



# Pangman School

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Open House & Book  
Fair October 27

**Breakfast Club  
begins  
October 6th**



### Principal's Message

In so many ways, the first week of the new school year is the most exciting for all stakeholders. Such was the case at Pangman School. Welcome back students and staff as we kick off the year with "Welcome Week"!

Community Breakfast, Opening Day Assembly, Games & Giggles, Mentor Pizza Lunch, Panther Pride and Swim Day highlighted our calendar as the students worked their way back to school routines and academic rigor.

This month our behavior goals are "Helping Others" and "Including Others" as we diligently work to creating a positive school climate for all. In short, Happy and Healthy is our theme for the year and all reports are that we are off to a great start. Our staff is committed to providing all of our students a real sense of belonging and providing a solid foundation to a successful academic experience. It is my hope that our students and stakeholders are excited as I am about all the great experiences that are in store for all of us in the months to come.

I ask all Pangman School stakeholders to be active participants in the education process. We encourage all parents and community members to visit and contact the school with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. I look forward to seeing you on October 27th for the Open House, Book Fair and SCC Annual Meeting.

-Laury Ryan

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### Dates to Remember

- Oct. 3-Panther Pride Day
- Oct. 9-Thanksgiving Dress Up Day
- Oct. 10-Picture Day
- Oct. 13-No School
- Oct. 14-Magazine Fundraiser begins
- Oct. 17-Leadership Presentation
- Oct. 22-Twin Day
- Oct. 27-Open House
  - Book Fair
  - SCC Annual Meeting
- Oct. 31- Halloween Dress Up (pm)
- November 7- We Day for Grades 6-8

***See calendar for more events.***

*"Success and achievement for every student."*

## Fun at the Pool!

On September 5th, students had one last chance to enjoy the local swimming pool before it closed for the season.



Pangman School received \$276.98 from the Heart and Stroke Foundation! We receive a percentage of what we raise from the annual Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart Fundraiser.



## Cougar Trot



Congratulations to Jimmy, Ava, Riana, Caleb White, Maddox, Emma, Skylar and Hailey H. for successfully completing the 2kms cross country run at the University of Regina Annual Cougar Trot on Saturday, September 13. The Cross Country team will travel to the Weyburn Golf Course for Districts on Wednesday, October 1. The team will include all the runners who ran at the Cougar Trot. Go Panthers!

## Students of the Month for September



for her incredible gains in her reading fluency and word recognition skills.



for his dedication to his school work and patience with his classmates.



For coming to school every day with dedication and focus. She has strong work ethic and a positive attitude toward her academics and extra-curricular activities. Thank you, Anna, for setting a great example for others in the class.



for helping others around the school and in the classroom.



for regularly being on time and successfully balancing work and school.



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## Welcome to Pangman School!

### Pangman School Welcomes:



to Kindergarten



to Grade 3



to Grade 3



to Grade 6



to Grade 12

### Terry Fox Run

Our school has raised an impressive **\$1792** through donations and an ice cream treat sale! We had a fantastic 98% participation rate from students this year! Congratulations to Johny and Marshall for being the first to complete the course. Thank you to all community members who contributed!



### Computer Giveaway

Forms have been sent home with students. Please return them by October 6th.

### Rookie/Junior Volleyball

We had a great turnout for Rookie/Junior Volleyball this year. Our team is comprised of students from Grades 6, 7, 8, and 9. Mrs. Den Boer has returned to coach the team while Mrs. Walters is managing. Our practices are on Tuesdays from 5:30 – 7:30 and Fridays from 3:15 – 5:15. We have not had any games so far but our first Tournament is in Midale on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information on that soon. A rough schedule was sent home with the students last week. We will hopefully have more games to add to the schedule soon. The team looks great and are all practicing hard. I'm sure we will have a successful season.



Kindergarten to Grade Two students are learning all about patterns in Math. Here we see two students creating their own interesting patterns.



### The SCC Wants You!



Please join us on Monday, October 27th at 8:00pm for the SCC Annual Meeting in the school gym. New members are needed. Please contact Mr. Ryan if you are interested.

## Grades 3-5 Explore Plants in Science Class

The Grades 3-5 have been studying plants in their Science classes. They did an experiment to understand how water travels through plants by using celery and food colouring.



They have also been learning about seed germination, using bean seeds that were soaked in water.



## Books, Books, Books!



The Grade 6/7/8 class has a challenge ahead of them. They are being asked to read at least 20 books this school year. That may not seem like very many for some of our students, but that's not the challenging part. They also need to read from 15 different genres of literature; genres like historical fiction, mythology, and poetry anthology. Mrs. Walters' hope is to broaden the students' interests while helping them discover something they didn't know they would enjoy. At the end of each month, students conduct a book talk for one of the books they've read. Good luck everyone!



