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Our School Day:
8:45 am ~ First Bell
10:35 am ~ Recess
11:43 am ~ Lunch Begins
12:33 pm ~ Lunch Ends
2:18 pm ~ Recess
3:25 pm ~ School Day Ends
3:10 pm ~ Thurs. Early Dismiss

This is the time of year when we start planning for next fall. We are looking at programming, staffing, facility upgrades and of course, ways to involve our community in the important work that we do. Please consider getting involved in our School Community Council (SCC) or Home and School Committee (H & S). Both of these committees work to support the learning agenda at Lawson Heights School.

The School Community Council (SCC) acts in an advisory role to the school, the Board and other agencies and organizations. The primary purpose of the SCC is to:

+ Develop shared responsibility for the learning success and well-being of all children and youth; and,

+ Encourage and facilitate parent and community engagement in school planning and improvement processes

Parent and community involvement is very important in the work we do at Lawson Heights School. Please consider getting involved. Meetings are held once a month in the library and we provide child care free of charge. See page 4 of this newsletter for more detailed information.

It is also that time of year for great learning opportunities outside of the classroom with many field trips planned in and around our beautiful city. We welcome parent involvement on these trips but all helpers must have a criminal record check completed. If you wish to volunteer for a field trip with your child's class we will provide you with the form, and a letter to take to Polices Services. A new check must be done for each school year.

Tick season seems to have started early with the recent hot spell. It is a good idea to check your children thoroughly every day during tick season.

We all look forward to celebrating a great school year with all of you at the Pot Luck on June 1st. Hopefully all our new families, and our families who have been at Lawson for many years, will join us to socialize. Please cut off the bottom portion of page 3 and return to the school so we know how many to set up for. See you soon!

Work Hard .... Be Nice!

Mrs. Piro & Mr. Apesland
The next Hot Lunch will be from Subway on May 27 … deadline for online orders is May 20.

Lawson Heights band students have just finished performing in the Saskatoon Music Festival in April! They played very well and the adjudicators were enthusiastic in their praise and advice! Well done to the grade 6, 7 and 8 students who each played their personal best! Band students have a final concert on June 10th, and there is also a North Heights Band concert for grade 8 students on Tuesday, May 24th at River Landing. Grade 5 students can look forward to being invited to try the instruments and to choose one for next September … watch for information about that!

Thanks to everyone who supported our MaraFun runners buying Freezies. The team of 22 students has been training once a week since February to prepare for their big race at the Saskatchewan Marathon on Sunday, May 29th. Good luck to all of you!
• Please bring a favorite family dish to share
• Coffee and juice provided
• We will supply samosas
• We look forward to seeing your family!

Wednesday, June 1
5:30 - 7:00 pm

How many family members?
# __________________________

Family name:
__________________________

Please return this slip to school.
Lawson Heights School Community Council
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 @ 6:30 in Gym

Nomination forms are available at the office. Please consider getting involved!

School Community Councils are recognized in Legislation as the official parent/community voice in the school. The School Community Council operates within the framework of board policy and procedures that align with Legislation and Regulations.

Have you ever wondered what the School Community Council and Home & School does?
✦ Activities to promote School Community
✦ Supplement work done in the classrooms (i.e. classroom libraries)
✦ Support system priorities (literacy and math)

Our main fundraising events include:
✦ Raffle
✦ Monthly Lunches provided by Healthy Hunger

Some of the events we support from these fundraising events are:
✦ Book & Muffin (promoting literacy)
✦ Purchasing technological devices for classrooms
✦ Classroom fieldtrips
✦ Family Potluck dinners
✦ School Dances
✦ Staff Appreciation
✦ Team Celebrations
✦ Art Supplies
✦ Scholastic Book Fair
✦ Gifts for Retiring Staff
✦ Grade 8 Farewell
✦ Bus costs for various events

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. We try to keep these to 1 hour. Childcare, refreshments & snacks are provided at the meetings. Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) is being held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at our Potluck Dinner in the gym. We would like to encourage our parents to consider coming out and participating in these worthwhile committees. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Westwood at (306) 381-7564 or m.westwood@sasktel.net