

STAMPEDER EXPRESS



Summer Newsletter 2017

Smith Public School

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"Success is born here. Champions are raised here." By Melodie Alldrick



From Mr. Bridges....

Thanks to all of our families who supported our first ever, Arts' Academic Showcase. I was so proud of the students for their academic submissions and of the staff for working so hard to make the event happen. This was a total team effort! I also want to thank our entire school community for raising over \$4000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This was an incredible accomplishment and shows we care about others in our community.

Our plan is to host the Heart and Stroke event, every other school year, opposite supporting the Big Brothers'/Big Sisters' organization. We still plan to have our Terry Fox event each school year in September. Again, thanks for your generosity in helping others this school year.

On another note, please continue to check our school website for our weekly memo. It gets posted at the start of every week and shows exactly what is happening for the current week and for up to 12 weeks or more in advance. Even over the summer, our school website will have the latest and most up-to-date information about the upcoming school year.

I am also very proud of what the school staff and students accomplished this year.

- *We purchased 32 new Chromebook computers.
- *We worked as a school community to assist our students in their learning programs.
- *We had 4 new staff join us this year and they were fabulous!
- *We added new gym wall mats for safety.
- *We purchased new social studies materials, special education materials, math manipulatives, textbooks and so much more for our students.
- *We had many thousands of books signed out from the library.
- *We raised thousands of dollars to help some of our local charities.
- *We offered every sports team, club, and leadership event that could happen in DSBN!
- *We developed another great school yearbook.
- *We installed a new outdoor basketball hoop.
- *Our School Parent Council met 4 times to provide effective input and give great suggestions!

Mrs. Baylis is Retiring!

Mrs. Baylis is retiring and completes her long career in education, after teaching thousands of students. She has touched so many lives and has made a big impact on so many people. We wish her all the best as she heads into the next chapter of her life. It will be very different at Smith without Mrs. Baylis. We are very happy for her as she begins her next challenges.



Fun Fair
Friday, June 23
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Grade 8
Graduation
Wed., June 28
6:00 p.m.

Community Survey Results

Thank you to all of our families who took the time to fill-out and send in our annual school community survey. We had 48 surveys returned. We would like to share with you here, some of the suggestions and comments:

- *the staff are professional, hard-working and care about children
- *please provide one more offering of a “special lunch” for the students such as subs, soup, or pasta—we do like the pitas and pizza though!
- *the welcoming atmosphere at Smith is second to none and very much appreciated
- *we appreciate and like our children using student agenda planners
- *please send more classroom information home
- *please have more of my child’s work sent home
- *monitor the amount of fundraisers in the school year



School Website!

Our school website is always up-to-date and ready for action. We hope that you will visit the school’s website to find valuable information about our school and school activities. The school’s website can be accessed by going to www.smith.dsbn.org.



Fun Fair News!

We hope everyone will come out on June 23 to our Fun Fair. What’s at the Fair?

- We will have an amazing “sports shoot-out” challenge.
- We will have two amazing jump n’ bounces this year!
- Bring your lawn chair and relax while the kids play the fabulous midway games.
- Who will be in the dunk tank?
- We will have over 75 Penny Sale items.
- We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, and other treats available, so come for dinner!

Please send back all raffle tickets by the morning of June 23 whether sold or not. Thanks so much!

Student Council—Huge Thanks!

Our school Student Council has been very active this year with announcements, hosting school dances, planning and running spirit days, and so much more. The students have added a great deal to our school spirit at Smith P.S.

Volunteer Appreciation Assembly—Monday, June 12

Please join us on Monday, June 12 at 9:00 a.m., as we celebrate and thank all of our many volunteers. We are hosting a special assembly to honor our volunteers and would love for you to join us! Without our volunteers, we would not be able to accomplish so much for our students.

Did You Know?

- We had great sportsmanship and teamwork on all of our sports’ teams this year. We are so proud of our athletes!
- Our Fun Fair is scheduled for Friday, June 23 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Grade 8 graduation is on Wednesday, June 28 this year!
- We have over 50 grade 7 and 8 students heading to Camp Kiway near Kitchener, ON.
- Our Yearbook will be handed out on June 19.
- All of our safety drills have been completed this school year.
- We raised over \$4000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.
- Our school focused on the 4 C’s this year—Cooperation, Courtesy, Caring, and Common Sense.



