

Principal's Parent Council Report February 5 2019

Yorkdale Central Enrollment Numbers

	Pre K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		TOTAL
Feb		41	47	35	46	49	54	54	49	51		426

YCS 2018-19 Learning Improvement Plan

The following represents a brief update on our ongoing efforts around our LIP priorities.

<<< **February 10-16 2019** >>> **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

<<< **February 27, 2019** >>> **Central Cluster SCC Direction Setting & Budget Input- YCS 7-8**

Priority Area	Associating Activities & Notes
Literacy	<p>LIP MID YEAR SUMMARY</p> <p>School Readiness- All Green but 5 Yellow & 1 Red- At 85%, projecting to hit GSSD goal of 100%</p> <p>Reading: As of Jan 2019 YCS at Grade Level of Better included: 70% at Grade 1, 75% at Grade 2, 81% at Grade 3, 79% at Grade 4, 93% at Grade 5, 81% at Grade 6.... Overall School is at 80% and climbing. Provincial & GSSD goal is 80%, but YCS is aiming for 95% by year-end.</p> <p>Numeracy- By number of students experiencing at least 2 outcomes of yellow/red level of achievement. Gr. 1- 10 students- Gr. 2- 6 students- Gr. 3- 5 students- Gr. 4- 7 students- Gr. 5- 9 students- Gr. 6- 8 students- Gr. 7- 9 students- Gr. 8- 18 students..... School Overall- ~83% achievement</p> <p>Writing- Grade 4 (70%) and Grade 7 (59%). Projecting to exceed GSSD/YCS goals of 63%.</p> <p>Cultural & TRC- Some staff members received inservicing through the Truth & Reconciliation Commission.</p> <p>Attendance- Exceeding goal. We did see an increase in absenteeism in Nov/Dec due to Weather/Family Vacations</p> <p>Anxiety- A YCS student recently helped lead much of our Bell Let's Talk (mental health) activities. Great job!</p> <p>YCS LIP SCHOOL GOALS & ACTIONS: ACHIEVED Already: 12 goals and actions ON TARGET: 25 goals and actions WAITING: 6 goals or actions</p> <p>*****</p> <p>One School One Book- Our <i>Wishtree</i> event recently wrapped up. We have received a great level of positive feedback on this. Our paper feedback on the evening January 30 rated it 10 out of 10. We haven't quite covered our expenses. We are waiting on Painted Hand, but if the community loves it, we will work around expenses. Would love to hear further feedback from our SCC members? Is this something that should be prioritized in 2019-20? What do we need to keep doing? What could change?</p> <p><i>Feedback: (This does not include all comments. Similar comments were combined, but all scored 10.)</i> "It was fun!" "Culture night was highlight. Great experience." "Reading together (is what I enjoyed most). All good. Great story." "Loved it all! Book was reasonable amount to read per day, and it was good for small & older children." "Liked the calendar & 10-12 pages per evening." "It (One Book) should be done more often." "Morning trivia." "I'd love to see this happen again. My KLO student & his 3 year old brother both loved the book & listened attentively each night."</p> <p>*****</p>

