

T.D. MICHEL PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



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OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1 School Picture Day	2	
3	4	5	6	7 Hot Dog Lunch 	8 PLC Day No School	9	
10	11  No School	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31						Mom's Pantry Fundraiser October 6 th to October 20 th See inside for more information.	



NEXT MONTH

Nov. 8 & 9	Student Led Conferences 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day No School
Nov. 12	No School
Nov. 16	School Picture Retakes Pre-K Picture Day

White milk and chocolate milk – available for purchase every day.
Cost - \$1 each, milk cards are available

Pizza – available to purchase on Wednesdays
Cost - \$3 per slice, pizza cards are available

Big River Children's Fund will provide a FREE hot dog lunch to TDM students the first Thursday of each month.





A Message from Mrs. Bouchard



Dear families and friends,

The first month of the new school year has gone by remarkably well! We are all so happy to be back to school, learning with and from one another. Welcome to October and another busy month. We have been blessed with beautiful weather that enables us to spend much time outside. However, soon enough cooler days will arrive. Please ensure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather. It also wouldn't hurt to label their belongings.

Unfortunately, our back to school BBQ/Meet the Teacher event had to be postponed. We look forward to having opportunities to get together in person with all of our families, and hope to be able to do so very soon. I would like to introduce you to our current staff...

Secretary – Mrs. Reed, Phys. Ed. – Ms. Anderson, EST – Ms. Wideen, our EA's: Mrs. Fonos, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Leuken, Mrs. Allen, Librarian – Mrs. Lindskog, Mentor – Mrs. Malm, Custodian – Mr. Fonos, Classroom Teachers: Kdg/Pre K – Ms. Gear, Gr. 1 – Ms. Banks, Gr. 2 – Mr. Bennett, Gr. 3 – Mrs. Davis, Gr. 4/5 – Mrs. Proulx, Gr. 5/6 – Ms. Wall.

We are looking forward to continued good health and wellness at school. As fall is upon us and we inevitably get colds, etc., we are hopeful that our mask wearing, frequent hand washing and sanitizing will minimize our cold season. There have been many questions regarding what to do when your child is sick. Please continue reading the newsletter to find some very important information.

Our school is involved in the Covid-19 home Rapid Test kit program. So far, I have received 36 kits and they were quickly distributed. I will receive more shortly and if you would like a kit or more information about them, please contact me at the school.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime at the school with any questions or concerns.

Take care and stay safe!

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MOM'S PANTRY

Canada's Food Fundraiser

TDM will be having our annual Mom's Pantry Fundraiser from October 6 – 20!!!

Orders will only be collected online at momspantry.ca

Online ordering is easy:

- 1) Add items to your cart
- 2) On checkout, enter the Order Number and Group Passcode (below), along with the Seller's Name.
- 3) Complete Payment

Group Name: **T.D. Michel Public School**

Order Number: **340698**

Group Passcode: **30309**

All orders will be received at the school (DATE PENDING) and will be available for curbside pickup.



HOCKEY CAMPS

Minor Sports is hosting two hockey camps in October and registration is FREE for players registered on Big River hockey teams!

October 16 & 17: Power Skating for U7 and up

October 23 & 24: Skills Camp for U9 and up

Contact Celynne Morin @ 479-7073 to sign your child up.





Truth and Reconciliation Week

Sept. 27 - Oct. 1

Our 2021-22 school year has begun and with it many learning opportunities. September 9 – 12, we celebrated Metis Cultural Days, The Year of the Elder. Staff and students had warm bannock rather than toast for their arrival at school. There were several displays set up around the school with resources for the children to look at and read.

Truth & Reconciliation Week was September 27 – October 1. September 30 marked the first National day of Truth and Reconciliation. This was and is a very important day in Canadian history and the students of TDM were very fortunate to have Mr. Kakakaway, a Residential School Survivor, come to speak to them.

Our winners for Orange Shirt Day T Shirts were:

Kindergarten – Aliyah Harder

Grade 1 – Emerson Airth & Sawyer LeClair

Grade 2 - Angela Harder & Rivet Piche

Grade 3 – Radley Watier & Laila Watson

Grade 4/5 – Nathaniel Quwezance, Aiden Trefry & Kathyryne Chaharyn

Grade 5/6 – Brooklyn Harder, Karsen Smith & Grace Vatamaniuk.

