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# Phoenix School

## ***A few notes for Phoenix families:***

### Festival du Phoenix

This week, students and staff participated in our Festival du Phoenix. Thank you to all students, staff and parent volunteers for a fantastic afternoon.

### Black History Month

This week, Phoenix students and staff participated in interactive leveled presentations in all of our classrooms from @inspirationrepublic to honor Black History Month. These presentations provided lots to think about with conversations to continue.

### Brrrr!

Thank you to all Phoenix students for remembering to dress for the weather. Warm coats, hats, mitts, and boots help to make sure recess and the lunch hours are comfortable and fun.

### Parent Council

The next *Parent Council* meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 3:30 PM via TEAMS. Interested parents are asked to email [phoenix@sjasd.ca](mailto:phoenix@sjasd.ca) by noon on Monday, February 27, 2023 to register for this meeting.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Please refer to the school website or contact the school office at 204-889-5053 for further information.

### MTYP

Phoenix School welcomes MTYP for their performance of "Frozen River" on Monday, February 27, 2023 for grades 3-5 students. K-2 students will be participating in an Indigenous storytelling presentation.

### Safety First

Pick-up and drop off times are very busy times at Phoenix School. A reminder to all Phoenix families to follow traffic signage including speed limits on Alboro Street and in front of the school. As well, when dropping off students, parents are reminded to please escort them across the street to ensure a safe arrival. The staff parking lot is not available for student pick up or drop off.

### Snowstorms, Bus Cancellations and Cold Weather

With the cold winter season upon us, the St. James-Assiniboia School Division (SJASD) is prepared to address weather-related emergencies or extreme circumstances to keep students safe in the cold months ahead. In the event of an emergency, the Acting Superintendent may decide to close all, or specific schools, and/or discontinue bus service in whole or in part due to:

- Severe weather;
- Snowstorms;
- Adverse road conditions; and/or
- Other emergencies.

Actions taken are done so in the best interest of student safety.

### Bus Cancellations

When the weather is too cold for buses to be running (ambient -35°C, or a wind chill hazard of -45°C or greater), the Metro Superintendents may decide to cancel buses. The message is then relayed to transportation departments and administrations. This decision is determined based on the weather conditions at 6:00 a.m. taken by Environment Canada at The Forks.

If buses are cancelled, schools may still be open. Students will need alternate transportation as morning cancellations will remain in effect for the remainder of the day. In the event of inclement weather circumstances occurring during the day, routes may be cancelled throughout the school day. Please be advised that students should not be heading out to the bus nodes during extreme cold weather/snowstorms and families are advised to check the SJASD website for bus cancellation updates in the morning.

The Division website, [www.sjasd.ca](http://www.sjasd.ca), will be updated with cold-weather announcements found at the top of the home page. The Division will also contact parents via School Messenger (automated information service) to advise them of bus cancellations. A Metro Superintendent representative will also ensure the news media is alerted to cancellations with information available on CJOB radio and the CJOB website at [www.cjob.com](http://www.cjob.com). If you have any concerns about your child getting safely to and from school, please keep them at home.

### School Closures

In the event of extremely adverse circumstances, including severe snowstorms, the Acting Superintendent may decide to close all or specific SJASD schools. The decision to close schools is a coordinated process involving all Metro School Divisions. This decision is based on several factors, including emergency vehicles access to schools. In the event a school is closed due to extreme weather conditions, school principals will communicate this message to all families via School Messenger.

### Exceptions for Phoenix School

As Phoenix School is the only school in St. James-Assiniboia School Division located outside the city limits, there are specific guidelines in place to determine school closure. When Environment Canada determines that there are blizzard conditions and the TransCanada West Highway is closed at the Headingley weigh station, the decision to close Phoenix School will be at the discretion of the Acting Superintendent