

North West Central School Thursday Note October 2, 2025

http://www.northwestcentral.sunwestsd.ca/



Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Re: Life-Threatening Allergy in Our School

One of our students or staff has a life-threatening allergy to all nuts. Our school wants to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies). In order to reduce the risk of a life-threatening exposure we need everyone's co-operation. Do not send products containing nuts to school.

Please check the ingredients of all foods your children bring to school. Ensure that you do not send food with peanuts or any other types of nuts. Also avoid sending items which say "May contain traces of nuts', as these could pose a serious risk. If your child eats a peanut containing product before school, please have them wash their hands and brush their teeth before coming to school.

In a school setting, cross-contamination is the greatest risk from this type of allergy. Cross-contamination is when a few crumbs from one child's lunch or snack are dropped and then picked up by an allergic child. *Even a small amount can kill*.

We realize this request can pose an inconvenience for you when packing your child's snack and lunch and express sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of this potentially life-threatening allergy.

Here are some nut alert lunch ideas from the Public Health Nutritionists of Saskatchewan.

If your child's favourite sandwich is peanut butter and jelly, what other choices do you have?

- * Meat sandwiches made with roast beef, chicken, turkey, pork, ham, tuna, salmon, egg or sardines.
- * Vegetarian sandwiches made with avocado, cream cheese, cucumbers, tomato, cheese and/or lettuce. Keep it interesting by using wraps, pitas and buns instead of just bread.
- * Bagels and low-fat cream cheese or cheese spread and fruit
- * Soup ideally tomato or broth-based soups with vegetables, lentils, split peas and/or beans. Check the label to ensure the soup does not contain peanut oil. Send to school in a thermos.
- * Pizza bagels, buns or English muffins.
- * Quesadillas, soft tacos or burritos flour tortilla topped with cheese, meat or beans and vegetables. Serve with salsa and low-fat sour cream or plain yoghurt. Send to school cold or heated in a thermos.
- * Cheese and crackers. Read labels carefully to make sure the crackers have not been in contact with peanuts or peanut oil.

Principal message continued.

- * Hamburger and potato salad.
- * Pasta and sauce
- * Cereal (dry or with milk). Read labels carefully to make sure the cereal has not been in contact with peanuts or peanut oil.

Note: Children with peanut allergies should never take food from another child, even if they think the food does not contain nuts or peanuts.

Read labels regularly because manufacturers often change the ingredients in their product.

NWCS Student and Parent Handbook – a copy is attached; you may contact Jodi for a paper copy. The handbook will be added to our website so you can refer to it as needed.

Wildcat Wows!

WILDCAT WOW - To Trent and Lana McCarthy for the donation to our football team!

WILDCAT WOW – To Anna Walsh for reading a fall story and then leading bingo games in the Grade One classroom!

WILDCAT WOW – To Jodi for handing out snacks to hungry students!

WILDCAT WOW – To Mr. Slattery for bringing super cool items to show and share with the Grade Ones!

WILDCAT WOW – To Anna and Todd for building Teegan's new wagon for us!

WILDCAT WOW – To Sage, Matthew and Caelum who advance to Provincials in Cross Country.

Last year, we created a "This is NWCS" family bulletin board in our hallway featuring a "family" picture from each of our NWCS families. We loved it! So did the students, and visitors to our school! So, we would like to do it again this year.

This means we need your help again. Please send a 4x6 or 5x7 size "family" picture (this won't be returned to you) or email a digital copy to trish.mcdonald@sunwestsd.ca. <u>This can be whatever "family" means to you</u>. <u>And, if you have two families, you can send two pictures!</u> Thanks for your help on this!

NWCS SCC – Food Program

This month's Apple Program Sponsor is <u>Seime Farms (Joel and Des Seime)</u> We appreciate your support! The Apple Program supplies Apples twice a month as well as other healthy snacks. The students look forward to and enjoy these snacks!

If you would be interested in being a sponsor for this program, please contact any SCC Member.