## OPEN HOUSE

A very exciting part of the school year is when students get to invite their families in to see their school and classroom, meet their teachers and show off some of their hard work. Please join us on Monday, October 27th from 4:00-7:30 for this fun annual event. Also check out the Book Fair and stay for the SCC Annual Meeting.

Thank you to the community and South East Cornerstone Public School Division for the support to help us get this much-needed new sidewalk!



Our Book Fair will be running during the Open House on Monday, October 27th from 4:00-7:30pm. It will also be open part of the day on October 28th. More information coming soon!



[www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs](http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs)

New to our library this year is a "Staff Picks" section. This gives students a chance to see what the adults in their school are interested in, with the hope that they will find a new treasure.





# New Report Card Scale

Last Year's Report Card Cover			
Grade 1 Progress Report			
Achievement Scale			
Meeting	Approaching	Beginning	Experiencing Difficulty
Consistently and independently demonstrates the knowledge, understanding, and skills as identified in the outcome	Frequently demonstrates most of the knowledge, understanding, and/or skills as identified in the outcome, with or without limited assistance	Occasionally demonstrates some of the knowledge, understanding, and/or skills as identified in the outcome, with or without assistance	Consistently has not demonstrated knowledge, understanding, and/or skills as identified in the outcome, even with assistance

  

New Report Card Cover			
Grade 1 Progress Report			
Achievement Scale			
Mastered	Attained	Beginning	Experiencing Difficulty
Has demonstrated <b>all</b> of the knowledge, understanding, and skills as instructed, and identified in the outcome at this point in the school year.	Has demonstrated <b>most</b> of the knowledge, understanding, and skills as instructed, and identified in the outcome, with or without limited assistance at this point in the school year.	Has demonstrated <b>some</b> of the knowledge, understanding, and skills as instructed, and identified in the outcome, with or without assistance at this point in the school year.	Consistently has not demonstrated knowledge, understanding, and/or skills as identified in the outcome, even with assistance. Working below grade level.

## What changes will I see in the Report card Scale?

The new word “Mastered” has replaced “Meeting” in the scale. “Mastered” ties student achievement to the descriptors in the curriculum outcome.

The other notable change is that “Approaching” has become “Attained”. This will more accurately reflect student levels of achievement.

The new scale will break down this way:

- **M – Mastered:** The student has demonstrated all of the knowledge, understanding, and skills as instructed, and identified in the outcome at this point in the school year.
- **A – Attained:** The student has demonstrated most of the knowledge, understanding, and skills as instructed, and identified in the outcome with or without limited assistance at this point in the school year.
- **B – Beginning:** The student has demonstrated some of the knowledge, understanding, and skills as instructed, and identified in the outcome with or without limited assistance at this point in the school year.
- **E – Experiencing Difficulty:** The student consistently has not demonstrated knowledge, understanding, and/or skills as instructed, and identified in the outcome even with assistance. Working below grade level.

## Reasons for a Report Card?

A report card is a communication tool of a summary of student progress and achievement to parents and guardians. The report card connects educational programming with the provincial curricular outcomes.

## Why change the report card scale?

Changes in the Report Card scale were made based on feedback from parents, teachers, and stakeholders. The change reinforces the philosophy that the reporting reflects a moment in time snapshot of student achievement.

## What grades will be affected by the change?

Grades 1 – 9 will see a change in the reporting scale on the report card.

## When will the report cards come home?

Report cards will come home 3 times per year – November, February, and June.

## If I have more questions, who should I contact?

The first person to contact about any questions about this change would be your student's teacher. If he or she is unable to answer all your questions, please contact your school principal.

### Reducing Anxiety in Your Pre K and Kindergarten Children

**Anxiety** (we teach children to say: ang-zye-uh-tee) is a big word that means feeling scared and nervous. The feeling comes from a worry, an upsetting situation, or a thought that is hard to let go. Sometimes it occurs for no real reason.

Many children become anxious as they begin their school year. This anxiety can be expressed in many forms. Anxious children may shed tears, express anger toward others, become introverted or have toileting accidents.

Parents or caregivers can help to relieve these anxious feelings in young children. Here are a few tips to help along the way.

Be positive and reassure your child that school is a good place.

Don't linger to say good-bye. Give your child a hug or a kiss and walk out the door.

Reassure your child that you will be back to pick him/her up. Talk to your child about the after school routine. Make sure your child knows who will be there for pick up and ensure that person is on time.

Be sure your child knows what to expect. Go through the handbook provided to you at orientation and talk to your child about the expectations.

Children need to be well rested in order to feel refreshed, alert and ready to face daily challenges. 3-5 year olds typically need 11-13 hours of sleep each night.

Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day. If you run out of time to eat at home, take it along. Teachers are usually very accommodating.

