



ICSD Newsletter



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Happy Holidays,

I hope everyone enjoyed our beautiful fall. We have had an exciting time in the Ile-a-la-crosse School Division. We were delighted to partner with the Friendship Centre to open the Sakitawak Early Years Family Resource Center to serve the young families in our community. We partnered with Gabriel Dumont Institute to provide training in construction and have a beautiful new teacherage. Gardiner Plumbing Ltd. is finishing up our two duplexes and our maintenance garage. It is nice to see things moving forward.

Our board members continue to lead our division to enhance student pride and connection to cultural identity through education, in a safe, inclusive, and welcoming learning environment ensuring that each student reaches their full potential. We are very proud as a school board to win the Premier's Award from the SSBA.

This was a historical submission for the first Indigenous controlled Board of Education in Saskatchewan. Ile-a-la-Crosse Northern School Administration Area No. 1 was formed by Minister's order May 6, 1974. We are in awe of the progressive thinking community members at that time. Thank you to the Temporary Education Committee 1973-1974: Vital Morin (chair), Allan Morin, Jonas Favel, Irene Desjarlais, Marie-Rose Morin, Tony Durocher, Leo Belanger, Isadore Laliberte and our first Board of Education 1975-76: Vital Morin (chair), Andrew Bouvier, Mary Daigneault, James Favel, Joseph Favel, Frank Kenny, William McLean, and Napoleon Johnson (Elder). We will be celebrating the 50 years of our school division in 2024.

As always, we want to thank the schools and the families for partnering to make our schools productive, positive places. I want to emphasize how important consistent attendance and positive parent-teacher-student relationships are. Together we want each kid to grow and learn to be the best they can be. The schools and the division are guided by an annual improvement plan and as a team we are working together on the Provincial Education Plan. These provincial priorities are Mental Health and Well-Being, Supporting Student Learning and Assessment, Student Transitions, and Inspiring Success (Indigenous Education Priority).

I encourage everyone to take time for their mental health this holiday season. Quiet time with family, enjoying the outdoors and counting blessings are in order. I am very thankful for our staff and their dedication to making our students learning experience the best it can be. I hope 2024 brings us all peace and prosperity.

Sharon Hoffman

Director of Education



Ile-a-la Crosse School Division
Construction projects:

- One House
- Maintenance Garage
- Two Duplexes



RHS Message

Seasons Greetings to all.

The first 4 months seen the good times returning. Both staff and students have taken life in stride, accepted the rain along with sunshine, seized the day, ventured forward and made the choice to continue their learning journey. Staff have been involved in professional learning and development to support student progress and achievement. We welcomed new staff and students into the building and we continue to make the high school a safe and welcoming environment for our students and their families. As the Christmas break approaches, it is a well earned and deserved one for all. At this time, I want to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & prosperous New Year. Enjoy the time with your families, stay well and stay safe.

Elaine Favel
Principal





Community Christmas Feast

Friday, December 22, 2023

12:00pm

Rossignol High School Gymnasium

Proudly brought to you by Rossignol Elementary Staff, Rossignol High School Staff & Ile a la Crosse School Division 112 staff and board of trustees.



Rossignol High School Fun Night & Christmas Concert Wednesday December 20, 2023 6:00pm—8:00pm

RES Message

I can't believe we are already in December. The first three months of school seemed to have flown right by. Our staff continue to work to give our children the best. In addition to academic outcomes, staff are preparing students for our annual Christmas concert and doing special Christmas themed literacy, numeracy and visual art activities.

We had 50% of our families come in for student-led conferences, with many of our families calling in to reschedule due to illness. If you have not met with your child's teacher, it is not too late. Please call the school to make arrangements for a visit. Families are always welcome in our building.

Our families are very important to us. We are a team in education. One very important way that you can help your child at home is to do their nightly reading with your child/children. Reading to young children is an important way to help them build language skills. It exposes them to new words and ways of using language. It also helps them learn information about their environment, which makes it easier for them to learn about new subjects once they get to school. Even a few minutes of reading together gives you and your child a chance to slow down and connect with each other. And the sensory experience of sitting with you and hearing your voice also engages their brain in a way that makes learning easier.

I would like to thank all of our fall sport coaches for their commitment to cross-country running, volleyball and intramurals; Chellsea Belanger, Suzanne Ratt, Emjay Morin-Dubrue, Toya Desjarlais, Katie Roy, Hannah Belanger, Evan Davies, Michelle Favel, Petrina Favel, Jessica Morrison, Keegan Buffin, Belinda McCallum and Erin Laliberte.