The SCC would like to thank the following NWCS parents who have volunteered their time this month to bake muffins in support of our SCC Muffin Program;

Regan MacDonald, Brittany Bennett, Brea Olson and Savannah Schoeler. We, along with the students, appreciate your time and support!

If any parent or community member would be interested in volunteering to bake for us, please reach out to Janelle Olson.

(306) 774-5280

janelleolson@outlook.com

| October 6 | Ice Cream Treat Sale |
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| October 8 | Regional Pass Punt Kick 3:30 on the football field |
| October 10 | Picture Day |
| October 13 | No school – Thanksgiving Day |
| October 14 | No school – PD |
| October 17 | Panago Pizza Sale |
| October 31 | Rijamo Cafe Pizza Sale |
| November 13 | Picture retakes |
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NWCS BUS DRIVERS

Jolene Heese (Richards) 306-831-0114 Doug Motz 306-658-3338

Bernie Olson 306-430-4364 Irene Tessmer 306-278-7012

Ryan Webber 306-460-9477 Bob Smith 306-460-6567 (spare driver)

Savannah Schoeler 306-426-7977 (spare driver) Aileen Halter 306-604-9575 (spare driver)

Ray Althouse 306-948-7807 (spare driver) Laura Rohs 306-821-3867 (spare driver)

Sun West School Division has a Guest Rider Policy and Forms, we have these on our school website with the rest of the forms parents need to fill out throughout the school year. In order to use this guest rider program 48 hrs advance notice is needed. Forms must be handed in to the office 2 days prior to students riding another bus and all of the criteria is met.

<u>Click here</u> to be directed to our school forms on our website.

Important

Deadline for submitting items for the Thursday Note is Wednesday before noon. Items received after that will not make it into the Thursday note.

School Clothing

School Clothing Link

School Clothing is available to order all year long off of our school website. Check it out on the home page.



PANAGO PIZZA LINK

Deadline to order is Wednesday, October 8 at midnight!!!

PANAGO PIZZA LINK

RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK

Deadline to order is Thursday, October 23 at midnight!!!

RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK





Developing a Sun West Accessibility Plan

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 and 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).

Click here to share your voice by completing our Accessibility Survey

Continuing Consultation is Key

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

Anyone wishing to discuss accessibility can reach out to:

PH: 306-882-2677

E-mail: info@sunwestsd.ca

Dodsland Library News

Good afternoon,

It sounds like a lot of farmers are close to being done harvesting their crops It's volleyball and football season for our high school students, and we want to cheer you all on. Good luck and "GO Wildcats Go!!" Hockey ice is ready in some of the surrounding communities where a lot of our players will practice and play out of this year.

Story Hour.

We are very happy to welcome several new little ones who have joined our Story Hour group. Just a reminder that we have Story Hour every Wednesday morning at 10:30. This program offers playtime, a story, and a craft. It is also a time for moms to visit with other moms.

Tuesday After School Craft.

We are offering an after-school craft time for kids to come to the library after they get off the bus and do a craft. Parents, if your child is interested in coming to this program, please contact the library at (306) 356-2180, or (306) 932-7220. This will give me an idea of how many I need to prepare crafts for.

Gift Shop.

If you are looking for a baby gift, birthday, housewarming gift, or just something for yourself, we might just have what you are looking for.

Here are some of the things we have:

Handmade cards for all occasions. Baby gifts ideas, PartiLite candles, suncatchers, ceramic items, wooden items like a blanket ladder, and a blanket stand, also little wooden toys, home decor, paintings, blankets and preserves, jam and jellies. We encourage you to come in and take a look at what we have to offer.

OUR NEW HOURS.

Mondays -- 1:30 - 7pm.

Tuesdays --- 1 - 7pm.

Wednesdays -- 10 - 4pm.

- *Story hour Wednesdays 10:30. *
- * The Gift Shop is open during our opening hours*

Thank you and have a wonderful week!