Provide nutritious snacks: fresh fruit, crackers and cheese, pickles, almonds, vegetables and dip. Avoid prepackaged foods that contain additives and lots of sugar.

Throughout the year consult the calendar to ensure your child comes to school with special items for special days. Prepare your child by talking about the upcoming events.

Talk to your child each night about the events of the day. Young children love to share and this is a great language building activity.



## What is KidSport™?

KidSport™ is a **Children's (youth up to age 18) Charity** dedicated to assisting children of families facing financial obstacles to participate in community sport programs. The KidSport™ goal is to provide these children with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of teamwork, dedication and responsibility through participation in sport.

### The mission of KidSport™ Saskatchewan is:

"That no kid should be left on the sidelines and all should be given the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of organized sports. KidSport™ provides support to children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport".

In Saskatchewan, volunteer local KidSport™ committees administer the program, develop fundraising initiatives, and adjudicate all funding requests. All money raised in a community stays in that community.

- ✚ Each child/student if they qualify for KidSport funding can receive up to \$750.00 per calendar year.

If additional funds are needed for registration, parents/guardians can access **Canadian Tire's Jump Start** program to pay for the balance of registration, equipment and transportation up to an additional \$300.00. To be eligible for Canadian Tire Jump Start, children must be between 4 to 18 years of age.



### Creative Kids

"Creative Kids" is a program that helps reduce financial barriers for Saskatchewan kids age 19 and younger who want to participate in **artistic or cultural activities**. Applicants are eligible for up to \$750.00 per calendar year. For more information, visit the "Creative Kids" website or call 306-780-9469. Contact your school office for an information and application brochure. This is an exciting note for Weyburn and area children who are in dance classes and have financial barriers!

- ✚ **KidSport Application Forms** are available at your school, church, Social Services, The Family Place, and The Weyburn Youth Center or online at: <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/chapters/sk/documents/applications/weyburn.pdf>
- ✚ **Canadian Tire's Jump Start Applications Forms** are available at Canadian Tire, The Salvation Army, The Family Place, Social Services and Big Brother Big Sister Organization
- ✚ **Creative Kids Application Forms** are available at [www.creativekidssask.ca](http://www.creativekidssask.ca)

In order to access KidSport, Canadian Tire's Jump Start or Creative Kids an application form will need to be filled out by the parent/guardian and endorsed by one of the following:

- school teacher, principal, community school worker;
- a professional in health / social work /family services;
- a family lawyer;
- a law enforcement officer or
- a member of the clergy
- as well as, an elder or a member of the town council (for Creative Kids only)

Upon approval of the KidSport™ and/or Canadian Tire's JUMP START Application Form, funds are sent directly to the sport organization on behalf of the family who applied for financial assistance. KidSport and Canadian Tire Jump Start Committees make sure that each application is confidential.

**Thank you from the Weyburn and Area KidSport Committee, Canadian Tire Jump Start Program and Creative Kids Saskatchewan**



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## October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 3 K	2 Day 4	3 Day 5 K	4
			Cross Country Districts-Weyburn	Assembly 2:30	Panther Pride Day 	Jr/Rookie Tournament Midale
5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1 K	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 K	Sr Tournament-Gladmar	
Breakfast Club Starts October 6  	<b>Computer Request Forms Due</b> Happy Birthday Madison & Troy! 		Mentor Math 	<b>Thanksgiving Dress Up Day</b> SRC Fall Games at Noon	School Picture Day  SRC Fall Games at Noon 	
12	13	14 Day 5 K	15 Day 6	16 Day 1 K	17 Day 2	18
	<b>No School</b>	Magazine Fundraiser Kick-Off 	Mentor Reading 	Gr. 1-2 Care Home Visit  <b>October 17</b>	Gr 6-12 Leadership Presentation in Yellow Grass 	Sr. Tournament Ogema
19	20 Day 3 K	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 K	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 K	25
			Mentor Math Twin Day <b>Happy Birthday Maddox!</b> Jr/Rookie Game in Ogema 5pm 	Happy Birthday Johny & Rebecca!	<b>Book Fair Preview</b> K-2 Library visit 	Dilly Bars for sale at noon \$1 Oct. 24 
26	27 Day 2	28 Day 3 K	29 Day 4	30 Day 5 K	31 Day 6	
	Open House <b>Book Fair</b> SCC Annual Meeting 8pm 	 	Mentor Reading Happy Birthday Marshall! Jr/Rookie Game Pangman 5pm		<b>Costume Parade</b> 2:20  Happy Birthday Colton! 	Sr Tournament-Midale



Jr/Rookie Practice (Tuesdays 5:30, Fridays 3:15)



Sr. Practice (Mondays in Ogema 4:30-6:30, Wednesdays in Pangman 4:00-6:00)