I would like to provide some possibilities for learning by suggesting books and movies.

Movies to watch are:

We Were Children

Indian Horse

A few books to read with your children are:

Phyllis's Orange Shirt

The Orange Shirt Story

The Giving Tree: A Retelling of a Traditional Metis Story.

I hope that we can all learn and grow together moving forward.

Mrs. Malm, School Mentor



**EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS**

COVID-19 and Keeping Our School Safe

Students are asked to not attend school when they are not feeling well.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses including the flu and common cold and may include one or more of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle and/or joint aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Runny nose
- Nasal congestion
- Conjunctivitis
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite (difficulty feeding for children)
- Altered sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing

Note that some people experience mild symptoms or no symptoms at all.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 may be required to self-isolate immediately at home or in another suitable environment for at least 10 days. People who are not fully vaccinated should self-isolate for 14 days as a precautionary approach if they have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 or in a location with a high risk of transmission.

If you are fully vaccinated, you may not be considered a close contact.

Close contacts include:

- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated and lives with a positive case, has direct physical contact with a positive case, or is exposed to their infectious body fluids. This will include the positive case's caregiver, intimate partner, child receiving care from the case, etc.
- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated and has shared an indoor space with a case for a prolonged period of time (e.g., social gatherings, workplaces, etc.), without adhering to appropriate individual-level and any setting-specific risk mitigation measures.
- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated and has had a close-range conversation with a positive case or has been in settings where a case engaged in singing, shouting, or heavy breathing (e.g., exercise), without adhering to appropriate individual-level and any setting-specific risk mitigation measures.

Close contacts must self-isolate for 14 days from their last exposure and to seek testing as soon as possible following exposure and at day 10 after the exposure. All close contacts who develop symptoms should seek testing immediately.



Appendix B: How to Safely Use a Non-Medical Mask or Face Covering

DO'S

 **DO** wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others.

 **DO** ensure the mask is made of at least two layers of tightly woven fabric.

 **DO** inspect the mask for tears or holes.

 **DO** ensure the mask or face covering is clean and dry.

 **DO** wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after touching the mask or face covering.

 **DO** use the ear loops or ties to put on and remove the mask.

 **DO** ensure your nose and mouth are fully covered.

 **DO** replace and launder your mask whenever it becomes damp or dirty.

 **DO** wash your mask with hot, soapy water and let it dry completely before wearing it again.

 **DO** store reusable masks in a clean paper bag until you wear it again.

 **DO** discard masks that cannot be washed in a plastic-lined garbage bin after use.

DON'TS

 **DON'T** reuse masks that are moist, dirty or damaged.

 **DON'T** wear a loose mask.

 **DON'T** touch the mask while wearing it.

 **DON'T** remove the mask to talk to someone.

 **DON'T** hang the mask from your neck or ears.

 **DON'T** share your mask.

 **DON'T** leave your used mask within the reach of others.

DO YOUR PART

Wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others when you can't maintain a 2-metre distance.

NON-MEDICAL MASKS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR:

- People who suffer from an illness or disabilities that make it difficult to put on or take off a mask
- Those who have difficulty breathing
 - Children under the age of 2

DON'T JUDGE OTHERS FOR NOT WEARING A MASK.

Kindness is important as some people may not be able to wear a mask or face covering.

REMEMBER, wearing a non-medical mask or face covering alone will not prevent the spread of COVID-19. You must also wash your hands often, practise physical distancing and stay home if you are sick.





Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees



One of the measures we are taking as a division is to establish our online payment system to minimize cash and check payments at our schools and encourage parents to make online payments from home. Through School Cash Online, parents can pay registration fees, course fees, field trips, yearbooks, school clothing, and more.

Parents who use School Cash Online have the ability to:

- Keep track of their child's school items and activity fees.
- Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.
- Check their account history.
- View and print receipts.
- Pay for school fees anytime, anywhere, with a simple click.
- Easily link and access all students in a household.

School Cash Online payments can be made with Visa, Mastercard, or electronic check.

It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please visit <https://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/> for step by step instruction.

