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## Newsletter #13 March 11, 2014

Adelaide Churchill Park  
Community Association  
[www.adelaidechurchill.ca](http://www.adelaidechurchill.ca)

School Day  
9:00 a.m. - First bell  
10:50 a.m. - Recess  
11:58 a.m. Lunch begins  
12:48 p.m. - Lunch ends  
2:32 p.m. - Recess  
3:40 p.m. - School day ends  
3:25 p.m. Thursday early dismissal

# Newsletter

## Administrators' Message

Progress reports go home on Thursday, March 13 with conferences held the following week. Three way conferences benefit all and will be held on Thursday, March 20 after school and again on Friday, March 21 in the morning. Your child's success at school is a joint responsibility between the home and the school so we strongly encourage you to attend these conferences with your child(ren) so we can plan for a successful third term. If you still have not booked your conference, please see the section in this newsletter on the process. Parents/caregivers will have until Wednesday, March 19 to book online. Remember, "Together we are better!"

## Before and After School Parking Safety Concerns

We are still needing to remind people on a daily basis about not being able to park in "No Parking" zones. Some people are parking in the disabled parking zone, some directly across the crosswalks in front of the school and at the north-west corner of the school yard and some diagonally on corners of crosswalks. Vehicles that are parked across crosswalks or diagonally on corners of crosswalks make it very difficult for children attempting to cross the street to see oncoming traffic. In addition, the visibility of oncoming drivers is hindered because of vehicles blocking the view of children wanting to cross the street. For the safety of all, please park in designated areas only. Before attempting to park, please check for signage. Vehicles that are parked in areas that are a safety concern will be asked to move.



Thank you for your  
understanding as we make  
our school a safe place  
for all.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 11 – Heritage Fair in the Gym
- Mar. 13 – Grades 5-8 to Table Mountain;  
Progress reports go home
- Mar. 14 – No School for Students –  
Professional Development and  
Planning for staff
- Mar. 19-21 – Book Fair
- Mar. 20 -21 – Three Way Conferences
- Mar. 21 – No School for Students-Three way  
conferences and planning
- Mar. 25 – Newsletter
- Mar. 27 – Blue and Gold Spirit Day;  
Subway Lunch
- Mar. 28 – SNOOK at 8:30 a.m.
- Mar. 31 – School Community Council/Parent  
Council Meetings at 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.

## School Community Council and Parent Council Meetings

The next School Community Council meeting will  
be held on :

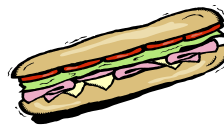
**Monday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the LRC**

A Parent Council meeting will be held at approximately 8:00 p.m. following the School Community Council meeting. Please consider this your invitation to join our School Community Council and/or Parent Council.

## Kindergarten Registration



Hugh Cairns V.C. School is accepting Kindergarten registration forms for the 2014-2015 school year. If your child will be five years old on or before January 31, 2015, he or she is invited to register for Kindergarten for next fall (2014). Classes will be full days on Mondays and Wednesdays and alternating Fridays or full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays and alternating Fridays. **Placement is determined by order of registration so register early.** Should a third class need to be added, it will be full days on Mondays and Wednesdays and alternating Fridays. Registration forms are available at the front office. Please bring in proof of age for your child at the time of registration, i.e. birth certificate or health card. If you have any questions, please call 683-7270.



## Parent Council Subway Lunch

The Parent Council will be hosting a Subway lunch on Thursday, March 27. Order forms were given to students on March 10 and need to be returned March 17. Proceeds go to funding school activities for all grades at Hugh Cairns. Thank you for your support!

## Blue and Gold School Spirit Day

The Student Leader Corp (SLC) will be hosting a blue and gold school spirit day on **Thursday, March 27**. Blue and gold are our school colours and all students and staff are encouraged to wear blue and gold.

## Flag at Half-mast on March 12 at all Public Schools

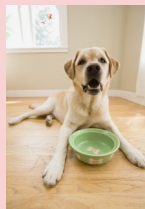


On March 12, the Canadian flag on the Canadian base in Kabul, Afghanistan will be coming down for the last time as our armed forces end their 13-year mission in the country. During that time, 45,000 Canadians have taken part in the mission. Of those, 162 lost their lives, including 17 heroes from Saskatchewan.

