



DECEMBER 2023

ÉCOLE VICKERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER

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EVENTS IN DECEMBER

December 5th - K-4 & Choir Christmas Concert @ Carlton School
(6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

December 7th - Grade 5-8 Band Christmas Concert @ Carlton School (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

December 7th -22nd - SLC 12 days of Christmas - (Details in the newsletter)

December 19th - SLC Blizzard & Candy Cane sale K-4 & EAL (Details in the newsletter)

December 20th - Blizzard Sale K, 5-8 & Dev Ed (Details in the newsletter)

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UP COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

January 16th - SCC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the library

January 29th - PLC Day (No Classes)



VICKERS VOICES

Math Moments at Home!

Greetings to the Vickers families! In this edition of Vickers Voices, we're excited to share some practical and enjoyable ways to bring math into your home. Engaging in math activities as a family not only strengthens mathematical skills but also creates wonderful opportunities for bonding and learning together.



Practical Math Moments:

Cooking Adventures: Turn mealtime into a math lesson! Involve your kids in measuring ingredients, adjusting recipes, and understanding cooking times. This hands-on experience reinforces essential math concepts while creating delicious memories.

DIY Home Projects: Engage in simple DIY projects around the house that involve measurement and geometry. Whether it's hanging pictures, building a birdhouse, or rearranging furniture, these activities provide hands-on experience with mathematical concepts.

Fun Math Games:

Math Scavenger Hunt: Hide math problems or questions around the house or yard. Provide clues that lead to the next question. As your children solve each problem, they move closer to discovering the hidden treasure—a great way to combine math and adventure!

Board Game Math: Many board games incorporate math concepts. From counting spaces to strategic thinking, games like Monopoly, Scrabble, and Chess offer an enjoyable way to reinforce math skills.

Remember, the key is to make math a part of your daily life in a natural and enjoyable way. These activities not only strengthen math skills but also foster a positive attitude towards learning. Have fun exploring the world of math together!

Keep learning and having fun!

Mr. Mugford
Math Coach

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy Holidays 2023



Hello Vickers Families!

The Christmas season is fast approaching, and the Vickers SLC has planned some wonderful days for students that are fun, educational, engaging, and more importantly a chance to perform an act of charity by bringing in food donations for the PA Foodbank.

We are busy practicing for the K-4 & Choir Christmas Concert (Dec 5th @ 6:00 p.m.) and the Grade 5-8 Band Concert (Dec 7th @ 6:00 p.m.) Both will be at the Carlton Cafetorium with doors opening 30 minutes prior to shows. We will have a Silver Collection which will be donated to the PA Food Bank.

On behalf of the École Vickers Staff, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and Happy Holiday. Stay safe, be well, and we will see you in the New Year!

Mrs. Jennie Green
Principal

SCC SAFETY FUNDRAISER

We are still patiently waiting for the order from Canadian Safety Supplies – they are trying hard to fill our huge order before Christmas and we will keep families posted on EDSBY when we have the orders sorted and ready for pickup.

Thank you for your patience.

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12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY CHEER

<p>Your SLC is proud to present "12 Days of Holiday Cheer" to help spread the joy of the holiday season. We invite you to join us in participating in each day's theme and activities.</p>		<p>7 Jingle Bell Day</p> <p>Wear Something with Bells 5-8 Christmas Concert</p>	<p>8</p>	
<p>11 Food Drive Frenzy</p> <p>Wear your clashing holiday attire</p>	<p>12 Ho Ho Hoedown</p> <p>Wear your best western or cowboy attire *Learn some fun line dances</p>	<p>13 Jolly Jersey Day</p> <p>Wear your favourite jersey</p>	<p>14 Reindeer Games Day</p> <p>Wear Reindeer Accessories *Learn a new Math Game!</p>	<p>15 Candy Cane Day</p> <p>Wear Stripes Candy Canes were pre-ordered</p>
<p>18 Holiday Sock Hop Day</p> <p>Wear your holiday Socks *Try the Holiday Quiz Challenge</p>	<p>19 Blizzard Day! K-4's and EAL</p> <p>Ghosts of Christmas Past Dress like you're from your favourite decade.</p>	<p>20 Blizzard Day! K, 5-8 and Dev Ed</p> <p>Christmas Vacation Dress like you're going on a tropical vacation</p>	<p>21 Ugly Holiday Sweater Day</p> <p>Whole School Bingo and Last Day for Food Bank items</p>	<p>22 'Twas the Night Before Winter Break</p> <p>Wear your coziest Pajamas</p>