Items available for purchase on School Cash Online

- *Milk Cards (\$5 and \$10 – no limit to the number of cards available for purchase)*
- *Pizza Cards (\$15 each/5 pieces of pizza – no limit to the number of cards available for purchase)*
- *School Fees – Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 4/5*
 - *Most of these fees have already been paid. Thank you!*

As we go through the school year, other items may be added (i.e. fundraising, etc.)



Edsby is a communication tool and learning management system used by all schools in Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division. Edsby keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school division. If you would like to learn more about Edsby security, there is a lot of information here: <https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/>

What can you do with Edsby:

- Enter an absence for your child.
 - o Absences can even be entered in advance.
- See the calendar
 - o We have all the important events happening in our school updated on this calendar including PLC Days and Pizza Days!
- Communicate with the school.
 - o You can message your child's teacher or even the secretary. *Note – last minute after-school messages should still be called in as the teachers may not be checking Edsby (or their phones) later in the school day.*
- And much more!

Edsby has many features. We will continue to provide instructions so that you will learn how to use these features to stay up to date with school and classroom activities and most importantly, your child's learning. You are also able to explore much of this information by accessing Edsby's parent help page <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>.

Parents/caregivers can continue to call the school to log a child's absence.

Invitations have been sent out to email addresses that we have on file. If you have not received an email or require a new invite, please contact the school.

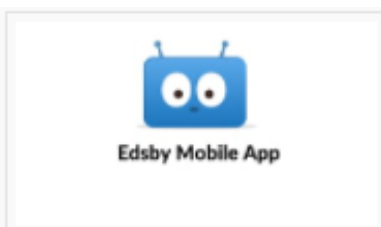
Your username will be your email address. Now is the time to ensure our school secretary has your current and correct email address. Edsby provides each parent with their own account so all parents are encouraged to share their email addresses.

This is the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Edsby site: srsd119.edsby.com

You will use this link to login to Edsby.

Edsby has lots of videos and support available for parents to help learn to navigate the new program. If you have a question, you will probably find help here.

Edsby's parent supports with instructions: <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>



[Edsby Mobile App for Parents](#)

Edsby also has a free app for all iOS and Android smartphones. If you're using a Blackberry, Edsby works great within your browser as well. The power of Edsby while using your smart device means you'll have up-to-the minute access regarding school information anywhere, anytime.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



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MIXED EMOTIONS

VIRTUAL Anxiety and Depression Group for Children & Youth

“Mixed Emotions” will provide virtual support to child and their caregivers who are experiencing anxiety and/or depression.

“Mixed Emotions” will strengthen the participant’s knowledge of anxiety and depression, expand their “toolbox” of coping skills, increase personal accountability and assist in relapse prevention.

“Mixed Emotions” Virtual group will include parent/caregiver to assist in understanding anxiety and depression, and provides practical coping skills and support.

Up Coming Group Sessions

Child Session (Ages 7-9) October 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th at 4:00 pm

Youth Session (Ages 9-13) November 16th, 23rd, 30th & December 7th at 4:00 pm



To register, please contact Intake at (306) 765-6055. For more information please contact Shelby Lysitza at Prince Albert Mental Health (306) 765-6055 or Shelby.lysitza@saskhealthauthority.ca.



FIGHT the FLU

Tuesday, **October 12, 2021 SHELLBROOK** Community Hall 10:00 am—6:00 pm

Friday, **October 15, 2021 CHRISTOPHER LAKE** Legion Hall 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Monday, **October 18, 2021 BIG RIVER** Community Hall 10:00 am—7:00 pm

Tuesday, **October 19, 2021 CANDLE LAKE** Community Hall 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Friday, **October 22, 2021 LEASK** Lion's Hall 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Monday, **October 25, 2021 BIRCH HILLS** Primary Care Clinic 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Monday, **October 25, 2021 CANWOOD** Community Hall 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Friday, **October 29, 2021 DEBDEN** Community Centre 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Wednesday, **November 3, 2021 BIG RIVER** Community Hall 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Tuesday, **November 9, 2021 SHELLBROOK** Community Hall 1:00 pm—6:00 pm

Influenza as well as COVID-19 Pfizer will be available at these clinics.

