



# Local Education Update

Presented by the  
**Board of Education of the  
Creighton School Division No. 117**

## Class of 2009 Graduates on June 23<sup>rd</sup> !

### Special Articles:

#### Priorities and Plans for 2009-10

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#### Grads and Parents Enhance the Tradition

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The excitement has been building for months at Creighton Community School as students, staff and parents prepare for Graduation 2009. Now that the event is only a few weeks away, just the final touches remain before the ceremony and celebration begins.

The graduation events begin with a banquet for graduates and guests at 5:00 PM in the Creighton Community Hall. Next, the graduation ceremony

begins at 7:30 in the **Creighton Community School gymnasium**. The whole community is welcome and encouraged to be part of the ceremony to honour the graduates.

Following the ceremonies, there will be a **Grad March starting at 9:30 PM**. The procession will travel a loop including Creighton Avenue, Main Street, Third Avenue and First Street East. It is an excellent opportunity for all the people in our

communities to line the streets, share in the excitement and celebrate with the graduates.

Parents and graduates are also busy planning the chemical-free after-grad celebration. The Community Hall will be the site of the Masquerade Ball and there are many events and activities planned for the evening (and into the wee hours of the morning!) as part of the celebrations.

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### June 2009 Edition

*The Education Update is published several times per year to highlight School Division initiatives and other Educational topics.*

## Track & Field Team Demonstrates Excellence

In May, after weeks of training for various Track & Field events, 49 student-athletes competed in two NESSAC (Conference) Championships in Melfort. Athletes who won gold or silver at conferences qualified to move on to the Provincial Championships. After all the hard work by athletes and coaches, the Kodiak team finished fourth (out of 17) in the conference team standings! As well, 12 students qualified for Provincials in 25 events; an increase from 8 athletes in 10 events in 2008.

On June 4-6 the 12 member

team travelled to the SHSAA Provincial Track & Field Championships. This is a huge event with the best 1500 Track and Field athletes from Saskatoon, Regina, and other cities and towns in Saskatchewan. Kodiak athletes showed that they could excel among these elite athletes. Many surpassed their personal bests and **Kodiak athletes finished with EIGHT top-ten finishes and more in top fifteen.**

One highlight of the weekend was the very first SHSAA Provincial

Champion from CCS. **Danny Suchoplas**, bronze medal winner in 2008, topped the entire field to **win Gold in the Junior Boys Shot Put!** Congratulations Danny!

This was a great year for our Track & Field program at CCS. It continues to improve thanks to the hard work of the student-athletes and the tireless volunteer efforts from coaches Ryan Trumbley, Janel Pearson, Al Ritch, and Jason Straile. Congratulations for such a successful year...we look forward to a bright future.

## What's Happening Next Year at CCS?

One of the things that makes May and June so busy at school is the push and pull of time. We are pushed to attend to many things to ensure that the current school year finishes well. At the same time we are pulled into planning the next year to ensure the next year proceeds effectively. To guide the admin, staff and SCC in their planning, **the board identified five goals for its 2009-2012 Continuous Improvement Plan.** In the past several weeks, the admin team has discussed plans and priorities for next year to ensure we are working toward achieving the board's goals. You will see that some plans are very integrated and could easily fit into more than one goal area – they are grouped in one area mostly for ease of presentation

### Literacy & Numeracy Achievement

- Maintain use of CAT4, EDI, Reading Assessment, Kindergarten Assessment and AFL measures
- Enhance the understanding and integration of AFL and other data in classrooms
- Support continued development of the PLC model for professional growth and improved student learning
- Share the EDI data with community agencies and organizations
- Provide support and training for staff to implement the Inquiry Learning approach in all classrooms
- Enable the curriculum renewal team of teachers to support other teachers in their implementation of the new curricula in most K-9 subjects
- Expand the implementation of new guidelines/expectations in the Pre-Kindergarten program

### Student Self-worth, Social Development & Citizenship

- Maintain & monitor the Virtues & pro-social program
- Maintain extensive counseling, for personal and social development
- Expand in-class instruction in pro-social program and virtues to include all pK-6 classrooms
- Support professional development to enhance the integration of citizenship and character education in gr. 6-9
- Enhance and embed strong communication practices among staff members and between staff and parents

### First Nations & Métis Relationships & Success

- Establish structures and processes to build strong partnerships with FN&M organizations
- Continue to build meaningful and active relationships among students, staff and parents
- Develop programs that meet the diverse needs of students in accessible locations and times
- Establish council of Elders and students to provide guidance and advice about programs
- Continue to enhance and develop the Cree Language & Culture program
- Integrate FN&M culture through instruction of fiddling in gr. 4-6
- Continue to implement the Treaty Education curriculum in gr. K-6 and promote FN&M perspectives and ways of knowing in all curricula

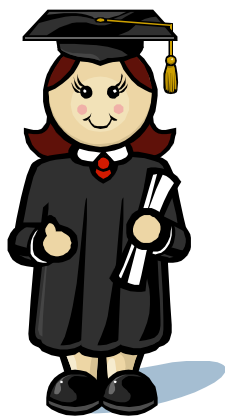
### Supporting School Community Council in Parent & Community Engagement

- Engage SCC in reviewing the school division goals, actively contributing to the school goals and setting their own goals for the 09-10 year.
- Provide training to understanding AFL results and the potential uses of achievement data
- Support the SCC in its efforts to communicate with the community and parents about achievements and challenges at CCS
- Engage the SCC in a review of the code of conduct
- Explore web-based methods to provide current mark and other information to parents in specified grades

### Career Development and Life-long Learning

- Encourage attention to the career development and Blueprint for Life/Work Design competencies in the new curricula
- Provide a staff member with time in her timetable to assist teachers' plans for student achievement in career development and life-long learning in gr. K-6
- Provide direct time for teachers to plan and integrate Information & Communication Technology (ICT) into the lessons and units

## Graduates Recognized Provincially & Nationally



*Graduation is a celebration of a student's achievements but it is also an opportunity to join as a community and recognize how each of us can enable our young people to succeed.*

It is hard to capture all that a student has accomplished in 13 years of schooling, but it is important to recognize student accomplishments whenever we can.

