

W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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December 2024

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> SCC MTG. 5:30 p.m.	<u>4</u> 	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER K – GRADE 8 	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Last Day For Students To Bring Non- Perishable Food Hamper Donations 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Christmas Carnival afternoon Last Day of School
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<p>Christmas Break Dec. 21st – Jan. 5th Back to school Jan. 6th</p> 		

PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take a moment to reflect on the joy and warmth this time of year brings to our W.J.Berezowsky Public School community. December is a special month filled with opportunities to connect, celebrate, and appreciate the diversity that makes our school so unique.

In our hallways, classrooms, and playgrounds, we are fortunate to see the richness of many traditions. From the lights of Hanukkah to the kinara of Kwanzaa, from the nativity of Christmas to the reflections of Bodhi Day, and the joyous gatherings of families for New Year celebrations across different cultures, this season reminds us of the beauty in honoring one another's beliefs and practices. We also recognize and respect those who may not observe specific holidays, appreciating that we are all united by the values of kindness, understanding, and togetherness.

Our school has been buzzing with excitement as students engage in activities that highlight these meaningful traditions. From learning about the history and customs of different holidays to creating artwork and sharing stories, we are embracing this opportunity to foster respect and curiosity among our students.

As we approach winter break, I encourage you to take time to celebrate with your loved ones, create cherished memories, and enjoy the moments of stillness and gratitude this season invites. Whether your family lights candles, decorates a tree, exchanges gifts, or simply gathers for quality time, I wish you all a season filled with peace, joy, and warmth.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community. It is a privilege to partner with you in nurturing our students' growth, empathy, and understanding.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Warm regards,

Ms. L. Tretiak, Principal

Mr. M. Bergen, Vice - Principal

A Few Safety Reminders for our Parents and Guardians:

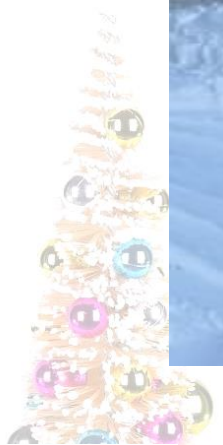
- As the weather continues to be chilly, please remember there is no supervision provided for students until 8:25am. This means students will be unable to enter the school until 8:25am. Please ensure an appropriate school arrival time for your child.
- It is a CityPA bylaw that U-Turns are not permitted in school zones (as it puts children who are crossing the road at risk). Please note that Bylaw Enforcement may ticket you if you choose to make a U-Turn in a school zone.
- Please do not use the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up your child. Please park or wait in your vehicle in front of the school.

Thank you for your help to keep our children as safe as possible 😊

Lozanne Tretiak
Principal

GREAT JOB!!

Great job Grades 7 & 8 PE class for shoveling snow around the community!!



PRINCE ALBERT SCIENCE CENTRE PRESENTS

ELF ENDORSED SCIENCE

SANTA lab

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
12-4 PM
ADMISSION \$10
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE

gateway mall

Includes QR codes, social media icons (Facebook, globe), and logos for SASK LOTTERIES, SASK POWER, and ALBERTA.



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

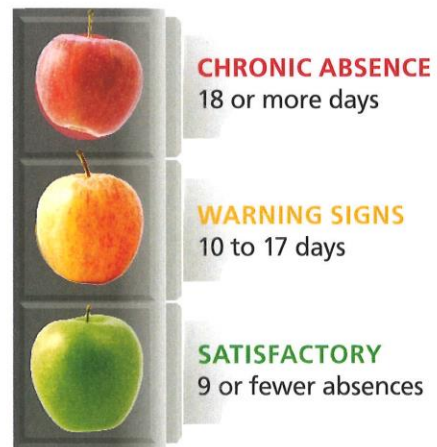
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org