

COUGAR NEWS

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Clavet School

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

It was great to have a normal start to the school year. There were no COVID restrictions in place; there were no areas of the school shut down due to construction; and the students came back to school after the Labour Day weekend. I have been asked many times how the start of the school year has gone, and I can honestly say that it has been one of the best start ups that I can remember.

Another reason for such a great start up is the approach that our staff are taking to the year. We are fortunate to have a strong, experienced core of teachers to lead culture and expectations in the building. This year, they are joined by some eager new staff who have shown enthusiasm and maturity in their approach to making Clavet such a welcoming environment for our students. We are grateful for the contributions of all our staff and the welcome addition of Kristen Mathison in the office.

We had a great turnout for the Welcome Back/Meet the Teacher barbecue put on by our SCC. We had our first SCC meeting last night and the council had the same impression as the staff – the event was well-attended and served to allay any apprehension that the students and parents had with starting another new school year. The SCC is looking forward to bringing back traditions like the Fall Supper. Please see the information later in this newsletter.

There is a lot of important information contained in this newsletter. Please read through it carefully. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school

Stay safe and enjoy the start of the fall season.

Brian Matisz

Principal Clavet School 306-933-1022 306-227-4895 (Cell)



NEW STAFF FOR 2023-2024

Welcome to Clavet!



Ms. Mathison Vice-Principal



Miss Ross Grade 3



Mrs. Vors Grade 3



Miss Taphorn Grade 3



Mr. Blum French



Mr. Fournier Grade 9/Phys Ed



Mr. Aiken Grade 9



Ms. Martin E.A.



Mr. Dick Head Custodian



Mrs. Mistreanu Custodian

Media Release and Consent Form

When images and/or names of students are shared with the public (through school division publications, media coverage, video footage or on websites, etc.), The Local Authority of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LAFOIP) must be followed. Therefore, we require your informed consent before we will share any student information or visual images of your child. Please fill out the attached Media Consent form.

Media Release and Consent Form

EDSBY

Classroom communication with parents will be done through Edsby this year. Please make sure that your personal information is up to date including any important medical information.

Student Handbook

Please note there have been some updates to our <u>Student Handbook</u>. The handbook is posted on our website under the Student Information tab and is linked above.

Yearbook

Cut off for ordering is this Friday, September 15th. There is an order form on our website and in the link - Yearbook Order Form

MyStop App/Bus Planner Web

We are no longer using the MyStop app to locate buses. The new bus program is called Bus Planner Web, you can find it on the Prairie Spirit Website under Transportation.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We will be honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange shirts on Thursday, September 28th. Any orange shirt (or variation of orange) will do, there is no expectation to purchase a separate t-shirt for this cause.

If you are interested in buying a shirt, the following local shops have t-shirts available for purchase that help support our local communities.

https://wanuskewingiftshop.com/collections/clothing/products/awasis-boutique-orange-t-shirt

https://gdins.org/?s=orange+shirt&post_type=product

https://www.peblgoods.ca/orange-shirts.html#/

DATES TO NOTE

SEPT. 18	TERRY FOX WALK
SEPT. 28	ORANGE SHIRT DAY
SEPT. 29	NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (No Classes)
OCT. 6	PREP. TIME/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (No Classes)
OCT. 9	THANKSGIVING DAY (No Classes)
OCT. 16	PICTURE DAY

Student Pick Up

Students should not be dropped off at school before 8:37 to ensure we have the appropriate supervision. Please inform the office before 2:00 **pm** if you are picking your child(ren) up before the end of the day as we need time to

find students who may be outside or in gym class.





Fall Supper - SAVE THE DATE!



Save the date for Wednesday, October 18th. The success of the Fall Supper is due to the many volunteers that come out to help. We will be looking for help in the near future. If you think you would like to be on the Fall Supper committee or have a few hours to volunteer that day, please register with this link.

https://forms.gle/d2aDimBSbkM9LTot8

If you have any questions please contact Rhonda @ rhonda@tufsaskatoon.com or 306-321-7299 (call or text)

Thanks. More information to come!

Magazines

The Art room is looking for donations of used magazines



Hot Lunches



Hot Lunches are back and are scheduled for every last day of the week starting Sept. 22nd. We have 3 local vendors that will be providing Clavet School students with some delicious and nutritious meal options. To purchase these lunches please go to www.healthyhunger.ca If you haven't used this website before you will need to create an account and then you

can order all the lunches for the rest of the school year but you must order at least 5 days before any scheduled lunch.

Orders can be cancelled up to 5 days before the scheduled lunch by logging into Healthy Hunger and canceling it. If it is less than 5 days before the lunch and you know your student(s) will be absent on the day of the lunch please phone the school office 306 933 1022 and let them know what you would like done with the lunch. If no instructions are given it will be given to a sibling if possible. If not possible we will try to sell it to another student and the money will be reimbursed. If we are unable to sell it, we will give it away at the end of the day to a student in need.

Fostering Inclusion and Acceptance: Building a Stronger School Community

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

This is my second year with Clavet School and I am excited to reconnect with students and families from the previous year and make new connections this year. My door is open to anyone who wants to improve on mental health, relationships, general well-being or to anyone needing a safe space. I am lucky to be in the school full time. Students can come see me independently or through referral by teachers or parents. I am here to offer social and emotional support. If students require consistent services I can also provide community referrals.

As we begin a new school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on a fundamental principle of our school community - inclusion and acceptance. In a world that is becoming increasingly diverse, it is essential that we continue to nurture an environment where every individual feels valued, respected, and included.