Throughout the "12 Days of Holiday Cheer" your SLC will be hosting a Food Drive

We invite you to "Food Frenzy" this holiday season by bringing in non-perishable food items. This can include: pasta or pasta sauces, canned meat, meat alternatives (peanut butter, soy, assorted packaged nuts), canned goods (beans, soups, and stews), dairy (canned, and powdered milk), canned vegetables and fruit, whole grain cereals, infant foods and baby formula, bathroom tissue and diapers and personal hygiene products. Pet food can also be donated!



All items collected will be donated to our local Food Bank.

SLC December Sales

The SLC will be selling Reindeer decorated candy canes and having a Blizzard Sale. Students will preorder. The candy canes will be delivered to their classrooms on Thursday, December 15th. The cost of the candy canes is \$1 each.



Blizzards will be delivered on Tuesday, December 19th for the K-4's and EAL. The K's, 5-8, and Dev Ed will get theirs delivered on Wednesday, December 16th. The cost of the Blizzard is \$6.00 for a small, we are only offering Cookie Dough and Oreo this year.

Please have your money turned in by Friday, December 1st. We will not be accepting late orders this year as we need to get final numbers into Dairy Queen.

School Cash is the preferred method of payment for Blizzards and Candy Canes but you can pay by cash or cheque.

Thank you so much for your support in our fundraiser!

The SLC Team

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Name	Homeroom

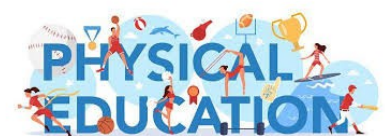
Number of Candy Canes (\$1.00/each)		Total Cost
Blizzard Flavor	Number of Blizzards (\$6.00/each)	Total Cost
Oreo		
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Total Cost for Candy Cane and Blizzards		

Blizzard flavours are nut free; however, Dairy Queen is not a nut free facility.

Total Amount Paid in Cash or Cheque	
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A Fantastic Finish to Volleyball Season; Basketball Fever Takes Over at Vickers Elementary!



Dear Vickers Families,

As we bid farewell to an exciting volleyball season, filled with impressive plays, team spirit, and unforgettable moments, we are eagerly gearing up for the upcoming basketball season here at Vickers. I'm thrilled to share some highlights and updates from our recent sports endeavors.

Volleyball Victories:

Our athletes showcased their dedication and talent on the volleyball courts, with several teams achieving remarkable success in the playoffs. A special shoutout goes to our Grade 8 girls who clinched the championship, demonstrating exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship. The Vickers Grade 6 girls team fought valiantly in a nail-biter finals against Shellbrook in the 6/7 girls league, showcasing grit and determination that left us all on the edge of our seats. While both the Grade 8 boys teams faced an earlier exit from playoffs than they had hoped for, their hard work and achievements throughout the season speak volumes about their dedication and skill.

Basketball Season Is Upon Us:

With volleyball behind us, we now set our sights on the basketball court. I'm excited to announce that registration for Grades 6-8 is already underway, and our athletes are gearing up for another thrilling season. For Grade 5 students, registration will commence in early December, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Looking Ahead:

As we look forward to the basketball season, I encourage all parents, students, and staff to join us in supporting our talented athletes. The enthusiasm and energy generated from your cheers make a significant impact on our players, fostering a sense of community and pride in our Vickers Elementary.

