

STAMPEDER EXPRESS



Summer Newsletter 2018

Smith Public School
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"At Smith School, keep calm and stampede on." by Zain A.
"Smith Stampeders are the best! They are winners, yes, yes, yes." by Jasmine F. & Lauren F.
"Smith School will compete. Smith School will not cheat." by Tyson M.



From Mr. Bridges....

Thanks to all of our families who supported our Math Mania Night. I was so proud of the students for their efforts and of the staff for working so hard to make the event happen. This was a total team effort!

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.

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

- *We handed out hundreds of Gotchas this year!
- *We worked as a school community to assist our students in their learning programs.
- *We purchased new special education materials, math manipulatives, textbooks and so much more for our students.
- *We had thousands of books signed out from the library.
- *We raised thousands of dollars for our local charities.
- *We offered every sports team, club, and leadership event, that could happen in DSBM!
- *We developed another great school yearbook.

Fun Fair
Thursday, June 21
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Grade 8
Graduation
Tuesday, June 26
5:30 p.m.

Message from the School Parent Council Chair.....

I cannot believe the school year is coming to an end. I want to thank all of the parents that attended parent council meetings, whether it was one meeting, or all the time. Everyone's input and the support they gave was instrumental to ensure a successful school year.

Every year we say goodbye to parents from our council meetings whose child or children graduate from Grade 8. This year, we say goodbye to a number of parents who attended regular meetings this year and previous years. I thank you all for what you have done here at Smith School.

I encourage everyone to attend parent council meetings. They are a great way to get involved, meet fellow Smith School parents and learn about what happens at our school. I look forward to new faces at our September meeting. I also would like to send out a BIG thank you to Mr. Bridges, and the entire staff at Smith School for a wonderful school year. We appreciate all that you do! Have a wonderful and safe summer. Looking forward to an exciting new school year at Smith Public School.



Respectfully, Cyndi Carey

Parent Council Chair 2017-2018

Mrs. Pyper-Coombs is Retiring!

Mrs. Pyper-Coombs 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. Pyper-Coombs. We are very happy for her as she begins her next challenges.

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 63 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
- *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



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.dsb.org.



Fun Fair News!

We hope everyone will come out on Thursday, June 21 to our Fun Fair. What's at the Fair?

- We will have an amazing "sports shoot-out" challenge.
- We will have three amazing jump n' bounces this year!
- Bring your lawn chair and relax, while the kids play the fabulous midway games.
- We are bringing back the dunk tank!
- We will have over 100 Penny Sale items.
- We will have pizza and other treats available, so come for dinner!

Please send back all raffle tickets by the morning of June 21 whether sold or not.

Student Council—Huge Thanks!

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

Volunteer Appreciation Assembly—Tuesday, June 19

Please join us on Tuesday, June 19 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 Thursday, June 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Grade 8 graduation is on Tuesday, June 26 this year!
- We have over 65 grade 7 and 8 students heading to Ottawa in June.
- Our Yearbook will be handed out on June 22.
- All of our safety drills have been completed this school year.
- We raised over \$6000 for local charities this school year!
- Our school focused on student "Self-Regulation" this year in our character assemblies.



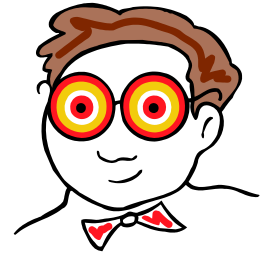
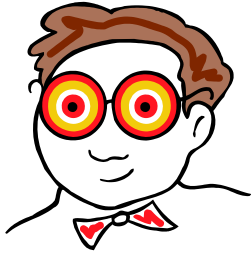


Goodbye Mrs. Cochrane, Ms. Gretsinger & Ms. Bertrim

We will miss Mrs. Cochrane, Ms. Gretsinger, and Ms. Bertrim 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. Join us at our Farewell Assembly on June 28 as we say goodbye!

