclement weather
- paid for a minimum of 105 km daily
- receive excellent training and support
- receive reimbursement for costs associated with attaining license (for example: medical exam, road test)
- enjoy full pension and health and dental benefits as a regular route driver

CONTACT US
306-374-2496
busing@spiritsd.ca



Art Club

with Juli Labrecque



Community After School Arts & Crafts

When: Tuesdays at 3:15 (90 min)

Where: Clavet School

Different projects every week

beading & jewellery making, miniature world design,
sewing, line drawing, painting, fimo

Grades 4-7

Dates: (10 weeks) Start Date:

March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

April 4th, 18th, 25th

May 2th, 9th, 16th

Cost: \$120 per child (to cover all material costs)

maximum of 25 kids

contact - Juli Labrecque 306-341-1034 juli.labrecque@gmail.com

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Clavet Community After School Arts & Crafts

Childs Name _____
Grade _____
Favourite Colour _____
Favourite animal(s) _____
Favourite book(s) _____

Parent(s) Name _____

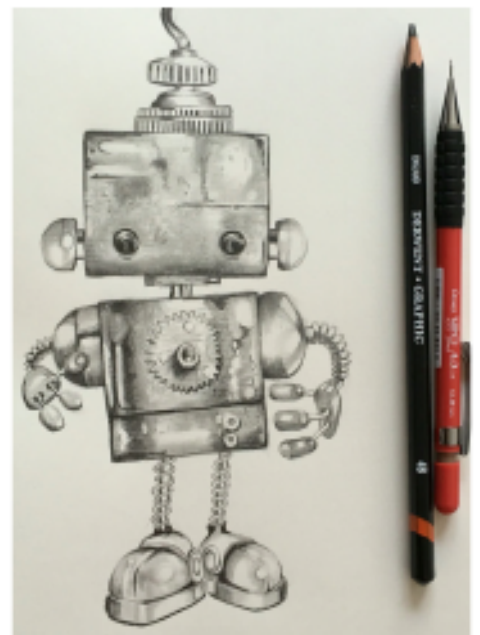
Contact # _____

Email (s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Any food allergies? Y or N _____

Who is picking them up? _____



- ~No refunds if your child is unable to attend a class
- ~Children must enjoy crafts and want to be there
- ~ Art Club is limited to 25 spots, 1st come first serve basis
- ~ Club fees can be paid by e transfer to juli.labrecque@gmail.com

Please return this form and the user form/fee promptly by

Feb 24th, to ensure your spot in the club.

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CLAVET SKATING CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

Sunny Days & Stormy Nights

Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 12 at 1:30 PM

Tickets: \$10 on-ice or \$5 off-ice

Tickets available at the door OR
pre-order your preferred seat by contacting
info@clavetskatingclub.com