	<p>Sigmund Brouwer our resident author returns Feb 5 & 6. On Feb 5, he is working with students. On Feb 6, there is a parent evening from 6-7 pm. Mr. Beatty has conflict. Mr. Bomboir will attend. Would love to see parents too!</p> <p>Fountas & Pinnell Assessments are being revisited. Any students that were previously assessed as Yellow (2< or less under grade level) or RED (two or more levels below grade level) are being revisited. This includes students who have or have not been a part of our intervention programs.</p> <p>A number of students have observed program changes. This includes students who have achieved grade level and have successfully been discontinued from Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI). This has been completed with consultation with divisional literacy coaches. A number of students saw their program changed. Due to a lack of success in LLI, a Tier 2 intervention, some have been moved to a Level 3 including Seeing Stars or ____.</p> <p>Staff cohorts will be going to Penny Kittle in March (Saskatoon) and Ruth Culham in April (Regina). Content will be shared with all staff when they return.</p> <p>Book Fair occurring on Week of Feb. 11-15. This is a student spirit week as well.</p>
<p>School Environment</p>	<p>As January 3 2019 HW Room Referred (627) Vol (811) << 1438 Students helped. Love the volunteer numbers! Cell Phones(5); Two-Wk (0) Bus Susp (0); Formal Ins(2) OutS (1) >> Timeout situations with the principal not reflected in data.</p> <p>Have you joined Facebook “Yorkdale Central School GSSD” and Twitter @PrideInThePaw?</p> <p>TEEN BOOST- A small group program meant to assist students in the area of anxiety. We are into our second group, and the results have been positive.</p> <p>SOS-Q Questionnaire was completed with Grades 5-8 in November. Mr. Beatty has received data, and student needs and subsequent interventions are being reviewed. We do have areas of orange/red in the areas of student anxiety. The year end goal is to reduce this by 5%. If SCC members wish to know more about SOS-Q, check out this link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMPuippYjqc Note, all schools in the province also complete the OurSCHOOL survey in April/May 2019</p> <p>Clothing Order was fulfilled in December. We did order extra clothing items and purchase opportunities have been shared on our Facebook page.</p> <p>Lockdown drills have been occurring in January 2019. We have completed 3 of 4. Given the school’s priority on practice all levels of evacuation, our students are approaching a “routine” stage of familiarity. This is solid.</p> <p>Basketball, Curling, Archery and Drama are all occurring as we speak.</p> <p>Performances: Our school enjoyed Prairie Debut's Ladom Ensemble on February 1. A better than expected performance, and the performers were very complimentary of our Royals’ as audience members. Wide Open Theatre will be present on February 15th for “Little Mermaid.” You will recall that we have invited Calder School to join us at this session.</p>
<p>Numeracy</p>	<p>The concept of “Number Sense” continues to be an area that teachers and students work hard at. Our RtI time is often used to reinforce this development. Some of this time includes coming back to previously taught content. This is to solidify learning. E.g., At times, we find that students achieve Level ¾ but it falls off if not revisited. Therefore, we have been “spiralling” content so we come back to it regularly.</p> <p>Math interventionist has been working with groups. We are tackling this at a Grade ¾ level initially, but this does go towards our greatest areas of need.</p> <p>Number sense was recently a discussion topic during a Grade 1 teleconference. Mr. Beatty observed this.</p> <p>New instructional materials were also purchased at different grade levels.</p>

Bulletin Items

Similar to YCS staff meetings, I am going to include a “bulletin” area that can be read over by parents through the meeting. When the other items of Principal’s Report are completed, I will pause for questions related to Bulletin Items. These items may not carry as much significance other items, but they should be rightfully communicated at the same time.

School Community Councils Web Page Update

The Ministry of Education’s web page for School Community Councils has been updated to include a new Tool Kit. The Tool Kit includes printable sheets that provide facts and information about School Community Councils, what they are, and how they work. This Tool Kit is useful for both new and returning School Community Council members. The pages can be accessed at: <http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/scc>.

School Performances

YCS has already booked several themes of performances this year, including:

- The Canada Goal - Completed in September 2018
- Prairie Debut's Landon Ensemble- Completed in February 2019
- Wide Open Theatre’s “Little Mermaid” – February 15
- Beyond the Hurt Presentation (Red Cross/Sask Roughriders) – April 11
- Persephone Theater is back on tour and booked. Coming Soon

Dates to Remember: (Not all of these will be recognized by parents. Some are for adm/teachers only)