Thank you to everyone who made the volleyball season a success, from the dedicated coaches to the parents cheering from the sidelines. Let's carry this momentum into the basketball season and continue to celebrate the sportsmanship, skill, and teamwork that make our Vickers athletes shine.

Here's to a fantastic basketball season ahead!

Sincerely,

Mr. Whitrow

BAND & CHOIR

The K-4 and Choir concert will be at Carlton on Tues. Dec. 5th @ 6:00pm. Please arrive at 5:30pm. Choir members, please wear black on the bottom and your choir uniform on top (this shirt will be supplied at the concert). The Band concert is at Carlton on Thurs.

Dec. 7th @ 6:00pm. Please arrive at 5:30pm, wearing all black on the bottom and your uniform on top (again, supplied on concert day).

We look forward to performing for you and showing you what we've been working on this year so far!

The choir will be singing Christmas carols in the Ches Leach Lounge at the Raider game on Fri. Dec. 15th, and will be singing O Canada on the ice before the game. It's sure to be a great night for all involved! Stay tuned for more information.



Band students from Grades 6-8 traveled to Saskatoon on Fri. Nov. 24th to see the U of S Wind Ensemble concert, and members of the choir from Grades 4-8 traveled to Saskatoon on Sun. Nov. 26th to see the U of S Greystone Singers and University Chorus concert. Both outings were well received, educational, and fun! Thanks to everyone who attended for two great Vickers Music trips!

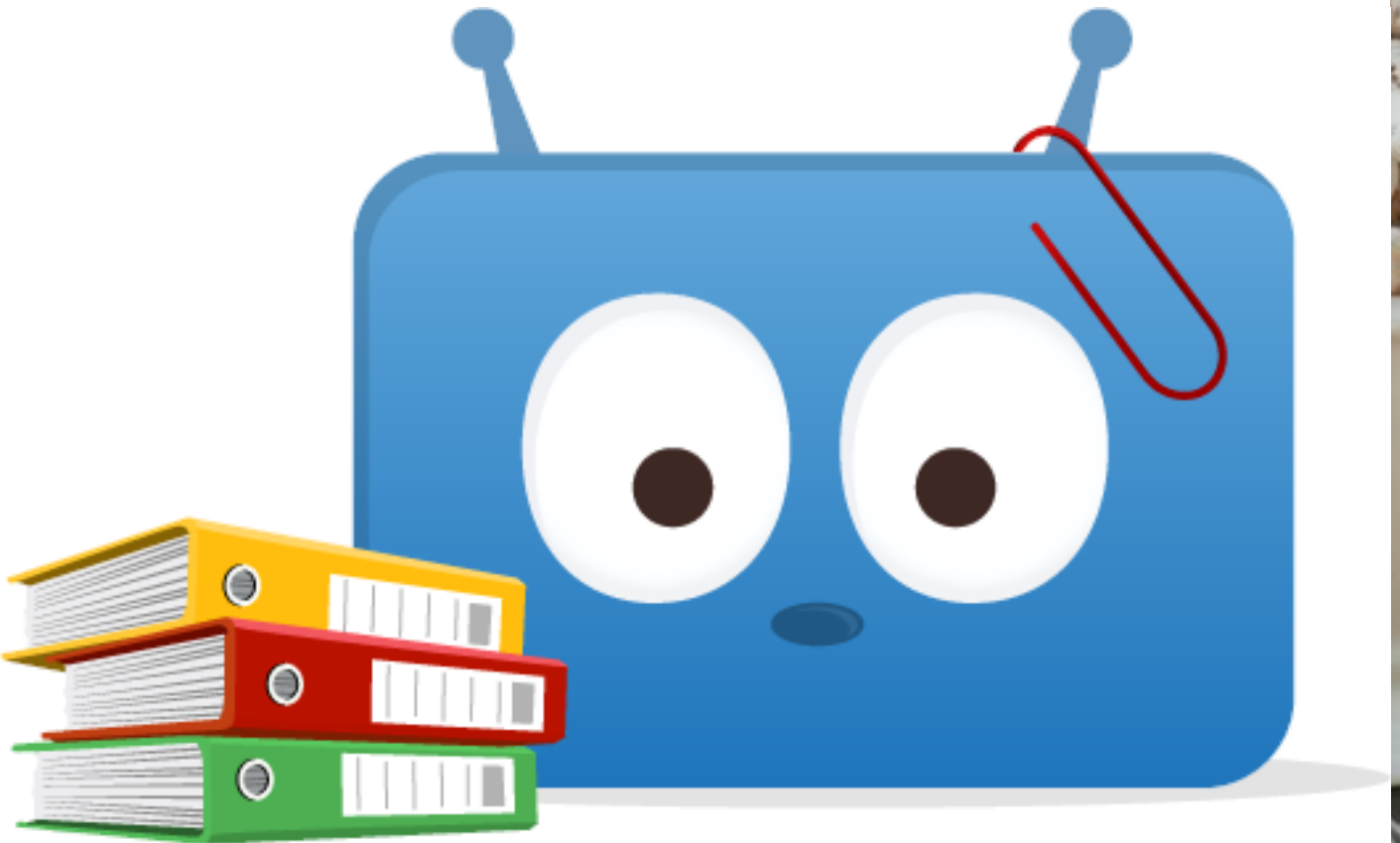
Registration for the Prince Albert Music Festival opens in December and closes mid-January. Students wishing to play solos, duets, or small ensembles should talk to Ms. Lohneis about song selection and registration info so that we can get everything done in a timely fashion prior to the registration deadline. I would love to have as many students as possible participating in solos and small ensembles, as it always makes them better players when they strive to prepare extra music for the Festival! The Vickers Band Parents Association will cover the cost of all registrations (\$20+/entry) as a way of encouraging our students to get involved and strive for excellence in performance.