Walk-ins will be accepted as space is available.

CALL 1-833-SASKVAX (1-833-727-5829) or

BOOK ONLINE at www.4flu.ca

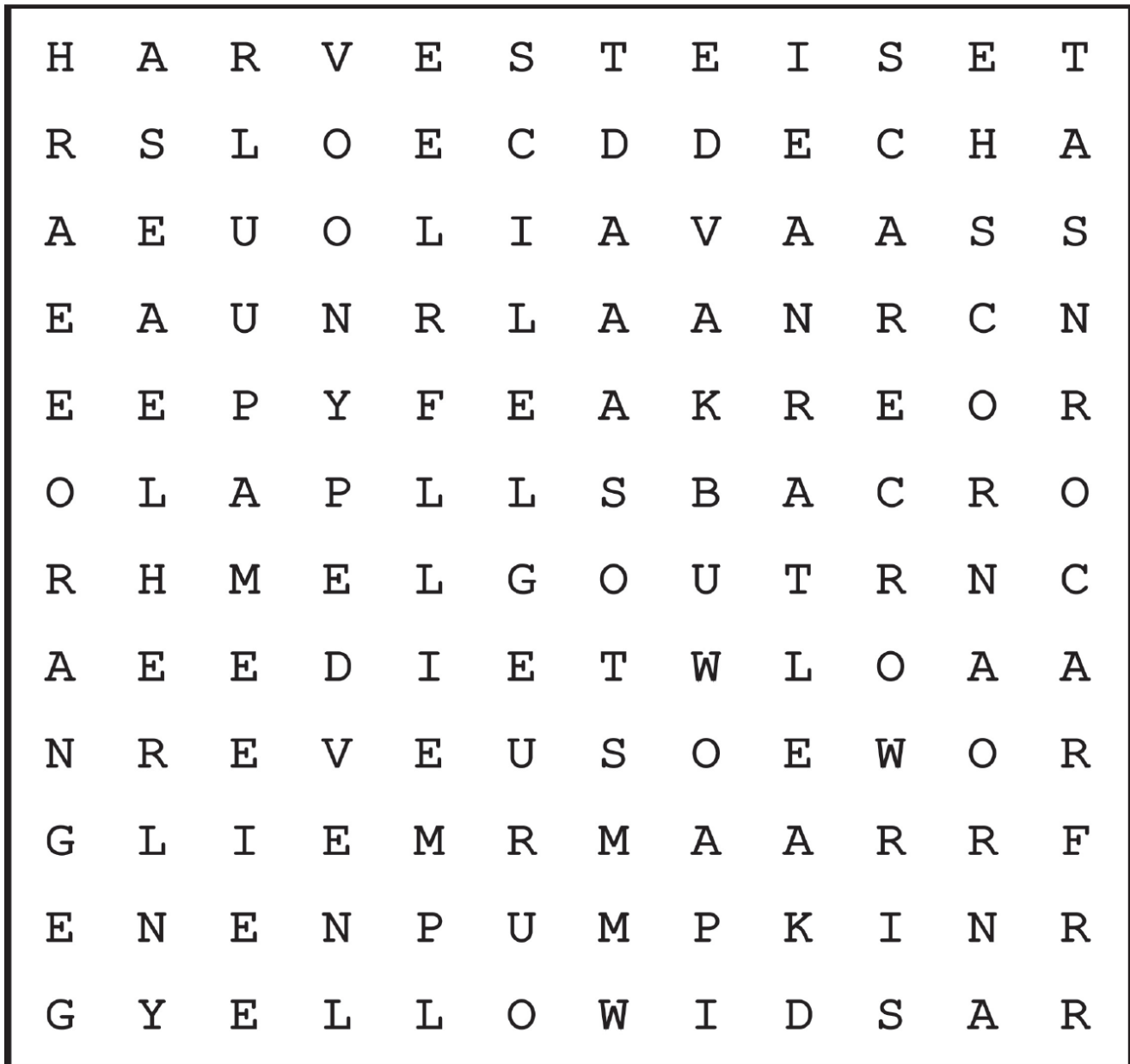
BOOKINGS OPEN OCTOBER 5, 2021



Plan your flu shot today at www.4flu.ca

FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	