YES/GSSD DATES TO NOTE- 2018-19

Jan 21- February 8	Grade 2-6 F&P Assessment Window. CLEVR by February 12. Shaune suggests that Grade 1s take place near end of this period.
February 4, 2019	Rocky Mtn Donation Picture @ 1pm
February 5 2019	SCC Meeting 6:30 (CN Rail Safety Pres moved to March) Brouwer Classroom Visits (Hicks/DeWarle/Corson/Kulcsar/Breitkreuz) Grade 7 to Churchbridge Ag Fair (Shaune/Tim) Grade 2 Math Outcome Support Day Jagger’s “Live to Play” Project: Grade 5
February 6, 2019	Triple P: “Developing a Good Bedtime Routine” @ Columbia 6-8 100th Day of School; Corson Observation 1 pm Sigmund Brouwer Parent Evening- 7-8 pm
February 7, 2019	Student Study Team- NVCi Review 8:15 Lockdown Drill #4 10:20 am & SCC Steak Night Jagger’s “Live to Play” Project: Grade 6 L. Wotherspoon coming in on a Word Work Walkthrough
February 8, 2019	Yorkdale Central LIP Review- Shaune, Tim, Lisa 3:30 pm Grade 8 Math Outcome Support Day Kindergarten Family Engagement Day- NO K CLASSES Shaune & Brittany at Grade 8 Math Day; LEGO Club M. Forsythe Superintendent Visit to Yemen Band
February 9, 2019	NASP Archery 3-D Shoot at MC Knoll
February 11, 2019	Jagger’s “Live to Play” Project: Grade 7
February 12, 2019	Book Fair to Run Tues- Thurs Feb 12-14 8:30-5:30 Daily
February 13, 2019	YCS Staff Meeting Jagger’s “Live to Play” Project: Grade 8
February 14, 2019	Staff Breakfast! 8 am or better.
February 15, 2018	Wide Open Theater: Little Mermaid 1:30 pm. Calder is guest. Jagger’s “Live to Play” Project: Grade 5 Potential Drop In: Daniel Andrew (Ty & Castel) School Tour
February 18-22, 2019	NO CLASSES Winter Break - WELL DESERVED, I expect!
February 25, 2019	Shaune at Rotary Dinner 12-1 at Mano’s
February 26, 2019	Jagger’s “Live to Play” Project: Grade 7
February 27, 2019	Student Study Team 8:15; Corson Observation 1 pm
February 27, 2018	Central Cluster SCC Direction Setting & Budget Input- YCS 7-8

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THE SECOND ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE

MARCH 16 & 17, 2019

NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASKATCHEWAN

Three Keynote
Speakers

Two Elders in
Residence

Brent
Dickson



Deb
McNabb



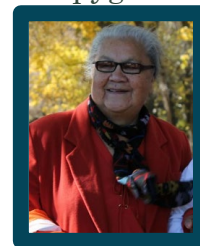
Cory
Patterson



Reg
Bugler



Jennie
Spyglass



VENUE: LIGHT OF CHRIST LEARNING CENTRE, 1202 – 105TH STREET,
NORTH BATTLEFORD

REGISTER ON [EVENTBRITE](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/second-annual-saskatchewan-school-community-council-conference-registration-55216410771) BY FEBRUARY 28TH TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT!

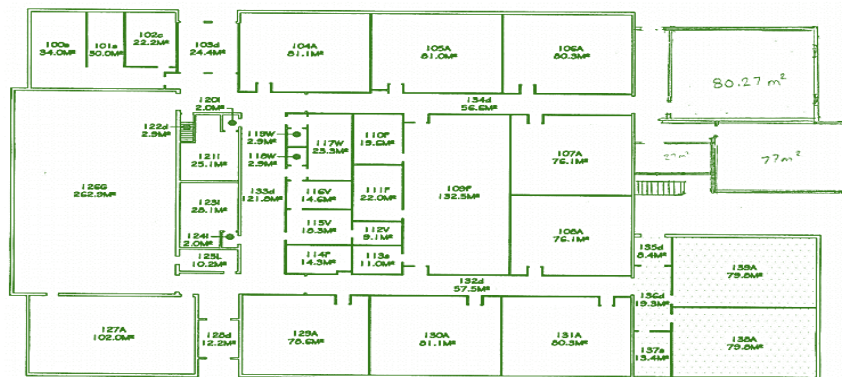
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

