

North West Central School Thursday Note October 9, 2025

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



Principal's Message

As we approach the Thanksgiving long weekend, we have many things to be thankful for at NWCS.

- * Our bus drivers who carefully transport students to and from school.
- * Our students who show up regularly with smiles on their faces; excited to learn and spend time with classmates and staff.
- * Our parents for their support of students with academics, extracurricular (coaching and driving), and other activities (SLC fundraising donations of food etc.)
- * Our SCC for their support of learning with organizing food (apples, muffins, cheese strings etc.) and support of learning.
- * Our staff who help students in a variety of ways each day.
- * Our school community that supports our students, staff and school daily.
- * Sun West School Division that offers supports and programs to our students and staff.

From NWCS students and staff thank you for making our school a great place to learn, study and work.

REMINDER – Tomorrow is Picture Day October 10, 2025

Wildcat Wows!

WILDCAT WOW – To the Jr Wildcats Football team for their donation to help us pay for field paint for the season!

WILDCAT WOW – To all the grade 8/9 students who cooked burgers and ran the Sr. football booth! Special thanks to all the extra younger helpers for running the meals on wheels!

WILDCAT WOW – To Kaidree and Alanna for the work they did on our 2024-2025 yearbook!

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>. And, if you have two families, you can send two pictures! 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

Up Coming Events

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

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.

Click here 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.

They are here!

2024-2025 Yearbooks

2024-2025 Yearbook Order Form

RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK

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

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Found on the football field after the last Wildcat football game on October 2nd.







A REPORT FROM SUN WEST SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2025 EDITION





SEPTEMBER 2025 HAPPENINGS

Trustees actively support numerous educational activities and events. In the picture above on the left, Cathy Morrow (left-Subdivision 7) and Cathy Laventure (right-Subdivision 3) listen to a teacher describing one of the programs highlighted at the iLearn Professional Development Day on August 27. On the above right, the Board wore orange shirts to their September 23 meeting to show their support for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. (left to right) Cathy Morrow, Fritz Eckstein, Lindsay Shaw, Karen Blackwell Jones, Michelle Zacharias, Terry Hall, Darryl Seguin (Director of Education), Cathy Laventure, Holly Goddard, and Michele Whitfield.

The Board of Education held a regular meeting on September 23. Highlights included:

- The Facilities, Transportation, and Information Technology Department annual reports were all reviewed.
- The Board received a report on Parent Engagement in Sun West.
- The Board accepted a proposal to participate, throughout 2025-26, in leadership and team building training offered by Franklin Covey Education.
- The Board accepted a proposal to deliver content traditionally offered at the online Public Meeting to instead be provided through a series of short videos with one offered each month.

TRUSTEES ARE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY





Trustees regularly attend school and community events in their subdivisions. On September 19, Subdivision 5 Trustee Terry Hall attended "Planting New Roots Together," a tree-planting event held by the Elrose Composite School Community Council (SCC). All K-12 students along with community members planted 57 trees provided by Tree Canada. In the picture on the above left, Terry (right) and Superintendent Kim Fick pose with gifts from the Elrose students; in the above centre, Terry works with her student team to plant a tree; and in the above right, Terry and her student team pose with their fully planted tree. The students and community members worked all morning and then were rewarded by a barbeque lunch sponsored by the SCC.





Use the QR code to read more and watch a video about the tree planting.

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,

Upcoming Events;

- 1) Adult Reading Contest, Starting October 15th November 15th. For every book that you take out, you enter your name. Prizes for the top 3 readers.
- 2) Children's Reading Contest, Starting October 15th November 15th. For every book that they take out, their name is entered. Prizes for these as well.
- 3) Halloween Colouring Contest, is open to our young kids upto grade. Ends October29th. Please stop by the library and pick up your pictures, drop them off at the library. if we are not open just slip them into the book slot beside the door.

Story Hour.

Is held every Wednesday at 10:30.

the Little Gift Shop.

Is open during our open hours.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and to those who are traveling, have a safe trip. Our hours are;

MONDAYS -- 1:30 - 7pm.

TUESDAYS -- 1-7pm.

WEDNESDAYS -- 10 - 4pm.