Scholarships and awards are one way of recognizing student success. As you know, our community is very supportive of student efforts to pursue college, trades and university education. Each year we have graduates who receive a number of awards.

This year we again have graduates who are receiving very prestigious local and provincial awards. In addition, **one CCS graduate will receive a scholarship that is only awarded to those among the top students in**

**the nation.** Come to the grad and meet her!

Please join the celebration to honour all CCS graduates at the ceremony at **7:30 pm on June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The following twenty-nine students are expected to graduate that day:

**Meagan Abele  
Randi-Lyn Anderson  
Ryan Anderson  
Casandra Baron  
Sharon Bear  
Juliane Boulet  
Meghan Bourgeois  
Tanner Buettner  
Alycia Cardell  
Taylor Davis  
Cory Dupre**

**Nikki Harkin  
Brittany Hynes  
Jade King  
Brooke Knutson  
Courtney Lycan  
Rebecca MacDonald  
Doug McLeod  
Shawn Merasty  
Kendra Moberly  
Vern Riehl  
Jenna Rudd  
Shanine Slugoski  
Jillian Storey  
Bailey Streitle  
Michael Sutherland  
Hailee Toffan  
Shannon Wallaker  
Derek Zagrodney**

CONGRATUALATIONS!!

## Parents & Grads Plan Masquerade After-Grad



Parents and graduates have been working hard on plans to turn the Creighton Community Hall into an elegant venue for the grad banquet and the chemical-free after-grad celebration.

It can be challenging to stand out for planning something different than what media and society seem to expect. On the other hand, CCS grads are known for "standing out" and so perhaps it is fitting for the class of 2009. The graduates and their families have carried on the CCS chem-free

tradition and contributed to the legacy with their own sense of style. Since it is a chemical-free celebration, the school board can provide financial support and staff is more free to provide support as well.

Parents, grads and staff are working very hard to make the event a reality, and the community has also been a wonderful source of support for the event. Individuals have been generous with their time and possessions. Businesses have been generous with donations

towards the graduation events and for prizes as part of the after-grad celebration.

Graduation is a significant part of a successful educational process. It becomes so much more meaningful when the entire community joins together to celebrate the achievements of some of its youth.

**Our graduates are a very special group of young people.** We are proud of their accomplishments and are glad to share the celebration of their graduation with the entire community.

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## The End of an Era?

You likely have heard that a significant influence in the past successes of Creighton Community School will be absent in the fall. This is because our principal **Mr. Row** retires at the end of June.

Mr. Row has been a steadying force as principal of CCS for over a decade and a vice principal and teacher for 20 years before that. All together, he has been an educator in Creighton for 33 years.

At a recent retirement supper held in his honour, there were tributes from many current and former staff members who described some of the many accomplishments Mr. Row has achieved in his time at CCS.

Many in the community will remember Mr. Row as a Phys. Ed teacher, Grade 5 teacher, vice principal or as principal. He has influenced so many children in so many ways and he has also played a

significant part in creating and supporting key programs at CCS.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend a school-wide assembly to celebrate Mr. Row's accomplishments and say farewell. Students will be making some presentations and it is sure to be an enjoyable event. It all starts at **9:15am on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> in the CCS gym.**

Please join us!

## Drama Workshops in CCS and in Winnipeg

Creighton Community School students continue to be actively involved in the performing arts. They entertained at many different performances and recently participated in workshops as well.

During the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>, pre-K to grade 6 students enjoyed drama workshops organized by **Mrs. Fox** and other staff CCS staff and conducted by Erin Hammond and Andrea Rhynard. These two professionals have conducted successful summer drama camps in Flin Flon and around the province.

At CCS, they provided students with excellent opportunities to learn and

experiment with movement, voice and other acting techniques all in a safe and caring environment. The reviews from students and staff were excellent.

Later, **Mrs. Drapak and Mrs. Buettner** took 19 Drama Club students to Winnipeg. Students watched and participated in a professional dinner theatre and participated in variety of drama-related workshops. They spent several hours learning improvisational skills and the remainder of the time in a film-making workshop where they learned media production skills and used those skills to produce their own DVD. Drama is alive and well in CCS!

## Why Read This Newsletter?

Most people in the area know that **Creighton Community School has a strong reputation for caring and excellence.** The students, parents, staff and administration make it an outstanding school.

The School Board is the group of

individuals elected to make decisions about education in the Creighton School Division No. 111. We are a small, friendly, public School Division whose boundaries enclose 1600 km<sup>2</sup>.

We operate one school and we wanted to reach all members of

the community to ensure they know about some of the great things happening in Creighton Community School and about some of the things that the Board is working on to ensure we have the best education system possible in our community.