Upcoming School Spirit Events

DSBN (Field Events)	June 5
DSBN Track (Mini)	June 7
DSBN Track Meet	June 13
Grade 7 & 8 Ottawa Trip	June 13-15
Volunteer Assembly	June 19 (9:00 a.m.)
Grade 1-3 Awards	June 20 (11:00 a.m.)
Gr. 4-7 Awards Assembly	June 20 (1:30 p.m.)
Fun Fair	June 21
Graduation	June 26 (5:30 p.m.)
Farewell Assembly	June 28 (9:00 a.m.)
Last Day of School	June 28



Graduation--Tuesday, June 26



Graduation will happen at Smith P.S. on Tuesday, June 26. We have an amazing grade 8 group this year and we are very proud of them. Graduation ceremonies begin at 5:30 p.m. in our school gym. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Practice for Graduation will happen on Monday, June 25 during the morning.

Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-7 Awards Assemblies—June 20

Join us on Wednesday, June 27 at 11:00 a.m. and/or 1:30 p.m. as we present academic, leadership and citizenship awards to our grade 1-7 students. Our grade 1-3 awards will be presented at 11:00 a.m. and then our grade 4-7 awards at 1:30 p.m.



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.

Thanks to our amazing parents for all their support and positive comments!

Final Staff Listing For School Year 2018-19 (as at June 1, 2018)

Principal	M. Bridges
Secretary	T.B.D.
Kindergarten	R. Behnke and E.C.E. (T.B.D.)
Kindergarten	R. Given and S. Thomson
Kindergarten	M. Lambert and L. Kuehn



Primary Class #1	K. Arghittu
Primary Class #2	B. Grant
Primary Class #3	M. Raaflaub-Kenworthy
Primary Class #4	J. Baseggio
Primary Class #5	L. Jones

Junior Class #1	L. Flynn
Junior Class #2	M. Zulauf
Junior Class #3	R. Allington
Junior Class #4	B. Keyes

Interm. Class #1	M. Quinlan
Interm. Class #2	J. Nicholls
Interm. Class #3	T. Palmer

Library/Prep	M. Laskowski
LRT	M. Hartig
Prep (.5)	J. Hildebrandt
Prep (.5)	A. Lance
EAs	T.B.D.

Head Custodian	D. McPherson
Evening Custodian	G. Giovanni
Evening Custodian	M. Shandala

Lunch Supervisor	C. Yorke
Instructional Coach	T.B.D.
Youth Counselor	T.B.D.



Upcoming Dates

Grade 3 Trip To Cave Springs	June 4
Grade 1 and 2 Track Event	June 5 (Rescheduled Date)
Ottawa Student Meeting—Ottawa	June 6 (Period 6)
“Mini” DSBN Track Meet	June 7
P.A. Day (No School Today For Students)	June 8
Ottawa Student Meeting—Ottawa	June 11 (Period 6)
Special Olympics Event	June 11
Scientists In Schools—Grade 2	June 11
Retirement Celebration (KPC)	June 11 (4:30 p.m.)
Intermediate 3-Pitch	June 12
Lockdown Drill	June 12 (10:00 a.m.)
DSBN Track Meet (Full)	June 13
Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip	June 13-15
Grade 4 and 4/5 Trip To Living Campus	June 13
Junior 3-Pitch Tourney	June 15
First Report Print	June 15
Grade 1 and 2—End of Year Trip	June 18
Volunteer Celebration	June 19 (9:00 a.m.)
Grade 3 Scientists In Schools	June 19
Kindergarten Orientation Event	June 19 (4:00-5:00 p.m.)
Grade 1-3 Awards Assembly	June 20 (11:00 a.m.)
Grade 4-7 Awards Assembly	June 20 (1:30 p.m.)
Fun Fair	June 21
Kindergarten Celebration Event	June 22
Graduation Rehearsal	June 25 (9:00 a.m.)
Grade 8 Graduation	June 26
Junior Trip To Brock University	June 27
Primary Play Day	June 27 (a.m.)
Term 2 Report Cards Home	June 27
Farewell Assembly	June 28 (9:15 a.m.)
Last Day of School	June 28
P.D. Day (No School Today For Students)	June 29

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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