I wish all our families a safe and joyous Christmas holiday season. We will see everyone back at school on Monday, January 8, 2023.





**Rossignol Elementary Christmas
Concert
Monday December 18, 2023 at
6:00pm**



RES SCC Update

We welcome Lenny Belanger, Colleen Laliberte, Danielle Corrigan and Chelsea Belanger as our newest members of the school community council. We had our first meeting on November 23, 2023. The SCC discussed reading levels and family literacy as well as student mental health. We are looking at hosting a paint night for families in January.

SAKITAWAK EARLY YEARS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE



All Programs are FREE!! We have different programming going on daily/weekly/monthly. Check out our FB page for weekly schedules and special events.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Early Years Family Resource Centre (EYFRC) provides free high-quality early learning space and programming to families and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 in Ile a la Crosse, Saskatchewan. The EYFRC welcomes everyone to use our space as a place to play, interact, and learn together, meet other families, participate in programming for children and adults, and to meet with community, healthcare, and educational professionals.

LOCATION

We are located upstairs
in the AHS Preschool
Building.
The front door is our
main entrance, signs are
posted.

CONTACT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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BRITTANY, PROGRAM FACILITATOR
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December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30 & 1:30-3:30	2
3	4 Closed for Cleaning Family Fun 5-7 @ RES	5 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30 & 1:30-3:30	6 Stay & Play 1:30-3:30 Cym Night @ RES 6-7pm	7 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30 & 1:30-3:30 Gingerbread man craft	8 Closed	9
10	11 Stay & Play 1:30-3:30 Kids Bingo @ Public Library 6-7pm	12 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30 & 1:30-3:30	13 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30 Closed PM to prepare for Santa Day @ SEC	14 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30 & 1:30-3:30 Xmas Sweater craft	15 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30	16
17 Sliding Party 1-3pm @ RES school hill	18 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30 & 1:30-3:30	19 Santa's workshop @ SEC 5-7pm	20 Stay & Play 9:30-11:30	21 Stay & Play 1:30-3:30 & 5:30-7:30 Gingerbread house activity.	22 Christmas Break Closed	23
24	25 Christmas Day Closed	26 Boxing Day Closed	27 Closed	28 Stay & Play 1-3	29 Closed	30 Stay & Play 1-3
31 New Years Eve Closed						



Book Sharing

There are many ways to share books with young children – reading is only one of them! Sharing books looks different for each child, but it can begin as soon as they are born (and even before). Sharing books is a way to create positive memories for children. This helps them make positive connections to books and learning.



7 Tips and Ideas

- **Find a comfortable space.**
Sit close together. Turn off distractions (like the TV, computer, or phone).
- **Make it part of your day.**
Try to share a book every day, even for 15 minutes. It could be part of your bedtime routine or other quiet time.
- **Get children involved.**
Children can hold or touch the book. Let them choose the book. Ask questions, and help them ask, too. "What do you think happens next?"
- **Learn from pictures and shapes.**
Point out letters, numbers, and pictures. Use the pictures to tell your own story, or ask them to use the pictures to tell you a story.
- **Use all your senses.**
Change your voice for different characters, look at pictures, imagine sounds and smells, feel the pages.
- **Connect the book to your child's world.**
Find examples of things your child already knows. "This cat is like the cat next door!" or "Remember when we saw a bear, too?"
- **Share a story in your home language.**
Share the story (or make up your own!) in the language(s) you use every day. You can use a book in any language.



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Book Sharing



It's okay...

... if your child doesn't want to finish the book.

Practice opening and closing the book. Stop, and start the story again another time. You don't need to read it all every time.

... to do something else if children are fussy or restless.

Come back to the book later, so sharing the book is a positive time for both of you.

... if a child picks the same favourite book that you read many, many times. It's an important part of memory and learning, too!

Did you know?

- Sharing books builds an emotional bond between children, their families, and books. These bonds help strengthen children's learning and prepares them for school and life.
- Book sharing is great way to help children build their language and memory skills, and learn letters and shapes.
- Sharing books helps children know that words and books have meaning, and builds language and communication skills.
- Any positive way you share a book together is good! Make up your own story, look at pictures, read the book, imagine a different ending.



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MEDIA RELEASE

NOV. 14, 2023



ILE-A-LA CROSSE SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVES PREMIER'S AWARD

REGINA – The Ile-a-la Crosse School Division Board of Education has received the 2023 Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education for its "Historic Submission for the First Indigenous controlled Board of Education in Saskatchewan: Ile-a-la Crosse Northern School Administration Area No. 1 formed by Minister's order May 6, 1974".