	St. Thomas Room	Board Rm	Notre Dame 1	Notre Dame 2
Saturday, March 16				
9:30	Registration & Vendor Displays			
10:15	Opening Remarks, Blessing & Smudge Ceremony			
10:45	Life Lessons with Jacob: Seeing The World Through The Eyes Of Autism - Brent Dickson			
11:45	Lunch & Displays			
12:45	Trustee Panel Discussion - Facilitator: Glen Gantfoer			
1:45	Mental Health Matters - Melissa Fuhr & Nathan Pyle	The KAIROS Blanket Exercise and Beyond - Terry Craig	Self-Regulation - Connie Herman	Child Development & the Importance of Play - Colleen Sabraw
2:45	Refreshment/Transition Break & Vendor Displays			
3:00	"Internet Safety": Threats, Safety, Extortion & Exploitation - Cpl. Cory Patterson			
4:00	Closing Remarks, Housekeeping & Displays			
5:00	Mass at St. Vital - Van will depart from Learning Centre at			
6:30 - 9:00	Social & Keynote: Don't Be A Crab In A Bucket - Brent			
Sunday, March 17				
8:30	Breakfast & Vendor Displays			
9:00	Youth Addictions - Cst. Sam Gerstmar	Treaty History and the Treaty Relationship - Amy Seesequasis	Child Injury Prevention Programming and Action Guide - Cara Zukewich	Internet Safety - Cpl. Cory Patterson
10:00	Refreshment/Transition Break & Vendor Displays			
10:15	Be Sharp! - Lindsay Holm	Treaty History and the Treaty Relationship - Amy Seesequasis (Repeat)	Community Partnerships with Schools: Making Our Community Better - Linda Machniak & Terry Caldwell	Child Exploitation - Cpl. Cory Patterson
11:15	We Are Better Together!! - Deb & Shallen McNabb			
12:15	Door Prizes & Closing Remarks			

Map of Notre Dame School



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SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:30 a.m. Registration and Vendor Displays Open: Refreshments by Light of Christ Catholic School Community Councils

10:15 a.m. Conference Opening:

1. Opening Remarks & Housekeeping Items: Karen Hrabinsky & SCC Representative
2. Blessing and Smudging Ceremony: Elder Reg Bugler
3. Greetings from Saskatchewan Education: Rob Currie, Deputy Minister
4. Greetings from Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
5. Greetings from Light of Christ Catholic Schools: Cory Rideout, Director of Education

10:45 a.m. Life Lessons with Jacob: Seeing the World through the Eyes of Autism - Brent Dickson

Brent's oldest son Jacob was diagnosed with Autism at 2 1/2 years old. He is currently 23 years old. Join Brent as he shares the challenges, struggles, and joys that come with being part of a family with an Autistic child. Brent will share with you how his view of the world and others has changed because of this journey.



Brent is married to the amazing Krista and is the proud father of four boys. He has taught and made presentations for Student Leadership across Canada for over 20 years. He has served as the Director for the Canadian Student Leadership Association and the President of the Alberta Association of Student Councils and Advisors. He is currently teaching Leadership and P.E. and is the Department Head of Student Leadership at Centennial High School in Calgary, Alberta.

11:45 Lunch and Vendor Displays: Second 2 None Catering

12:45 p.m. Trustee Panel Discussion – Glen Gantefoer and Saskatchewan School Trustees

Being a School Trustee or a School Community Council Representative has changed over the past few years. The facilitated panel discussion will provide an opportunity to learn about becoming a trustee, the role, practices and available supports for trustees as well as an opportunity for questions.

Glen Gantefoer currently serves as the Chairperson for the Light of Christ Catholic Schools. He will be joined by other trustees for this discussion.

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1:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions: Choose 1

Mental Health Matters (St. Thomas Room - Main Hall)	The KAIROS Blanket Exercise and Beyond (Board Room)	Self-Regulation (Notre Dame 1)	Child Development & the Importance of Play (Notre Dame 2)
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- **Mental health matters: An overview of issues and influences on students' mental health** - This presentation will address the prevalence of mental health issues in children and adolescents. A review will be provided of common mental health issues with a particular focus given to the influence of technology and social media on the mental health of students. Strategies and support will be discussed with regard to actions parents and school communities can take to support young people.

