Keeping up with the Kodiaks October 2025



Terry Fox Run & BBQ - Friday, Oct. 3rd No School - Oct. 13th & 14th Happy Thanksgiving Halloween Costume Parade - Friday, Oct. 31st





"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

Principal's Message

Hello to everyone, I am excited to send out the first principals message for the 25/26 school year. It has been a wonderful start of the year and I want to thank all of the parents, students, and staff of Kenaston School for the time, energy, and effort you all have put in to getting this school year started. I would like to start off by thanking our SCC for providing the supper for the unpack your backpack night on August 28 and thank you to all of our families who stopped in to say hello, it was great to see everyone. I also want to recognize our student leadership team who organized our welcome week activities, great work!

This new school year has brought some new faces into Kenaston School, in addition to our four new Kindergarten students I am also happy to welcome three new staff members. Welcome to Ms Holbrook, Mrs Dubasov, and Mrs Shartau, we are excited to have you join our Kenaston School family!

Fall marks a busy time for Kodiaks athletics as well and this year we are very excited to see Sr. Boys volleyball return to Kenaston School. In addition to Jr and Sr. boys and girls volleyball, we also have athletes in Jr and Sr football, cross country and Jr and Sr golf. Good luck to all of our athletes and teams in their respective seasons and thank you to our staff and community coaches for their time and energy.

I am looking forward to a great year with everyone in Kenaston School!





Join us on October 3rd @11:00 at the Morth end of the school for a Terry Fox Walk!



Terry Fox Fundraiser Kick off



The Grade 9s are organizing the Terry Fox Walk this year. They did a fun kick off where the K-2s heard a Terry Fox story and then coloured some pages about Terry Fox, while the older students did some challenging games in the spirit of Terry Fox's challenging marathon of hope. We have set our goal for \$5000. Pledge forms have been sent home as well as notes for a BBQ burger lunch which is \$5 by donation. We want to encourage the community to walk with us Oct 3 at 11:00 starting at the north school doors and then join us afterward for the BBQ lunch as well. A HUGE shout out to Southern Meats for donating all of our burgers and the Kenaston SCC for donating the buns, juice boxes, and chips. We have an incredible community!







Volleyball News



The Sr Boys have had a great start to the season. This is the first time Kenaston has had a Sr Boys volleyball team in 14 years so we are pumped to have Kenaston and Loreburn combined under the leadership of Mr. Schilling, Mrs. Moir and Mrs. Menzies. We are excited to see how the season progresses!



The Sr Girls are off to a strong start this season after winning the RAVE tournament in Loreburn, the RCHS tournament and recently Dinsmore's 'Rock the Block' tournament. Overall the girls currently have a 67-5 record in sets at tournaments and league play. The girls season will also include upcoming tournaments in Watrous and LCBI followed by their SHSAA playoffs.









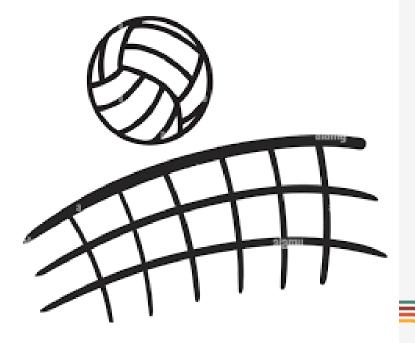
Junior Girls home tournament: Saturday, October 4th Come out and cheer them on!

Kenaston Kodiaks Junior Girls Invitational Volleyball Tournament

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TIME	MATCH
9:00 am (RR1)	Kenaston vs. LL
10:00 am (RR2)	EMS vs RCHS
11:00 am	Skills Competition
12:00pm (RR3)	Kenaston vs. RCHS
1:00 pm (RR4)	LL vs. EMS
2:00 pm (RR5)	Kenaston vs. EMS
3:00 pm (RR6)	LL vs. RCHS
4:00pm (P1)	1st vs 4th
5:00pm (P2)	2nd vs 3rd
6:00pm (P3)	Winner P1 vs. Winner P2







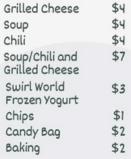
Canteen Menu



Grilled Cheese Soup Chili Chips

Food

Drinks Gatorade \$3 **Bottled Water** \$1 Juice Box \$1 Coffee (free refills) \$1.50









A month into the 2025-26 school year and your SCC has been quite busy. We've purchased and had installed new speakers for the gym along with the technology required to wirelessly connect them to multiple sources. Staff is still learning the ins and outs of the new system but all reports - including those from the students who celebrated hearing the entire Sorting Hat ceremony - are enthusiastic and appreciative of the new gear.