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) co-ordinates the Premier's Award each year. The award was presented on behalf of Premier Scott Moe during the SSBA's Annual General Assembly on Monday.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to recognize Ile-a-la Crosse School Division Board of Education as this year's award winner," Minister of Education Jeremy Cockrill said on behalf of Premier Scott Moe. "The formation of the board in 1974 was a profound moment in Saskatchewan's history and one that has had lasting positive impacts on northern students, families, and communities."

In its application for the award, Ile-a-la Crosse said of its submission: "Ile-a-la Crosse Northern School Administration Area No. 1 was formed by Minister's order May 6, 1974. The school board made decisions about the construction of the new school, which was designed by Metis architect Douglas Cardinal. They hired 21 new teachers that first year with only 1 teacher remaining from the previous year. No longer was it forbidden to speak Cree at school and resources with racist ideas were weeded out. By January 1, 1975, all assets of the school division were controlled by the new board. This was the first-time Indigenous people were making decisions about who would teach their child and administer the school, the responsiveness of school, the school's awareness of colonization and oppression and most people were enthusiastic. Ile-a-la Crosse Temporary Education Committee and the subsequent elected Board of Education were the first Indigenous controlled boards of education in Saskatchewan."

"We are proud of the history of our division," said Board Chair Duane Favel. "Those leaders of our temporary education committee and our first board had the right ideas. Honouring our culture and language, having teachers involved in our community and empowering our parents to be involved in education are still goals we hold onto. It is because of their vision and our 50 years of being an Indigenous-run school board that we have had our successes."

Xerox Canada has sponsored this award since its development in 1999 and increased the prize amount to \$5,000 this year. The award recipient is recommended by a panel of education sector partners. Xerox is pleased to continue the long-standing partnership with the SSBA through the sponsorship of the Premier's Award.

"For more than 100 years, Xerox has continually redefined the workplace experience" said John Brightwell, Vice-President Channel Sales. "Today, Xerox is continuing its legacy of innovation to deliver client-centric and digitally-driven technology solutions to schools all over North America. It is a great honour to be once again associated with the prestigious Premier's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education. Congratulations to the Ile-a-la Crosse School Board on behalf of Xerox Canada."

To view a video about the award recipients, please visit: <https://youtu.be/bSw1dh3ivQ>.

At its assembly, the SSBA also recognized:

- Award of Distinction – Lois Smandych (Good Spirit School Division)
- Life Membership – Janet Kotylak (Prairie Valley School Division)
- Honorary Life Membership – Kelly Berlinic (in recognition of her work supporting school nutrition)
- Degree Program Scholarship sponsored by Aon – AbdurRahman Khawaja (Regina Public)
- Technical/Trades Program Scholarship sponsored by Manulife – Mackenzie Miller (South East Cornerstone)

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Family Fun Nights

Family Fun Nights are for our families with children who are 5 years old and under. It is a partnership between Rossignol Elementary School and the Ile a la Crosse Friendship Centre. We have family activities and crafts planned for one night a month. We invite our partners from the Saskatchewan Health Authority to join us in making meaningful connections with our families. We also share a lovely meal together. This is one way that we stay connected as a community and help each other grow.



Here are the scheduled dates for Family Fun Nights 2023-2024

September 18th, 2023
October 16, 2023
November 14, 2023
December 4, 2023
January 15, 2024
February 12, 2024
March 11, 2024
April 15, 2024
May 13, 2024
June 10, 2024



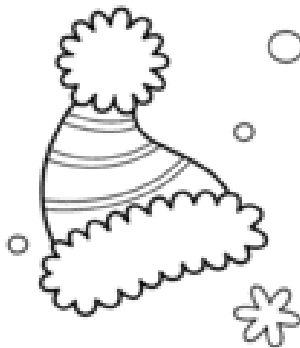
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Grade 5 Girl Power



On November 27th, 2023, the grade 5 girls had their first check in with Ms. Ratt and Mrs. M-D. The girls are part of a girl empowerment group that was established by Ms. Ratt and Mrs. Favel last year . We were able to continue this school year with the support Of LOP grants and the Elementary school.

During the check in the girls made a fancy meat and cheese spread for lunch and discussed the effects of gossip. Each girl had the opportunity to voice their own experience with gossip. They all had a great discussion and came to a group understanding on the effects we all have on ourselves and each other. The girls voiced that they are enjoying the group and hope it continues for years to come.

