



STETTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April Newsletter

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, April 5th – Kindergarten Registration (7:00 pm Drama Room)**
- Thursday, April 6th – Kindergarten Dance (6:00 pm SMS Gym)**
- Friday, April 7th – Professional Development Day – no school for students**
- Monday, April 10th – School Council Meeting (7:00 pm – SES Library)**
- Tuesday, April 11th – Grade 6 Orientation (9:15 am – 10:30 am HS Triflex Space)**
- Tuesday, April 11th – StartRight Playschool Registration (3:45 pm – 5:30 pm)**
- Wednesday, April 12th – Assembly (2:15 pm SES Gym)**
- Wednesday, April 12th – Grade 6 Parent Orientation (6:30 pm – 7:15 pm PAC)**
- Friday, April 14th – Good Friday**
- Monday, April 17th – Easter Monday**
- Wednesday, April 19th – Music Festival, School Chorus – Grade 1, Grade 2 2:20,
Grade 3 9:55, Grade 4 9:30**
- Wednesday, April 19th – Music Festival, Choral Speech – PM**
- Thursday, April 20th – Music Festival, Choral Speech – AM & PM**
- Thursday, April 20th – Camp McE (Grade 2/3 3:30, Grade 4-6 4:45)**
- Friday, April 21st – Camp McE (Grade 2/3 3:30, Grade 4-6 4:45)**
- Saturday, April 22nd – Camp McE (Grade 2/3 9:00, Grade 4-6 10:45)**
- Monday, April 24th - 3RV & 3KR Swim**
- Tuesday, April 25th – Grade 1 Swim**
- Tuesday, April 25th – Festival Highlights Concert**
- Wednesday, April 26th – Music Festival, Grade 5 & 6 Band**
- Wednesday, April 26th – Shaun Boothe – Everyday Heroes Presentation (Assembly 10:00)**
- Thursday, April 27th – Grade 1 Swim**
- Thursday, April 27th – Camp McE (Grade 2/3 3:30, Grade 4-6 4:45)**
- Friday, April 28th – Camp McE (Grade 2/3 3:30, Grade 4-6 4:45)**
- Friday, April 28th – Edo Hot Lunch**
- Saturday, April 29th – Camp McE (Grade 2/3 3:30, Grade 4-6 4:45)**

Principal's Remarks

On March 22nd we had our Leadership Day and Student Led Conferences. It was a great success and we are very proud of our students. Thank you to all of the parents for taking time to attend and thank you to our wonderful staff and students for all of their hard work to make our Leadership Day a success.

As we return from our school break, we are officially greeted with spring. I truly hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable spring break. With the return to school, we return to many fun and varied activities to see us through the remainder of the school year. Coming up very quickly is the Stettler Music Festival, and our classes will be participating in musical selections. We will also have some of our classes taking part in choral speech performances again this year. Our participation in the Music Festival will be on April 19th and 20th. All school Choral performances will be in the PAC. The schedule is as follows: Grade 1 – 10:45 a.m., Grade 2 – 10:20 a.m., Grade 3 – 9:55 a.m., Grade 4 – 9:30 a.m. and Show Choir at 11:10 a.m. Choral Speech will be in the afternoon on the 19th and morning and afternoon on the 20th. Please remember that there is a \$2.00 charge for admission as this is not a school function, but an event put on by the Stettler Music Festival Association. Also remember, that the Wm. E. Hay Secondary Campus parking lot becomes exceptionally full, so please allow time to park further away and still get to your child's performance on time. No festival events will start early, but spectators will not be allowed in after the performance has started. We are very proud of our students and look forward to seeing what the adjudicators will have to say about these performances.

A very important upcoming date to remember during the month of April is our Kindergarten Registration Night, which is scheduled for April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Drama Room. Please note that this meeting is for adults only and the presentation is scheduled to be less than an hour in length. In order to be eligible to register for kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2017. We ask that parents please bring their child's birth certificate at the time of registration. We are planning an informative evening including a PowerPoint presentation, and information on "The Leader in Me" program. We are anticipating being able to offer two 5 day kindergarten classes and two 3 day classes again this year. Please plan to attend and register your child on April 5th, to ensure that your choice of programming is available and to learn about important information regarding this programming. We are looking forward to the evening. April 11th is our StartRight Playschool registration from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the playschool. This program is for 3 and 4 year old children.

Camp McE is also a very popular event at our school. Camp McE will begin on April 20th and run every Thursday, Friday and Saturday until the 29th of April. Our Grade 7 orientation for current grade 6 students will be on April 11th, and there will be a parent presentation for the students going into grade 7 on April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. We also have Canadian recording artist Shaun Boothe making a presentation in the gym at 10:00 on

Wednesday, April 26. The presentation is called Everyday Heroes and we are hoping that it ties in with our Leader in Me program nicely.

SES will once again be putting on its' Annual Used Book Swap N Sale. Students are encouraged to bring in any **gently** used books from home that they no longer want. In exchange for every 2 books that the students bring in, they will get a coupon for 1 free book at the Swap N Sale. All students that bring in books for the exchange will be allowed to exchange on the Monday and Tuesday of the week of May 8th. On the Wednesday and Thursday, all students will be able to purchase any of these books for 25 cents during both recesses. All children picture, chapter books, comics, graphic and Jr. Fiction novel books are accepted, that are in good condition. Please do not send any coloring books or magazines. Send your child's books to school in a bag with your child's name and classroom **clearly marked** on the outside or on a piece of paper on the inside. There will be a box just outside the office for collection. Books will be collected up to **Tuesday, May 2nd**, no later.

We would also like to pass on for the Heartland Youth Centre that there is an information night for parents about Internet-Safety. This information night is on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the youth centre.

As we move into spring and anticipate beautiful weather over the next few weeks, our thoughts turn to safety. In terms of vehicle safety, and as always, we are asking parents to ensure posted speed limits are followed in school zones. As well, we remind parents to park in appropriately marked areas when students are being dropped off in the morning or picked up at the end of the day. Bus parking and fire lanes are not to be parked in during these times. It is also important to discuss with your children the importance of not walking between parked cars while crossing the streets. With the arrival of spring, please also ensure that extra clothes are sent to school with your child in the event that he or she finds the mud puddles that are sure to be among us soon.

It is incredible how very quickly the year is passing us by, and how our thoughts are already looking ahead to the next school year. If you have any thoughts or wish to know more about what goes on at Stettler Elementary, please plan on attending the School Council meetings which are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Next meeting is April 10 at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.