Recognizing that our audience sometimes outnumbers seating capacity, the SCC also allocated funds for additional chairs in the gym. Forevermore, there should be seats for all. ;)

Speaking of the gym, we are working with our School Administration to refresh the gym rental policy so that rental costs are reasonable and the language reflects our shared openness to using the space for activities that convene and celebrate community.

And the newly established Breakfast Program is off to a healthy start. We're finding that kids of all ages slide by and grab the treats accessible on the morning cart. From cereal and granola bars to fruit and other fresh baking, it might be that sometimes our learners don't have the time to properly fuel their brains before leaving home or perhaps they did but are hungry again by the time they get to school. Either way, we appreciate all who have donated - cash or food items - to keep their brains and bodies fed. And a big shout out to the EA's who facilitate the set up and distribution of the program every morning.



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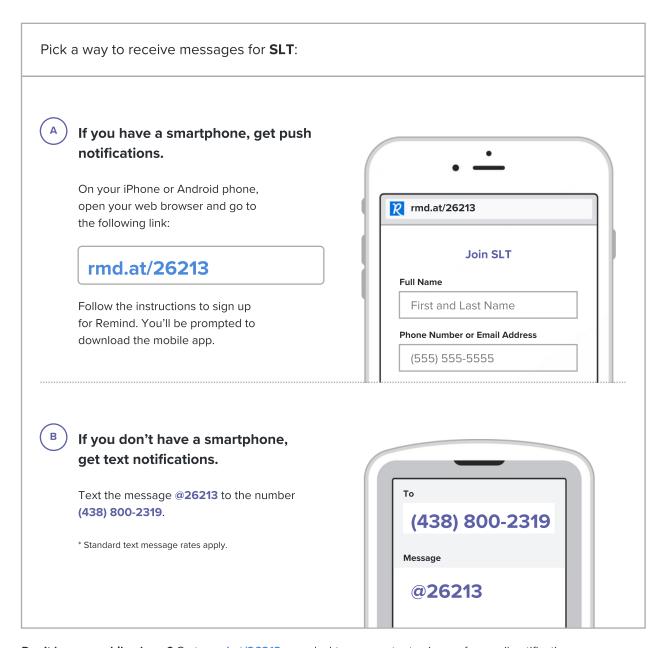
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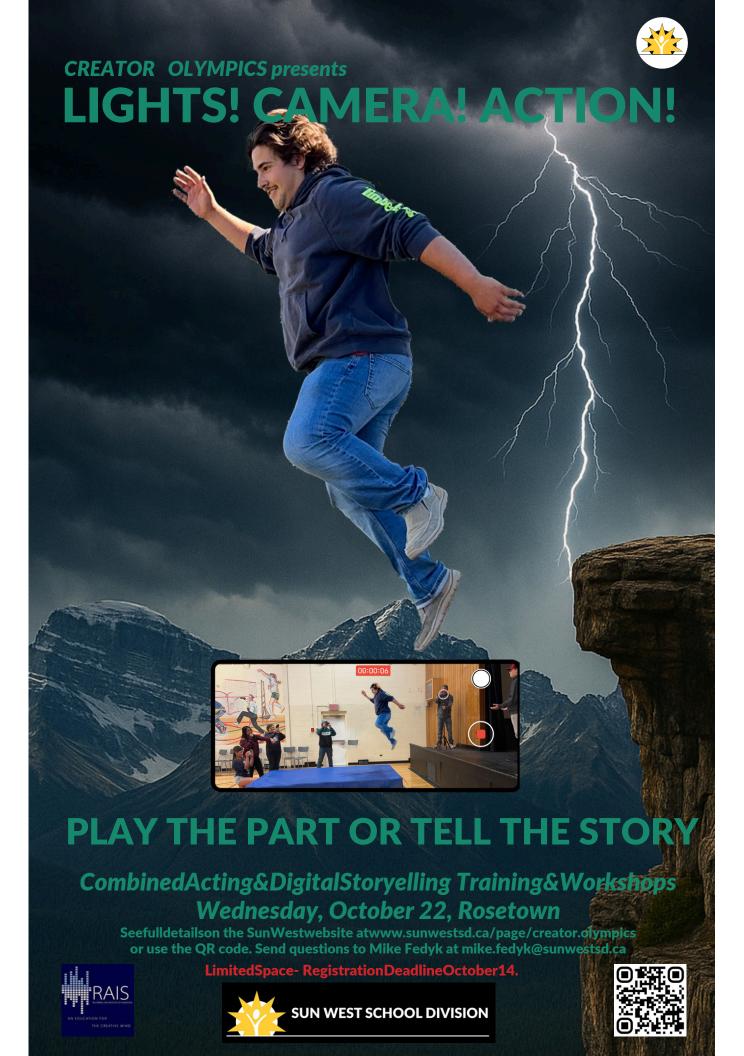