Nathan Pyle, Ph.D., is a registered doctoral psychologist currently working with Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions Services in North Battleford. He has published and presented on various topics in counselling and health care and most importantly, is the father of seven children.

Melissa Fuhr has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and is currently completing her Bachelor of Social Work Degree. She continues to learn from the multitude of teenagers she works with daily in her role as a counsellor at John Paul II Collegiate in North Battleford. She enjoys her work with teenagers immensely and is constantly entertained, even as she reminds them to "follow their hearts but remember to take their brains with them."

- **The KAIROS Blanket Exercise and Beyond** – Reconciliation has been described as a movement of hope and is an important concept in moving forward from the emotions that some participants may have felt when they participated in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise. As (Duhamel, 2016) expresses "The solution to the legacy of the past does not lie in it, it lies beyond, in the future we may not have yet imagined, but can only access through hope." This session will endeavor to help participants move towards reconciliation by demonstrating how the Northwest School Division is working towards building communities of hope for teachers, students and parents.

Terry Craig is the Superintendent of Schools of the Northwest School Division in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan.

- **Self-Regulation** - Mental health refers to the ability of children to experience, control, and express their emotions, form close and secure relationships; and learn while exploring their environment. These abilities are fostered and grow within the context of a positive caregiving environment. Children's communities also plays a large role in their mental health.



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As the Provincial Coordinator for the Nobody's Perfect Parent Program of the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute, Connie Herman is passionate about supporting parents, families, and communities. She has a Bachelor's of Arts and Social Work, and is a trained facilitator in numerous programs and frameworks, including Nobody's Perfect, Self-Regulation, Parent Coaching, Positive Discipline, Kids Have Stress Too, and Healthy Start. As a mom to two children, Connie recognizes that parenting is one of the most rewarding, most important, and the most challenging jobs there is.

- **Strong Beginnings... Brighter Future: "Why the Early Years Matter?"** - This session will explore the developing brain and how getting things right the first time is easier and more effective than trying to fix them later. Relationships play a crucial role in how children develop. Relationships that generate intense stress, can harm the developing brain, while relationships that are warm, responsive and predictable help children thrive.

Colleen Sabraw is a mother of two busy young adults and a spouse to a Driver Instructor. She has been the Executive Director with the Battlefords Early Childhood Intervention Program for over 25 years. In this role she works to engage families and community partners to support strong healthy starts for young children.

2:45 p.m. Refreshment Break and Vendor Displays: Second 2 None Catering

3:00 p.m. "Internet Safety": Threats, Safety, Extortion & Exploitation - Cory Patterson

Cpl. Cory Patterson will discuss child exploitation and safe navigation of the Internet. The session includes information about Internet safety, parent topics, statistics of child related offences in Saskatchewan and Canada, demographics regarding child exploitation, and how you can keep your school, community, and especially children safe.

Cpl. Cory Patterson (RCMP/GRC) is the ICE (Internet Child Exploitation Investigator) for the Saskatchewan South Region.



4:00 p.m. Reminders and Vendor Displays

5:00 p.m. Catholic Mass at St. Vital Church

Are you interested in attending Mass this weekend? Please meet in the lobby of the Learning Centre at 4:30 p.m. We will have a van and driver available. Mass begins at 5:00 p.m. at St. Vital Catholic Church in Battleford.

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6:30 -9:00 p.m. Keynote Presentation, Networking Social, and Vendor Displays – Catering by Second 2 None

Plan to be here for this because Brent is going to be back!

Laugh, visit, and socialize.

Wine, beer, and light snacks will be available.

Alcohol tickets will be \$2.00 each.



Menu (subject to change)

- Cheeseball/Cracker Assortment
- Mini Cheeseburgers
- Spinach Dip
- Veggies & Dip
- Salt & Pepper Chicken Wings
- Seafood Surprise Spread
- Stuffed Mushroom Caps

7:00 p.m. Don't Be a Crab in a Bucket: Brent Dickson

Have you ever felt like everything and everyone around you is trying to destroy your ambitions, attitude, and desire to be positive? When you catch a crab and place him in a bucket, the first thing it will do is try to escape. When you put two crabs in a bucket, as one tries to climb out of the bucket, the other will grab the escaping crab by the legs, pull it back down, and try to escape itself. In the end, neither can escape. Be sure to come to this light hearted, positive, and interactive presentation to learn how to bring energy, balance, and fun to your family, team, or organization.



