



September 2023



SCHOOL NEWS

George Lee School



September 8, 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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④ Labour Day	⑤ Day 1 School starts @ 8:50am 	⑥ Day 2	⑦ Day 3	⑧ Day 4
⑪ Day 5 SCC meeting @ 6pm	⑫ Day 1	⑬ Day 2 Gr 2/3 is going to Treaty Four in Fort Qu'Appelle	⑭ Day 3 Gr 5A & 5/6A are going to Treaty Four in Fort Qu'Appelle Gr 7A is going to White Butte all day	⑮ Day 4
⑱ Day 5	⑲ Day 1 Headstart band clinic at WKC	⑳ Day 2 Cross Country meet @ 4:00 at Douglas Park	㉑ Day 3 Terry Fox walk today	㉒ Day 4 Gr 1A, 1/2, 2/3 & 3 are going to Candy Cane Park
⑳ Day 5 	㉑ Day 1	㉒ Day 2 Qualifiers race for cross country 4:00 @ Douglas Park	㉓ Day 3	㉔ Day 4 George Lee celebrates Orange Shirt Day The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

News From the Office

Welcome to the 2023/24 school year! Thank you to those families who were able to join us on our backpack drop off on August 30th. We are hoping this drop off made the first day of school easier on you and your children! It was so great to meet our new families and reconnect with our existing ones. Thank you to our wonderful SCC for offering pizza and to all of you for supporting that sale!

Our Grizzlee staff were very excited to have our classrooms, playground and hallways filled with your children this week! The buzz of excitement as your children returned to school is something that we all love to see, as it means that your children feel comfortable at school, which is a top priority for us! Our Grizzlies have been working hard on their classroom routines and procedures and are settling in nicely! We held assemblies for both our Junior and Senior students where we reviewed procedures for playground, hallways, cell phones and just being a good human! At George Lee School, we ask that our students:

- **Show Up!**
- **Work Hard!**
- **Choose Kind!**
- and bring their **Best. Effort. Always.**

Four of our classrooms are traveling to Fort Qu'Appelle next week to attend the Treaty 4 Gathering, and we are excited for the experience that will provide for them! The Annual Treaty 4 Gathering provides an avenue to build respectful relationships within the Treaty 4 territory and creates the opportunity for non-First Nations to learn about Treaty 4 and Treaty rights; as well as First Nations history and culture. We are grateful to once again have Elder Wanda Lewis working with our students and staff, while sharing her knowledge of Indigenous culture with all of us.

We invite our families to join us for our first SCC meeting of the year on Monday, September 11th at 6pm! Come and see what the SCC is about and how you can be involved in supporting our students at George Lee School. We are looking forward to connecting with you and we are so excited for what we know will be our best year yet!

We believe that consistent communication is the best way that we can ensure that this is a positive school year for everyone! We encourage you to connect with your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions, inquiries and/or concerns. Please get connected with Edsby, as it is an efficient and easy way to communicate with school staff and enter your child's absences. Additionally, we will be posting weekly updates about what's happening at George Lee to keep you in the loop! If you are not yet connected with Edsby, let your child's teacher know and we will send home a form for you.

Looking forward to a great school year,

Mrs. Gilroy (Principal)
Mrs. Derenisky (Vice-Principal)

"I think that if you care about someone and you got a little love in your heart, there ain't nothing you can't get through together." – Ted Lasso

Non-Student Days

Sept 5th - Labor Day
Oct 2nd - Day for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

Don't forget your water bottle

Just a reminder to our families that we now have water fill stations instead of our traditional water fountains.

Your child will need a water bottle at school everyday!



Meet Your School Staff

The staff of George Lee School for the 2023-2024 school year is as follows:

