



# East Central Public School

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## JUNE 2024

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3	4 P4A Track Meet @ Carlton	5 P4A Track Meet @ Carlton	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 K-8 Field Trip PA National Park Field Trip	14 K	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Family BBQ ----- Gr. 8 Farewell	22
23	24 Gr. 8s To	25 Kindergarten Celebration 2:00 PM	26 Last Day of Classes --PLAYDAY-- Report Cards Home	27	28	29



### Fall 2024 Dates to Remember

- September 2, 2024 - Labour Day – No classes.
- September 3, 2024 – First day of school.
- September 5, 2024 – First day of school - Kindergarten

# School News

## Administrator's Message

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and dedication shown by our school community.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our Hot Lunch volunteers! Your time and effort have provided our students with delicious meals and a warm sense of community throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you!

A special thank you to everyone who supported our Prairie Meats gift card fundraiser. We are thrilled to announce that it brought in over \$1100 for our Technology Renewal Project, which will greatly benefit our students' learning experiences.

May has been a busy month with our three-school track meet at PACI on May 29th, which was a fantastic display of athleticism and school spirit. Looking ahead, we are excited for the P4A track meet on June 4th and 5th at PACI, where students with the highest standings in each event will represent our school.

On June 13th, all students will enjoy a field trip to Prince Albert National Park. This will be a wonderful opportunity for outdoor learning and fun in a beautiful natural setting.

Our annual Play Day will be held on June 26th. This event promises to be filled with games, laughter, and lasting memories for all our students. Report cards will also be sent home on the final day of school, June 26th.

We are also looking forward to our Year End Farewell on June 21st. This is a special occasion to celebrate our Grade 8 students who will be moving on to high school in the fall.

As the school year winds down, we wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to seeing you all in the new school year!

Mrs. J. Tournier  
Principal



**REPORT CARDS:** Report cards will be sent home with the students on June 26th. Any report cards not sent home at that time will be held at the office.

### **Before/After School Program:**

*If you know of anyone attending our school or registering with us, that would benefit by using East Central Before/After Program, please refer them to this updated Policy & Registration Package or have them call the school to pick up a copy. If you plan on using the program, part-time or full-time, please send postdated cheques for the entire school year (Sept. to June). Anyone using the Drop-In service will be invoiced at the end of each month. Any questions, please contact the school at 306-922-8329.*

## Important Information About the School Bus

Any students needing the school bus this fall must be registered. It only takes 2 to 3 minutes and is very easy to do! Registrations do not have to be done every year, but a student must be re-registered if their information (such as school, address or contact info) is changing. If you are not sure if you already have registered, please give us a call at the number below or simply register again. Doing so now will ensure your child is placed on the proper bus for the first day of school. Not registering on time could delay having your child assigned a bus several days into the new school year.

Click here <https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php> or you can simply type "Sask Rivers School Division" or "SRSD119" in a search engine (we recommend Google). Scrolling down you should find the "Transportation" section with some helpful tools like a bus notification set up and, of course, the "School Busing Request Form".

If you have any questions please contact the Transportation Department at 306 763-2323.

Thank you,  
Ryan Bruce, Manager of Transportation

# Community News

## Avoiding the Summer Brain Drain

### Summer Reading Tips for Parents

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills.

Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment. Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. READ ALOUD TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY - Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.
2. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE! - Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

3. READ THE SAME BOOK YOUR CHILD IS READING AND DISCUSS IT - This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.
4. LET KIDS CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANT TO READ, AND DON'T TURN YOUR NOSE UP AT POPULAR FICTION - It will only discourage the reading habit.
5. BUY BOOKS ON TAPE, ESPECIALLY FOR A CHILD WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY - Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.
6. TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO THE LIBRARY REGULARLY - Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.
7. SUBSCRIBE, IN YOUR CHILD'S NAME, TO MAGAZINES LIKE SPORTS ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS, HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN, OR NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WORLD - Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.
8. EASE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SUMMER SEPARATION FROM A FAVORITE SCHOOL FRIEND BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO BECOME PEN PALS - Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.
9. MAKE TRIPS A WAY TO ENCOURAGE READING BY READING ALOUD TRAFFIC SIGNS, BILLBOARDS, NOTICES - Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.
10. ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO KEEP A SUMMER SCRAPBOOK - Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

### Summer Math Tips for Parents

Children typically forget some of what they learned during the school year if they don't engage in learning activities over the summer. This is particularly true in math. A study by researchers at the University of Missouri shows that on average, students lost about 2.6 months of math learning over the summer. That means classroom teachers spend weeks reviewing math facts and concepts in the first few weeks of school. One suggestion is a math twist for a license plate game families can play in the car. Ask your children to add up the numbers in the license plates of passing cars. You can assign a value to the letters, for example, every letter equals 5. Older children can multiply the numbers.