There will be no doubt in your mind after seeing this presentation as to why Brent has been awarded the Canadian Student Leadership Association Leader of Distinction Award and was a finalist for the Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17th

8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Vendor Displays: Second 2 None Catering

9:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions: Choose One

Youth Addiction (St. Thomas Room - Main Hall)	Reconciliation: Fulfilling the Spirit and Intent of Treaty through Treaty Awareness and Cultural Understanding (Board Room)	Child Injury Prevention Programming and Action Guide (Notre Dame 1)	Internet Safety (Notre Dame 2)
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- **Youth Addiction: Filling an Emotional Gap** - Why do youth turn to alcohol, drugs, or gangs? The RCMP believe that the long-term prevention of youth crime and victimization can only be accomplished in partnership with the community. Youth want and need to feel hopeful, whole, and connected. This session will provide parents with information about what to look for in order to be proactive and preventative partners. This session will help parents to understand why youth become affiliated with gangs or are tempted to use drugs. Strategies to communicate with youth about addictions and negative affiliations like gangs will be discussed.

Cst. Sam Gerstmar is the School Liaison Officer at John Paul II High School and North Battleford Comprehensive High School.

- **Reconciliation: Fulfilling the Spirit and Intent of Treaty through Treaty Awareness and Cultural Understanding** – This session will consist of Treaty history and applicable information (pre-colonial existence, contact & colonization, Treaty signing, Indian Act, Residential Schools, current realities, etc.) with focus on the Spirit and Intent of Treaty, and the roles and responsibilities of the participants as Treaty People. Reconciliation for all people begins when we recognize the importance of Treaties and our roles and responsibilities as Treaty people. Participants will be presented with information on Reconciliation; what it is, why it developed, how it is applicable, and where to begin. Through awareness of the Numbered Treaties and the history and culture of the First Nations Treaty partners, individuals gain an understanding of their roles and responsibilities in living and breathing reconciliation, and fostering communities based on good race relations.

Amy Seesequasis is the Director of the Speakers Bureau for the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC). The Speakers Bureau is a collective of Knowledge Keepers from various nations/communities across the province who share their teachings and wisdom with the public through way of the bureaus various information sharing



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sessions. Amy is a Cree with Métis lineage from the Beardy's and Okemasis' First Nation, Treaty 6. She has been with the OTC since 2012, and has served in various capacities and departments within the organization. She attended the First Nations University of Canada and obtained her Bachelor of Arts in 2011; majoring in Indigenous Studies and minoring in Indian Fine Art. Amy describes herself as a seeker and sharer of knowledge. She is an artist and storyteller, and enjoys reading, writing, painting, beading and most of all, dancing. Amy is the Manager of, and dances for, the Creeland Dancers, and Indigenous dance troupe that specializes in a fusion of Métis jigging and square dancing.

- **Child Injury Prevention Programming and Action Guide:** Injuries are preventable, yet approximately 69 children die each year in Saskatchewan due to injury. The goal of this session is to raise awareness of injury risks and best practices to reduce the number of injury-related deaths and decrease the risk of life-altering injury. By the end of this session, participants will be able to understand: the key concepts of injury prevention, why children are more at risk of injury, the top causes of injury related hospitalization, the importance of promoting a culture of safety, and how to start conversations about injury prevention in your community.

Cara's role is to promote the importance of injury prevention for children. Developing injury prevention resources for professionals and caregivers using evidence-based information is a major aspect of the Injury Prevention Program. The purpose of the Child Injury Prevention Coordinator is to organize training efforts, on a variety of injury topics, including child passenger safety, bicycle safety, playground safety, and home safety. Cara has been with the Prevention Institute since 2002 working on resource development, knowledge translation, facilitation, and planning professional development opportunities.