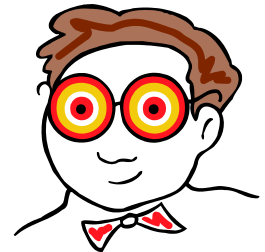
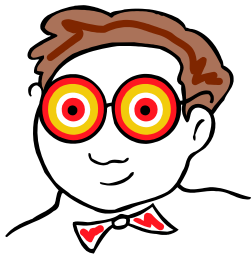


Goodbye Mrs. Kurland, Mrs. Giesbrecht, Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Hillhouse

We will miss Mrs. Kurland, Mrs. Giesbrecht, Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Hillhouse as they move on from Smith P.S. to other challenges. Their professionalism and dedication to children has been second to none. We will miss them very much at the school.

Upcoming School Spirit Events

DSBN Track Meet	June 7
Volunteer Assembly	June 12 (9:00 a.m.)
Grade 7/8 Camp Trip	June 14-16
Gr. 1-7 Awards	June 21 (1:30 p.m.)
Primary Track Meet	June 22
Fun Fair	June 23
JK-Gr. 3/4 Movie Trip	June 26
Wacky Spirit Week	June 26-29
Primary Play Day	June 27
Graduation	June 28 (6:00 p.m.)
Farewell Assembly	June 29 (11:15 a.m.)
Last Day of School	June 29



Graduation--Wednesday, June 28



Graduation will happen at Smith P.S. on Wednesday, June 28. We have an amazing grade 8 group this year and we are very proud of them. Graduation ceremonies begin at 6:00 p.m. in our school gym. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Practice for Graduation will happen on Tuesday, June 27 during the afternoon here at the school.

Grade 1-7 Awards Assembly—June 21

Join us on Wednesday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m. as we present academic, leadership and citizenship awards to our grade 1-7 students. In addition, a very special event will happen at this assembly. One of our grade 5 students, Jarden Down, will be having his hair cut to be donated to cancer patients. A separate letter will be coming home with more information about this and a request for donations.



Moving—Not With Us Next Year?

If you know you will be moving over the summer and not be returning to Smith P.S., please inform Ms. Bertrim, our school secretary, by calling our main office at 905-945-8014. Thanks for your help in this regard.

Final Staff Listing For School Year 2017-18 (as at June 2, 2017)

Principal	M. Bridges
Secretary	K. Bertrim
Kindergarten	R. Behnke and J. Spence
Kindergarten	R. Given and E.C.E. (T.B.D.)
Kindergarten	M. Lambert and L. Kuehn
Grade 1	K. Arghittu
Grade 1/2	B. Grant
Grade 2	M. Raaflaub-Kenworthy
Grade 3	L. Jones
Grade 3	T.B.D.
Grade 4	L. Flynn
Grade 4/5	H. Cochrane
Grade 5/6	B. Keyes
Grade 6	M. Zulauf
Grade 7	M. Quinlan
Grade 7/8	J. Nicholls
Grade 8	T. Palmer
Library/FSL	R. Gretsinger
LRT	M. Hartig
Gr. 7/Prep	K. Pyper-Coombs
Prep (.5)	J. Hildebrandt
Prep (.5)	T.B.D.
EA	T. Moreton
Head Custodian D.	McPherson
Evening Custodian	B. Gropp
Evening Custodian	M. Shandala
Lunch Supervisor	C. Yorke
Instructional Coach	T.B.D.
Youth Counselor	C. Watton



Upcoming Dates

Fire Drill #6	June 6
DSBN Track Meet	June 7 (Raindate June 8)
P.D. Day (Report Card Writing)	June 9
Volunteer Assembly	June 12 (9:00 a.m.)
Grade 7/8 Camp	June 14-16
Grade 3's Scientists In Schools	June 16
Grade 2's Scientists In Schools	June 20
New To Kindergarten Orientation	June 20 (4:00-5:00 p.m.)
Grade 1-7 Awards Assembly	June 21
Primary Track Meet	June 22
Grade 4 and 5 Trip	June 22
Fun Fair	June 23
JK-Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ --Movie Trip (K—Picnic)	June 26
Final Report Card Print	June 26
Wacky Week—Each Day A Spirit Day!	June 26-29
Primary Play Day	June 27
Report Cards Go Home	June 28
Grade 8 Graduation	June 28
Last Day of School/Farewell Assembly	June 29
P.D. Day	June 30



- I have read the newsletter. Please include my family in the newsletter draw for prizes!**

Family Name

Child(ren) in the school

Parent/Guardian Signature

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