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Sun West School Division is committed to working toward ensuring that everyone can access our facilities, programs, and services without barriers.

The Accessible Saskatchewan Act (ASA) became law on December 3, 2023. This important legislation mandates that our school division develop an accessibility plan to identify, address, and prevent barriers for all students and community members. Our goal is to create a comprehensive and thoughtful approach to improving accessibility in education services and facilities, and your input is needed in shaping our 2025-2028 Accessibility Plan.

Over time, we are dedicated to systematically identifying, removing, and reducing these barriers within our division. To help make our plans as informed as possible we plan on launching a survey in the near future to obtain community and staff input into the planning process.

Importance of Accessibility Plans

Accessibility plans identify barriers and detail steps to improve accessibility. With approximately 29.8% of Saskatchewan's population over 15 identifying as having a disability, fostering inclusion is essential. Accessibility plans must be published by December 3, 2025. You will find Sun West's Accessibility Plan on our website once it is published.

Understanding Accessibility Barriers

Accessibility barriers occur when systems, spaces and information are not designed for everyone.

Key barriers include:

Physical Barriers: Physical barriers happen when spaces and objects are designed in ways that make it hard for persons with disabilities to get into buildings or other spaces.

Information & Communication Barriers: Information and communication barriers happen when information is not given in a way that everyone can use.

Attitudinal Barriers: Attitudinal barriers happen when people think or act towards persons with disabilities based on wrong ideas.

Technological Barriers: Technological barriers happen when technology is made in a way that not everyone can use (ex: lack of assistive devices or classroom technology).

Share your voice by completing our Accessibility Survey here:

https://forms.office.com/r/5xYhqEnHcd

Continuing Consultation is Key

Engaging persons with disabilities is crucial for developing effective accessibility plans. Feedback will help us create a more inclusive environment.

Anyone wishing to discuss accessibility can reach out to:

PH: 306-882-2677 E: info@sunwestsd.ca



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INTRODUCTIONS

On August 27, Sun West kicked off the school year with the annual iLearn Professional Development Day in Rosetown. All Sun West teachers participate and Sun West Trustees were introduced at the beginning of the day. The picture above is of the Trustee introduction (left to right) Holly Goddard (Subdivision 9), Michelle Zacharias (Subdivision 8), Cathy Morrow (Vice-Chair and Subdivision 7), Lindsay Shaw (Subdivision 6), Terry Hall (Subdivision 5), Karen Blackwell Jones (Subdivision 4), Cathy Laventure (Subdivision 3), Michele Whitfield (Chair and Subdivision 2), and Fritz Eckstein (Subdivision 1).

JUNE-AUGUST 2025 HAPPENINGS

The Board of Education held a regular meeting on June 24 and Committee of the Whole Meetings on June 10 and August 27. Facilities, Transportation, and Advocacy Committee meetings were also held in June and August. Highlights included:

- Human Resources, School Community Councils, and Distance Learning Reports were all reviewed.
- The 2025-26 Schedule of Board Meetings was reviewed and finalized.
- Plans were made to invite the Minister of Education and local MLAs to meet with the Board.

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Over 250 students participated in the annual Sun West Student Art Contest. Winners and runner ups were chosen in four grade-based categories and in June, Trustees presented the winners from their subdivisions with a mounted version of their artwork and gift cards. Pictured above (left to right) Outlook High School Art Teacher Eli Dingle, Grade 10-12 winner and OHS student Lily Farden, Subdivision 7 Trustee Cathy Morrow, Subdivision 3 Trustee Cathy Laventure, Grades 7-9 winner and Biggar Central School 2000 student Yevheniia Taranukha, BCS2000 Principal Sean Lockwood, PreK-Grade 3 winner and Kyle Composite School student Jayde Dazba and Subdivision 5 Trustee Terry Hall.



Use the QR code above to see the artwork and pictures of all the winners