Why Inclusion and Acceptance Matter

Inclusion and acceptance are the heart and soul of a thriving school community. Here at Clavet School, we believe that when we embrace diversity and promote acceptance, we not only create a more compassionate and caring environment, but we also equip our students with essential life skills.

1. **Fostering Empathy:** Encouraging acceptance means teaching our students to see the world through different lenses. When we understand and respect the experiences of others, we become more empathetic. This skill is invaluable not only during school years but throughout one's life.

- 2. **Building Confidence:** When students feel accepted and included, they are more likely to develop self-confidence. This confidence translates into improved academic performance, better interpersonal relationships, and a more positive overall experience at school.
- 3. **Preparing for the Real World:** The world that our students will be entering once they leave school is wonderfully diverse. By promoting inclusion we prepare our students for this. They will be better equipped to work in diverse teams, adapt to new environments, and appreciate the strengths of different perspectives.

How We Can Promote Inclusion and Acceptance

Promoting inclusion and acceptance is a collective effort involving students, parents, and staff. Here are some ways we can all contribute:

- 1. **Open Communication:** Encourage open and honest conversations at home and in the classroom about the importance of diversity and acceptance. Ask questions, share experiences, and listen to one another.
- 2. **Lead by Example:** As adults, we must model the behavior we want our students to emulate. Treat everyone with kindness and respect, regardless of their background, identity, abilities or preferences. Stand up for those who are vulnerable.
- 3. **Celebrate Differences:** Encourage the celebration of cultural events and diversity within our school. Organize or attend multicultural events, guest speakers, or activities that help students learn about different cultures and perspectives.
- 4. **Create Safe Spaces:** Ensure that our school is a safe space where students can express themselves without fear of judgment or discrimination. Include diverse representation through visuals and teachings. Encourage reporting of any incidents of bullying or exclusion.
- 5. **Empower Student Voices:** Encourage students to share their thoughts and ideas on how to make our school more inclusive. Encourage students to speak up when they witness or experience prejudice or discrimination.

Inclusion and acceptance are not just goals; they are ongoing processes that require commitment and dedication from each one of us. By working together to create an environment where everyone feels accepted and valued, we can build a stronger, more vibrant school community.

Let's make this school year one where we continue to embrace diversity, celebrate our differences, and foster a culture of inclusion and acceptance. Together, we can ensure that Clavet School remains a place where every student can thrive and reach their full potential.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to promote inclusion and acceptance within our school, please feel free to reach out to me. Your input is valuable and essential in our mission to create a better future for our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful school year ahead!

Sincerely,

Nicole Tkachuk

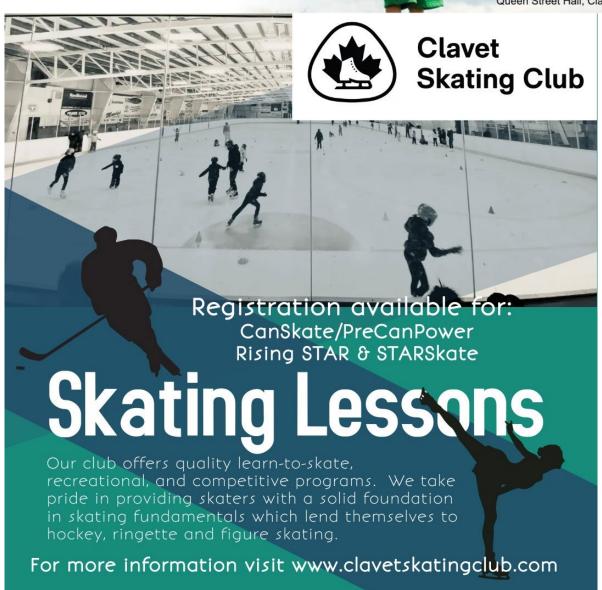
School Counsellor

Clavet Composite School



COMMUNITY NEWS







C.C. Ryders 4-H Light Horse









C.C. Ryders Facebook

Interested in joining the 2023-2024 C.C. Ryders 4-H Light Horse Club.

Organizational & Registration Meeting for Parents and New & Old members Thursday Sept 14th @ 7:00 Floral Community Centre

The 4-H Light Horse Program helps to develop skills in all areas of light horse husbandry. By setting goals to become a responsible horse owner and a good rider.

It encourages development is areas of self-discipline, patience, responsibility, respect and pride in their accomplishments. Members direct their own activities, learn to work effectively through their association with others in partnership with adults.

Open to all youth, 6-21 years of age.

For more info: Denise (306)250-7441 or Email Denise.Pederson@usask.ca or ccryders4h@gmail.com

Clavet Fitness Classes

Classes held at Step It Up Dance or the Clavet Community Hall

Sundays @ 7:00pm - Yoga

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm PiYo; 7:30pm Cardio Dance; 8:00 Stretching/Yoga (3 classes in one!)

Starting October 26th:

Thursdays @ 7:00pm - Circuit/Interval training

Thursdays @ 8:10pm - Yoga

COST \$10 or less per class for registered classes, \$13 drop in!

Partial months also available to work around Fall Schedules.



Contact Kimberly at 306-229-9094 or cm kimberlywillison@hotmail.com for more info.



Starting this Fall 2 month sessions Scheers Martial Arts 15 Glazier Rd, Saskatoon Ages 3-14
Contact Amber @ 306-281-5251 or pupswrestling@gmail.com
\$150 family discount available



Register by October 15th at: pups.saskatoonwrestling.ca/registration