Spring band trip information will be forthcoming in the new year. Just a reminder that parents can work bingos at Carnival Bingo for a \$50 credit per bingo worked. This credit is applied directly to your student's band trip fees and is a great way to defray the costs of these trips. Contact Ms. Lohneis for more information.



VICKERS SCHOOL CLOTHING

Are you interesting in purchasing Vickers gear? We have an online store with loads of options!



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CHARITY FOOD DRIVE

To help ensure that every families has food on their tables École Vickers will be doing a charity food drive.

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assorted packaged nuts), canned goods (beans, soups, and stews), dairy (canned, and powdered milk), canned vegetables and fruit, whole grain cereals, infant foods and baby formula, bathroom tissue and diapers and personal hygiene products. Pet food can also be donated! All items collected will be donated to our local Food Bank

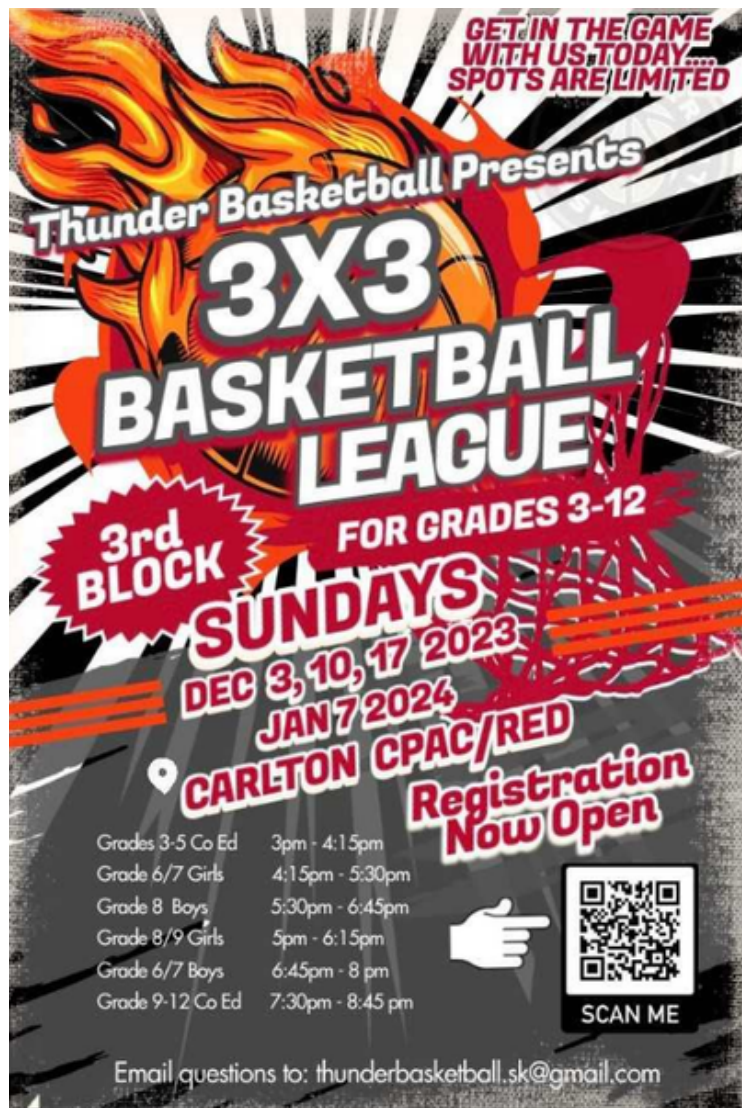
LIBRARY BOOKS

Students will not be able to borrow books from the library from Monday December 18th to Friday December 22nd.



Students must have all library books returned by Friday December 22nd.





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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us for École Vickers Christmas Concerts!

The students have started practicing and preparing for our upcoming Christmas Concert. This year we will be holding the Christmas Concerts over two evenings @ Carlton Cafetorium. Silver collection at the door and the money will be donated to the food bank.



K-4 and Choir Christmas Concert - December 5th (6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.)

5-8 Band Christmas Concert - December 7th (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

POLAR BEAR CLUB

We are excited for another "Polar Bear Club" for 2023-24 at École Vickers School!

School policy states that when the weather dips below -30 degrees Celsius, students are kept indoors for recess. This year, we are offering the opportunity for students in grades 3 to 8 the option to go outside for recess during these cold days if they choose, are appropriately dressed for the weather and have returned a signed permission form. The permission slips and more information will be put on Edsby for your child to join the polar bear club!



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

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- Sports Events
- Activity Fees



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www.srsd19.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE

If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees please sign up using the link below for School Cash Online.

This fee is collected to assist in covering the costs of optional activities or events that would enhance the regular school programming and would enrich the education of participating students. Some examples of these are out of school educational experiences, activities, presentations and/or speakers.

The fee is \$10.75 for Kindergarten and \$21.00 for Gr 1-8 & Dev Ed.

