



March 10, 2025

Notes from the Office

Smudging

Dear Phoenix Families,

Your child may be invited to participate in smudging at school throughout the school year. As an inclusive and culturally responsive school, we are welcoming all students to learn about First Nation, Métis, and Inuit traditions.

Smudging is an Indigenous tradition that involves the burning of sage. In our school division, sage will be used, and participation is always voluntary. Smudging allows people to become mindful and centered, better able to hear, see, think, speak, and act in a good way. It is done in a designated area on school grounds

Please watch for a smudging consent form being sent home with your child(ren) this week for your review and consideration. Please return the form to your child's homeroom teacher by March 19, 2025.

A Message from the Phoenix School Parent Council

Let's celebrate Teacher Appreciation Month!

Let's celebrate our amazing educators! Phoenix School is a special place, and we want to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication.

As fundraising through the Parent Council is used to fund various activities for our children throughout the school year and is not used for teacher appreciation, we need your help to treat our teachers! Throughout March, we invite families to bring in commercially prepared and packaged treats to help stock the staff room with snacks. To keep the appreciation going all month, each classroom is encouraged to contribute during a specific week.

March 10 - 14 - Rooms 1, 3, 4 (Mrs. Turabian, Mrs. Mikkelson and Mrs. Wall's students)

March 17 - 21 - Rooms 5, 8 and 9, (Mr. Dryburgh, Mrs. Choboter, and Mrs. Vinci's students)

March 24 - 28 - Rooms 15, 16, 18 and 19 (Mrs. Gallo, Mrs. Sadr, Mrs. Arran, Mrs. Slyker and Mr. Mikkelson's students)

Treats can be dropped off at the office and they will be brought to the staff room.

Thank you for helping us show gratitude to our wonderful teachers and staff!

Phoenix School Parent Council

Student Safety

For the safety of all students and staff, a reminder that all visitors should be entering the front doors of the school, reporting to the office upon arrival, and remaining at the office. Students will be called down to the office to minimize learning interruptions.

Kindergarten Registration

Phoenix School is now accepting kindergarten registrations for in-catchment students for the 2025-2026 school year.

How to Register for Kindergarten (and Early Years for students new to SJASD)

Take the following steps to register:

1. Determine your catchment area. This can be done via [School Locator](#). *Be sure to write down school contact information.*
2. Complete the Student Registration Form. *If you have accessed the PDF form online, please ensure you download it before you fill it out, or the form will not save your work.*
3. Prepare appropriate identification. This includes:
 - A Birth Certificate for your child.
 - Two Proofs of Residency (such as a Manitoba Health Card, valid Manitoba Driver's License, Lease Agreement, House Title or other official document indicating address of residence).
 - If your child was not born in Canada, citizenship papers or one of the following documents: Permanent Resident Card, Record of Landing, Valid Work Permit/Visa, or Valid Study Permit.
4. Submit your paperwork to register your child for school.

Out-of-Catchment/Out-of-Division Requests

Important: *All caregivers must first register their child in their catchment area school before submitting a request to register for an out-of-catchment SJASD school.*

Families may wish to express their interest in having a student attend an SJASD school that is out of their catchment area. This includes families that reside outside of Division boundaries. For information on Out-of-Catchment requests, visit our [Registration](#) information.

Parent Advisory Council

The next Phoenix School Parent Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Phoenix families interested in attending are asked to register for the meeting by emailing phoenix@sjasd.ca.

School Bus Plans

Phoenix families are reminded to please contact the office directly at 204-889-5053 for any changes to bus plans. As teaching staff are focused on working with students throughout the day or may be away, an email communication may not be seen.



Hello Phoenix School Families!

The Phoenix School Parent Advisory Council is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this April. We hope that you will join us for this fun-filled event that celebrates reading, learning, and giving back to our classrooms. Not only will the book fair be a fantastic opportunity to find new books for your young readers, but every purchase you make helps to support our school and stock our classrooms with new books and resources!

When: April 10th & April 11th

Where: Phoenix School Library

Time: April 10th from 3:30-7:30pm & April 11th from 8:30-11:30am

We're so excited to see you there and look forward to sharing the joy of reading with our wonderful school community. Bring the whole family and let's make this Book Fair a huge success!

Thank you for your support!

Warmly,
The Phoenix School Parent Advisory Council