Saskatoon Public Schools is joining the Government of Saskatchewan in recognizing this historic event. On the morning of March 12, the Canadian flag will be flown at half-mast at all our schools to honour those Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan. At 1:00 p.m. that day, schools will raise their flags back to full-staff.

## 100!

The FLS class is collecting cat and dog food for the SPCA. Please help us reach our goal of 100 cans (or bags) by the end of March! Give hungry animals food!!!



## SNOOK

SNOOK (a snack and a book) is every Friday from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Parents/caregivers and their child(ren) are invited to come to the LRC to enjoy a granola bar and a juice box while reading together.



## Three Way Conferences

Please see below for a guideline to booking interviews online. We encourage all parents to book a time to meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress in the classroom.

Progress reports will be sent home on Thursday, March 13 and conferences will be held on

**Thursday, March 20th from**

**3:45-8:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 21st from**

**9:00-12:00 p.m.**

Access the Hugh Cairns V.C. school parent portal <https://spslearn.spsd.sk.ca/schools/HCV>

Click the tab that says parent-teacher interview scheduler .Your user name is made up of "P" + 306 + parent's home number + @spsd.sk.ca.

If you experience difficulties accessing the portal, please contact Mrs. Lishchynsky at 683-7270.

**No school for students,**

**Friday, March 21st.**

## The Scholastic Book Fair will be open:

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from  
9:00- a.m.-12:00 p.m.





## From the Board Table

Highlights from the March 4 meeting of the Board of Education:

Every meeting, trustees hear about a success story from within the division, which is known as Celebrating Excellence. At this meeting, trustees heard about Philosophy for Children, a program run at Hugh Cairns V.C. School in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan's Department of Philosophy. The program sees university and elementary students work together to ponder philosophical questions, which develops students' critical and creative thinking skills.

Trustees voted in favour of respectfully retiring the Bedford Road Redmen name and logo at the end of this school year. A process will be undertaken with the school to decide on a new team name and logo, which will be in place for the start of the new school year in September.



## Student First - Have Your Say

Over the past three months, Student First advisors Patricia Prowse and Russ Mirasty have travelled across the province and heard from more than 400 students, teachers, parents and community members. All their work has been with a single goal in mind - determining the best ways to put students first in the provincial education system.

In late February, the Government of Saskatchewan launched the Student First online engagement tool, which will assist the Student First advisors to collect feedback from students, parents, teachers and the public on what is going well in the education system, what could be better and how we can work to put the student first.

The online tool provides the opportunity for the public to provide written submissions, respond to a survey and validate themes heard so far by responding to key questions.

You are invited to share your thoughts and ideas with the Student First advisors through the online tool. To learn more about Student First and provide feedback online, please visit

[www.studentfirstsk.ca](http://www.studentfirstsk.ca)

## PARENT SURVEY

A key aspect of Saskatoon Public Schools' Strategic Direction and the Ministry of Education's Continuous Improvement Framework is to provide stakeholders in our organization (i.e., students, parents, staff, and the community-at-large) with the opportunity to offer their input and advice regarding the operation and direction of the school division.

Saskatoon Public Schools' motto "*Inspiring Learning*" implies that we aspire to build a strong and vibrant learning community. When a high degree of learning community capacity is present, all members of the community feel valued, affirmed, and inspired. In addition, all individuals within the community are seen as co-learners who learn with and from each other.

Insightrix Research Services has been contracted to administer a telephone survey of a representative sample of parents whose children attend Saskatoon Public Schools. The survey will take place from March 5 -19. Parents will be asked to indicate their level of agreement with a series of statements (i.e., strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, somewhat agree, and strongly agree). The survey will also give parents the opportunity to offer general comments in an open-ended question.

Results from this survey will be reported to Trustees at a public board meeting and will be posted to our public website. If you are contacted by a representative from Insightrix, please consider participating in this important survey. Please note: call display will show Insightrix Research - 306-657-2200.