



October Newsletter

It's hard to believe September is here and gone! Staff and students have been hard at work getting back into the swing of things.

Please remember that parents and visitors need to check in at the office for safety reasons when you are visiting the school. Keep in mind that instructional time

is critical to our students success. Please refrain from chatting in the hallways or picking your child up prior to 3:05.

As parents, you play a vital role in ensuring your child's success. Parents can:

⇒ make sure there is a quiet place to work

- ⇒ be the 'audience' for sharing work
- ⇒ help organize time for assignments
- ⇒ talk regularly with the teachers

When a parent takes an active role in their child's learning, the child is more likely to reach their learning goals.

Southview Community School

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Haunted Happenings

- Parents and students are reminded that it will soon be getting much colder outside. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Jackets, mittens and toques should be worn when needed.
- Intramurals are starting up. See the schedule in this month's newsletter for times and grades.
- Parents have the option of paying for their child's meals each Tuesday, or for the whole month
- The Breakfast Program begins this month!
- School photos are on October 6th
- Anti bullying presentation on October 20th
- Halloween festivities will be on October 30th
- Please see our school website to participate in the family Olympic challenge

SPOOKTACULAR SCHOOL STORIES

Terrific Kids!

Every month The Kiwanis Club and Southview School honour students that have been identified as a "Terrific Kid". September's Terrific Kids were: Micheala Flohr (KA), Gauje Conkin (KB), Rajeev Rankin (1A), Kadee Schmidt (1B), Joelle Hlongwane (2A), Sheldon Delorme (2B), Brandon Felnerhorn (3A), Ayat Mohammed (3B), Mylena Mustelier(4), Brooklyn McGregor(5), Justin Wittevrongel(5/6), Wol Marac(LAP.JR), Ashton Dennis(LAP.Int), and Mathew Cardoso(LAP.SR).

Congratulations kids!

On your mark, get set...

The Southview Community School Running/Walking club is off! Students who are interested in participating must have a signed parent consent form into the school.

On September 24th many Southview students and teachers participated in the annual Cross Country Fun Run. A special thank you to Mrs. Haland for organizing the well attended and fun filled event!

BOOK FAIR!

The Book fair is here! It is running from September 28 to October 2. Students and parents can purchase books on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00 -12:40 and from 3:00-4:00. Family night is on Tuesday, September 29 from 6:30-7:30. A special thank you to Miss Drefs and Ms. Burton for organizing and hosting the event. Proceeds from the book fair go toward purchasing more books for our library!

Happy Halloween!

October Intramural Program Net Games

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5. Grades 1 and 2 12:00-12:20 Blue vrs Green 12:20-12:40	6.	7.	8. Grades 3 and 4 12:00-12:20 Blue vrs Green 12:20-12:40 Yellow vrs Red	9. Grade 5 and 6 12:00-12:20 Blue vrs Green 12:20-12:40 Yellow vrs Red
12. Thanksgiving—no school for students	13. Professional Development Day—no school for students	14.	15. Grades 3 and 4 12:00-12:20 Red vrs Green 12:20-12:40 Yellow vrs Blue	16. Grade 5 and 6 12:00-12:20 Red vrs Green 12:20-12:40 Yellow vrs Blue
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26.Grades 1 and 2 12:00-12:20 Blue vrs Green 12:20-12:40 Yellow vrs Red	27.Grades 3 and 4 12:00-12:20 Blue vrs Green 12:20-12:40 Yellow vrs Red	28.	29.Grade 5 and 6 12:00-12:20 Blue vrs Green 12:20-12:40 Yellow vrs Red	30. Halloween Celebration

Date	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
October 5-9	Raisin Bread with cream cheese	Watermelon and grapes	Egg Salad on whole wheat cracker and 1/4 orange
October 12-16	<u>No School</u>	Apples halves with cinnamon & a piece of cheese	Cucumbers & Carrots (with dip)
October 19- 23	Apples and yogurt dip	Tuna on Crackers with pickles	Fruit and graham cracker
October 26- 30	Cracker with meat and cheese	'Flower Power' (Cauliflower & Broccoli) With ranch dip	Bananas with Chocolate pudding



Tips for Safe Trick-or-Treating



It's the spookiest night of the year! Follow these tips and Halloween is sure to be a treat.

- Make sure your child can be seen in the dark. Costumes should be light coloured and flame resistant with reflective strips. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards and brooms, too!)
- Equip yourself and/or your children with a flashlight, to see better and to be better seen.
- Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping.
- Use face paint rather than masks or other objects that may cover the eyes.
- Explain to children that visits should be made along one side of the street first, then the other and that it's best to cross the street at intersections or crosswalks.
- Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks and low-flying brooms.
- Remind children not to eat their treats until they are examined by an adult at home. Candy should not be eaten if the package has already been opened.
- Children should stay in well-lit areas and should only visit homes that have their outside porch lights on. Trick-or-treaters should not go inside homes.

Costumes should be short enough so that trick or treaters don't trip.

Help Make your Neighbourhood Safe for Trick-or-Treaters

- Use extra care if you're driving on Halloween. Children are excited and may forget safety rules. Pay extra attention to the road and enter and exit driveways slowly.
- Make your home safe for trick-or-treaters. Remove all objects around the outside of your home that could easily cause children to trip and fall. Turn your outside light on.
- Small inexpensive flashlights can be used to light pumpkins safely.
- If you are using candles, keep them out of children's reach and away from curtains and other objects that could catch fire.

Do not allow small children to carve pumpkins. Instead, let your child draw a face on the pumpkin.

**Downloaded from the Canadian Red Cross website (<http://www.redcross.ca>)*

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

Community Worker Corner

The first month of the busy school year is over and everyone is now almost settled into their regular school routine. Welcome back everyone!

As some of you may know, Southview Community School invites a Community Worker from the City of Medicine Hat be part of this wonderful school environment. Let me introduce myself to you. I am Anabell Marroquin, Community Worker from the City of Medicine Hat, and am located here at Southview School for the 2009-2010 year.

As a Community Worker, I work with the teachers, students, families, and community members to build and sustain a vibrant, healthy, safe, and responsive community. I can provide referrals, support and guidance to individuals and/or families to the appropriate agencies and organizations that are available to provide assistance to members of our community. One of my functions is to be connected with and informed about all agencies and organizations in the community to assist you and community members with appropriate referrals.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out what resources and services are available, please connect with me by stopping at my office on the south side of the school in the ParentLink Centre offices, by phoning 403-529-6234, or by emailing me at anamar@medicnehat.ca.

I look forward to the new school year and having the opportunity to work with you and your families regarding resources and agencies in our community.

- Anabell Marroquin ~ Community Worker

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Bookfair ends	3
4	5 Intramurals begin	6 School Photos Breakfast Program	7 NOON DISMISSAL	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL!	13 Professional Development Day <small>-no school for students</small>	14 NOON DISMISSAL	15	16	17
18	19	20 Breakfast Program Anti-bullying Presentation 9:00am	21 Assembly @11:00 NOON DISMISSAL Staff Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27 Breakfast Program	28 NOON DISMISSAL	29 Pumpkin Carving 6:30-8:00	30 Halloween Festivities	31