1. Note numbers - Increase your child's awareness of numbers by looking around the house to find examples: the kitchen clock, the calendar, a cereal box, a TV dial, a stamp or inside her shoe. Have her write down the numbers she sees, or give her a number and ask her to look around the house for examples of the number. Boost your older child's awareness of how numbers are used by pointing out the movie times, weather forecasts and sports statistics in your daily newspaper.

2. **Two, four, six, eight, now it's time to estimate** - Estimation is one way to increase a child's number sense. Before you put a stack of folded towels on a shelf or fill a bowl with peaches, ask your child to estimate how many will fit. Then count afterward to compare the actual number to the estimate. Helping your child learn to make appropriate predictions will help her see how numbers are used in everyday life. Learning to ask, "Is my answer reasonable?" will help her as she tackles math problems in the classroom.
3. **What does a hundred look like** - Understanding the concept of 100 is difficult for young children, even if they can count that far. Suggest that your child start making collections of 100 things — rubber bands, watermelon seeds, pebbles or buttons. You can divide the objects in groups of 10 or 2 or 5 to see how these smaller groups add up to 100 in different ways. Glue the objects onto a piece of colored construction paper for a math collage. Seeing 100 will help her conceptualize it.
4. **Unlock the code** - Help your child recognize numbers and think critically by appealing to his love of mystery. Write out all the letters in the alphabet on a sheet of paper, leaving room underneath each letter for a number. Under each letter, write the numbers from 1 to 26. In other words, a=1, b=2, etc. Practice writing coded messages using numbers rather than letters. You can use **the code to leave simple messages from one another.**
5. **How tall are you** - Many families record the height of their child on a door or wall chart. If you do the same for everyone in the family, your child can join in the measuring and see how the heights compare. Measurement and understanding relationships between numbers are crucial to the development of mathematical thinking.
6. **Play grocery store math** - The supermarket is an ideal place to use math skills, particularly for older children. Point out that yogurt is \$2.59 a six-pack. Ask how much it would cost to buy 3? Your child can round up to \$2.60 or \$3.00 and figure this out. Talk about how he arrived at that number, point out how the estimate differs from the true cost, or get the latest advertisement announcing sales from the grocery store. Have her look at the specials on fruit and determine how to spend \$10.00. Supply her with paper and pencil, and maybe a calculator, as well, so she can practice using calculators the way adults use them every day.
7. **What's on the menu** - The next time you go to a restaurant, hang on to the menu while you are waiting for your meal and play some math games with your child. Ask him to find the least expensive item on the menu, then all the items that cost between \$5 and \$10 or three items whose total cost is between \$9 and \$20. This will not only fill the time while you're waiting to eat, it will show your child how math is used every day.
8. **Cook up a math game** - The kitchen is a great place to practice math, as long as there's an adult home to supervise. How many tomatoes will you need to double the recipe for sauce? If you put 10 slices of mushroom on the pizza, ask your child to put to twice as many olive slices. How many is that? If there are three people in your family and 15 strawberries to divide equally among them, how many strawberries will each person get?

9. **Measure the distance** - You don't have to leave home for this game, although it's ideal for vacations. Get out a map that indicates the distance in miles between cities. Measure the distance between Prince Albert and Saskatoon, and between Regina and Edmonton. Which is greater? How does that compare to the distance between Vancouver and Toronto?

10. **Change up** - Give your child an assortment of toonies, loonies, quarters, dimes and nickels. Put a piece of fruit on the table and tell him it costs 45 cents. Tell him he needs to find five-coin combinations that equal 45 cents. Change the item, raise the price and find five more. Keep a tally of all the ways to pay for each item.

**HAVE A SAFE  
AND  
WONDERFUL**



**SUMMER VACATION!**