



Phoenix School
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March 17, 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 that was sent home with your child(ren) last 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!

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CELEBRATE!

On **April 10 and 11, 2025**, Phoenix families are invited to a *Celebration of Learning* at Phoenix School for term 2.

The celebration will take place from 3:30 PM-6:30 PM on Thursday, April 10, 2025 and 8:30-11:30 AM on Friday, April 11, 2025

All families are welcome to visit the school within these blocks of time with no appointments required.

During the evening or morning, your child will be demonstrating some of their learning through a portfolio of work and activities completed this term.

This will be a shared celebration with many families in attendance.

Families are asked to please watch for Term 2 report cards, a snapshot of learning, scheduled to be emailed home on March 26, 2025.

Sincerely,

Phoenix Staff

The St. James Assiniboia School Division No. 2

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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.

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.

Return of Rip Sticks

Back by popular demand!!! The **Grade 4 & 5 students** are going to have the opportunity to use the **Rip Sticks** in their PE classes from **March 17-21**.

Please send a properly fitting bike helmet to school with your child from **March 17-21**, as helmets will be mandatory to use the rip sticks. I have again attached the video below on an introduction to the Rip Sticks if you or your child are curious.

<https://youtu.be/IXM6vfzJXXc>

Thanks,
Mrs. Bremner
Physical Education Teacher



Dear Phoenix School Families:

The Parent Advisory Council is excited about our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair on **April 10th and April 11th.**

For students, it's one of the most anticipated events of the school year—but we need volunteers to make it happen! Every purchase at the fair helps us earn Scholastic dollars to be put towards new supplies and books for our classrooms! We hope that you can offer your time to help students experience book joy firsthand.

The Fair setup will take place during the day on Wednesday April 9th and the Fair will be open on April 10th from 3:30-7:30pm and April 11th from 8:30-11:30am. If you're available to lend a hand at this upcoming event, please email phoenix@sjasd.ca to notify us of your availability. We will need help with the following:

- Decorating • Setting up the Fair • Helping shoppers at the Fair • Payments & Checkout
- Packing up the Fair • Helping with Reorders

Thank you in advance,
The Phoenix Parent Advisory Council