Mrs. M-D & Ms. Ratt



**CROSS COUNTRY CANADA
INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

By signing this document you will assume certain risks. Please read carefully.

1. This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the sport of cross-country skiing and the programs, activities and events of **Cross Country Canada and Canadian Snowsports Association** (hereinafter called **CCC/CSA**), **Cross Country BC** hereinafter called the **Division**, which include without limitation cross-country skiing competitions, camps, clinics, and related activities such as roller-skiing, road cycling, running and hiking (hereinafter called the **Activities**), the Participant and/or the Parent/Guardian of the Participant (hereinafter called the **Parties**), acknowledge and agree to the following terms:

Description of Risks

2. The Participant is participating voluntarily in the **Activities**. In consideration of the Participant's participation in the **Activities** sanctioned by one or more of **CCC/CSA**, the **Division** and the **Club**, the **Parties** hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the **Activities**, and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:
 - a) training whether indoor or outdoor including strength training, running, hiking, and cycling;
 - b) overusing, exerting and stretching various muscle groups and strenuous cardiovascular workouts;
 - c) vigorous physical exertion, rapid movements and quick turns and stops;
 - d) falling to the ground due to slips, trips or uneven, slippery or irregular terrain or surfaces;
 - e) contact, colliding or being struck by skis, ski poles, equipment, trees, other individuals or other fixed objects;
 - f) failing to participate within one's abilities, skill and within designated areas;
 - g) becoming lost or separated from the group or the group becoming split up;
 - h) failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
 - i) extreme weather conditions which may result in frostbite, hypothermia, snowstorms, sunstroke or lightning strikes;
 - j) encounters with animals or plants including allergic reactions;
 - k) travel to and from training, competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of **Activities**; and
 - l) other risks normally associated with participation in the **Activities**.
3. **Furthermore, the Parties are aware:**
 - a) that injuries sustained may be severe, paralyzing or fatal;
 - b) that the Participant may experience anxiety or embarrassment while challenging themselves during the activities, events and programs of **CCC/CSA**, the **Division** and the **Club**;
 - c) that the risk of injury is reduced if the Participant follows all rules established for participation; and
 - d) that the risk of injury increases as the Participant becomes fatigued.

Disclaimer

4. In consideration of **CCC/CSA**, the **Division** and the **Club** accepting the Participant's application for membership in the **Club** or allowing the Participant to participate, the **Parties** agree that **CCC/CSA**, the **Division** and the **Club** and its respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by the Participant during, or as a result of, any of the **Activities** sanctioned by one or more of **CCC/CSA**, the **Division** and the **Club**, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the **Activities**.

Acknowledgement

5. The **Parties** confirm that:
 - a) the Participant's physical condition is sufficient to allow participation in the sport of cross-country skiing and the activities, events and programs of **CCC/CSA**, the **Division** and the **Club**;
 - b) they have been provided sufficient information about **Activities** and the associated risks and hazards so that they are aware of the effect of this agreement;
 - c) the Participant agrees to abide by the Rules and Regulations imposed by **CCC/CSA**, the **Division** and the **Club**, in association with the **Activities**, and to follow the instructions of the officials during the **Activities**; and
 - d) they have read this agreement understand it, have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon the **Parties**, their heirs, executors, administrators and representatives.

6. In addition, the **Parties**:
- a) authorize **CCC/CSA, the Division** and the **Club** to collect and use personal information about the **Parties** which relates in any way to the **Activities**, including without limitation the publication of photographs in newsletters and promotional materials, and the posting of photographs, videos, articles, rosters, statistics, images and results on the **CCC/CSA, the Division** and the **Club** websites;
 - b) grant permission to **CCC/CSA, the Division** and the **Club** to photograph and/or record the **Parties** image and/or voice, and to use this material to promote **CCC/CSA, the Division** and the **Club** through any form of and agree that the audio/visual material and copyright will remain the sole property of **CCC/CSA, the Division** and the **Club** and waive any claim to remuneration for use of audio/visual materials used for these purposes; and
 - c) understand that they may withdraw such consent at any time by contacting Cross Country Canada at 403-678-6791. Cross Country Canada will advise the implications of such withdrawal.

We do not sell or distribute your personal information to any other third party not listed herein.

1. the Participant and/or Parent/Guardian, have read and agree to be bound by this agreement.

Name: _____
Date: _____
Signature: _____

NOTE: if the Member/Participant is under 19 years of age, parent or legal guardian MUST sign below.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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**\$20 fee can be sent to:
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