Mrs. Gilroy	Principal	Mrs. Zimbaluk	L.R.T.
Mrs. Derenisky	Vice-Principal & L.R.T.	Ms. Tholl	Arts Ed.
Mrs. Schapansky	Gr. 8A	Mrs. Ur Rehman	E.A.L.
Mr. Scherle	Gr. 7/8A	Mr. Gillett	Core French
Mr. Riddell	Gr. 7A	Ms. Walton	Teacher Librarian
Ms. Schinkelka	Gr. 6/7A	Ms. Bayer	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Barber	Gr. 5/6B	Ms. Broda	Educational Assistant
Ms. Brewer	Gr. 5/6A	Mrs. Dola	Educational Assistant SEP
Ms. McNutt	Gr. 5A	Mrs. Duchak	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Rieger	Gr. 4/5A	Mrs. Fox	Educational Assistant SLC
Ms. McLeod	Gr. 4A	Ms. Milum	Educational Assistant
Ms. Gelinias	Gr. 3A	Mr. Stein	Educational Assistant SLC
Ms. Kerster	Gr. 2/3A	Mrs. Sultanna	Educational Assistant SEP
Ms. Winterholt-intern	Gr. 2/3A	Ms. Stradeski	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Bodnar	Gr. 1/2A	Mr. Adelman	Band
Mrs. Green	Gr. 1A	Ms. Stoczylas	Band
Mr. Halladay-intern	Gr. 1A	Mr. David	Head Facility Operator
Mrs. Schwartz	Kdgn	Mr. Canlas	Facility Operator
Mrs. Bosche	S.E.P.	Mrs. Antrobus	Speech Pathologist
Ms. Wenger	S.L.C.	Ms. Renwick	School Counsellor
		Mrs. Hamilton	Administrative Assistant

School Cash Online

Unfortunately our School Cash is not up and running just yet. It should hopefully be working soon so please watch for emails. For safety and efficiency reasons, Regina Public Schools would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register! PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING CASH/CHEQUES IN THE CLASSROOMS. If you need to pay by cash/cheque parents are welcome to visit the office but please, **DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH YOUR CHILD(REN) AS IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** If you need help accessing your account please feel free to call the school and Mrs. Hamilton will help you get that set up. School Cash Online will accept Visa, Mastercard or you can pay directly from your chequing or savings account. Please know it does not accept Debit Visa. To get your account set up, or to pay, please visit: <https://rbe.schoolcashionline.com/>

Lunch Milk Program

George Lee School is selling 250 ml cartons of milk (white or chocolate) available to our students who stay for lunch. Many of the children who eat lunch at school are pleased to be able to purchase fresh milk for their noon meal. Purchases can be made through the use of a "Milk Card". The cost of the Milk Card is \$13.00 and provides the student with 10 cartons of milk. The Milk Cards may be purchased online at <https://rbe.schoolcashionline.com>. Please **print a receipt and have your child bring it to the office to receive your milk card, OR you can email it to the office.** We are pleased to be able to offer this program for our students so they may enjoy a nutritious serving of milk for lunch. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact the school at (306) 791-8510.



Please take the opportunity over the next few weeks to contact your child(ren)'s teachers. An early, positive contact can help your son or daughter throughout the school year.

LUNCHROOM FEES

This year lunchroom fees will be charged to all students who stay for lunch, regardless if they use the provided bus transportation. The lunchroom registration forms, and fees, will be sent to parents via our School Cash Online system. If you do not have access to School Cash instructions have been sent home on a lavender colored note. If you need help setting this up please feel free to call Mrs. Hamilton in the office. This year the cost of the lunchroom fee's are \$110 for grades 1 through 8 and \$55 for kindergarten students, to a maximum of \$220 for a family.

Playground Supervision

Playground supervision is provided 15 minutes prior to student entrance times (8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.) and at recess times. Supervision this year is being provided by a team of staff members for each of the primary, junior, and senior playgrounds.

We ask that parents not send or drop off students before supervision is available. If you have questions, please contact the school.



Peanut Alert!!

Please be advised that we have students and staff in our school who are SEVERELY ALLERGIC to peanuts and other nut products.

We are requesting your cooperation in our efforts to establish a safe environment for all of our students and staff. If your children stay for the lunch program, please do not send peanut butter sandwiches and other food items containing peanut extracts, including Nutella products or granola bars with nuts in. As well, please be extra careful when sending baked goods to the school, as sometimes they contain peanut extracts or peanut oils.

We realize that this may be an imposition; however, we want to ensure the safety of our George Lee family and know that you do also.



Thank you for your cooperation!

Helping Us Care For George Lee School

During the summer, the maintenance staff at George Lee School spent several weeks preparing the school for the return of students and staff in the fall. Upon our return to school, we were greeted by shining floors and sparkling classrooms. Thank you to Mr. David and Mr. Canlas for the dedicated effort which ensures that George Lee School remains a building of which we can be proud! Students are reminded to remove their outdoor shoes when they enter the school.

Extracurricular activities at George Lee are officially up and running! We will start September off with cross country and volleyball but there will be many activities, for all age groups. Students should listen to the daily announcements for information on when activities begin.

Extracurricular Activities

There isn't much time to practice for cross country as our track meet will be held on Wed, Sept 20th. The second race for our qualifiers will be held on Wed, Sept 27th as well. Both of our track meets will be held at Douglas Park right after school.