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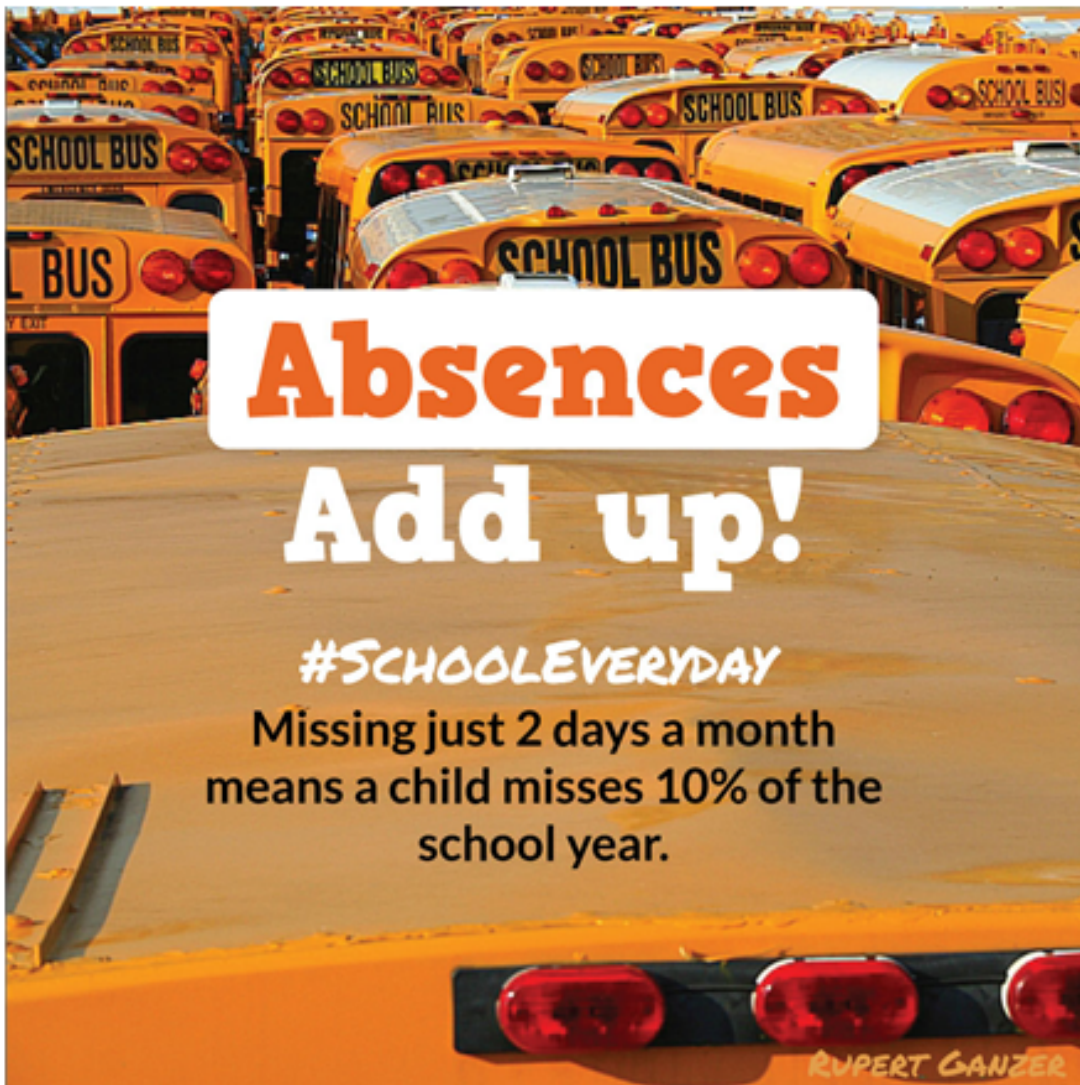
Our staff parking lots are a “no drop off zone” as they are out of bounds for students.

We urge parents to support us in this safety endeavor by dropping off your children on the west side of the school on Olive Diefenbaker Drive; on Bradbury Drive, east of the Special Needs bus zone and between Gisi Road and Olive Diefenbaker Drive.



We encourage the children to cross all streets in a safe manner by crossing at the corner or at cross walks. Teacher supervision is also provided at our major crosswalks.

The Community Club rink parking lot is the bus pick up zone after school for our parents to meet their children for pick up. Please refrain from turning around in the driveways, as this is disruptive to the homeowners.



LUNCHBOX
by SchoolCashOnline

LUNCHBOX!

Our Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online ordering calendar is open. Log in with your SchoolCash Online account to place your order. Ordering closes the Sunday before the following week. If you have any questions, please contact the team at info@lunchboxorders.com.

These are your available choices on the designated days.

Tuesday - (Edo)

Thursday - (Subway)

Friday - (Taco Time)

OPTIMIST CLUB OF PRINCE ALBERT PRESENTS

Winter Wonderland

Friday, December 1st - (12-6 p.m.)

Saturday, December 2nd - (12-6 p.m.)

Sunday, December 3rd - (12-5 p.m.)

Friday, December 8th - (12-7 p.m.)

Saturday, December 9th - (12-7 p.m.)

Sunday, December 10th - (12-5 p.m.)

Friday, December 15th - (12-7 p.m.)

Saturday, December 16th - (12-7 p.m.)

Sunday, December 17th - (12-6 p.m.)

Train Ride with admission!

The event will include multiple different activities people can enjoy. Canteen with hotdogs, soup and popcorn. There is a Christmas Display for all ages with lots of photo opportunities.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Tuesday, December 5th @ 7:00 p.m., at the main entrance of City Hall Beau "Lac" Funeral home will be putting on the 1st Annual Beau "Lac" Tree Lighting Ceremony.

There will be a short dedication that will include Christmas Carols, Sleigh Rides and an opportunity for fellowship, Complimentary hot chocolate will be served.





Lighting Ceremony

Join us!!!

Tuesday, December 5th
7:00 p.m.
Memorial Square at
City Hall

Bring your family, friends and voice as we sing carols and light our City Christmas Tree for the first time!

Volunteers Needed for Operation Red Nose 2023

The Prince Albert Lions Club will be sponsoring Operation Red Nose in Prince Albert again in 2023. Community volunteers are the key to the success of the program. In 2022 we provided 130 rides to 275 clients who were impaired or who did not feel fit to drive their own vehicle. They all got home safely.



Although the service is free, clients usually provide donations, which under the provisions of the Operation Red Nose Program must be allocated to youth groups or groups that support youth in Prince Albert and area. The Prince Albert Lions Club has selected area schools as the recipients of these donations to assist with programming for students. As a result of the campaign a total of \$4,400 was donated to 11 elementary schools in Prince Albert and area.

The program operates on Friday and Saturday evenings. This year will be starting on Friday, December 1st and run for 5 weekends plus New Year's Eve. We start around 9 pm in the evening and usually run until 2 am the next morning. New Year's tends to run a bit later due to house parties.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years of age. They are organized into teams of 3 people, an escort driver, designated driver and navigator.-All volunteers, require a police background check (provided

at no cost) and are insured for liability by our provincial sponsor the SGI. Volunteers do not have to use their vehicles since escort vehicles are provided by vehicle dealerships in the city.

Volunteers can choose to work one night, a weekend or the whole season. Come as an individual or put together a team of 3 people. We find News Year Eve is one of our busiest nights. Volunteers are provided with food, coffee and camaraderie during the evenings they work.

If you are interested in helping out with Operation Red Nose, please contact me at (306)763-7434, (306)425-7804(cell) or by email at rbraaten@sasktel.net.



ÉCOLE VICKERS CANTEEN

DRINKS:

- Flavored water.....\$1.50
- Chocolate milk.....\$1.50
- Large apple/orange/fruit juice.....\$1.50
- Juice box.....\$1.50



SMALL SNACKS: (all pre-packaged).....\$1.00

- variety of small items such as Rice Krispie squares, goldfish crackers, cookies, baked chips,
- hot rods, fruit snacks, wagon wheels, and/or seasonal snacks.

LARGE SNACKS: (all pre-packaged).....\$1.50

- Sun chips, crispers, cookies

Pizza\$3.00



INCLEMENT WEATHER

For the most part, we want our students to enjoy playing outdoors before school, during both recesses, and the noon hour. On rainy days, we allow students to come into the school upon their arrival and remain indoors during all breaks. In the winter, we use -30 degrees Celsius as our cut off to remain indoors. If the temperature and/or wind-chill in combination with the temperature exceed -30, then all students are permitted in the school in the morning and during break times. **We do expect that all students be dressed appropriately for the weather, as there are many cold days that students are expected to be outdoors.**

Have a Great
Christmas holiday
everyone



Lindsay Laughren

Lindsay is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