- **Internet Safety** - This session is an extension of Cpl. Patterson's keynote presentation. It will provide a more in depth look at issues surrounding Internet safety for children and youth. An overview of online resources from the RCMP will be included.

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10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break and Vendor Displays: Second 2 None Catering



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10:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions: Choose One

Be Sharp! (St. Thomas Room - Main Hall)	Reconciliation: Fulfilling the Spirit and Intent of Treaty through Treaty Awareness and Cultural Understanding (<i>Repeat Session</i>) (Board Room)	Community Partnerships with Schools: Making Our Community Better (Notre Dame 1)	Child Exploitation (Notre Dame 2)
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- Be Sharp!** – Unfortunately, hidden safety hazards are lurking in school playgrounds and in other public spaces in our communities. This session will provide an overview of the opioid crisis in Canada and Saskatchewan. Participants will learn about fentanyl and other drugs that have become evermore present in our communities, how are children might be exposed, and what precautions to take.

Lindsay Holm is the Deputy Fire Chief of the North Battleford Fire Department. He is responsible for operations and training.

- Reconciliation: Fulfilling the Spirit and Intent of Treaty through Treaty Awareness and Cultural Understanding (*Repeat Session*)** – This session will consist of Treaty history and applicable information (pre-colonial existence, contact & colonization, Treaty signing, Indian Act, Residential Schools, current realities, etc.) with focus on the Spirit and Intent of Treaty, and the roles and responsibilities of the participants as Treaty People. Reconciliation for all people begins when we recognize the importance of Treaties and our roles and responsibilities as Treaty people. Participants will be presented with information on Reconciliation; what it is, why it developed, how it is applicable, and where to begin. Through awareness of the Numbered Treaties and the history and culture of the First Nations Treaty partners, individuals gain an understanding of their roles and responsibilities in living and breathing reconciliation, and fostering communities based on good race relations.

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Creeland Dancers, and Indigenous dance troupe that specializes in a fusion of Métis jigging and square dancing.

- **Community Partnerships with Schools: Making Our Community Better** - Local Businesses are working collectively with schools in the Battlefords to improve education outcomes for children and youth from cradle to career. This presentation will provide an overview of the projects undertaken in the Battlefords area. Come out and learn how you can work with your own community to support your children and youth in schools.

Terry Caldwell & Linda Machniak are members of the Battlefords Chamber of Commerce. Each is passionate about improving our community together!

- **Child Exploitation** - This session is an extension of Cpl. Patterson's keynote presentation. It will provide a more in depth look at issues surrounding child exploitation in Canada and around the world. An overview of online resources from the RCMP and other national and international agencies will be included.

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11:15 a.m. We Are Better Together!! Deb & Shallen McNabb

Deb believes... "If we all give who we are, there is no limit to the magnitude of "us"!!" We are better together!! When we understand the value of intentional love and relationships, we can work between school, parent and student to improve what matters most. Whether within the family or the community, there are many benefits to working together - better nutrition, better school performance, and better social adjustment for everyone involved: kids, youth and adults. Collective capacity ... We know it isn't always easy, but we're all in this together!



Deb McNabb is a passionate wife, mother, and friend. Her life overflows with Biblical wisdom and practical insights gained over a lifetime of love, ministry, and community investment. She currently serves as a Family Facilitator with Bridges for Children in the Battlefords. Bridges for children is a program for children under the age of 12 who are having contact with the RCMP. Shallen McNabb is currently attending the University of Saskatchewan, College of Education.

12:15 p.m. Door Prizes and Closing Remarks



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VENDOR LIST

(Alphabetical Order)

Be Sure to Visit & Enter to Win Door Prizes!

- Lil Caesars Fundraising
- Living Books
- Madera Playscapes - Blue Imp. Playground Equipment
- McDowell Foundation
- Norwex
- Prairie Popcorn
- Saskatchewan Prevention Institute
- Scentsy - Carey Menssa Independent Consultant
- Tadpole Teethers
- Thirty one
- Tupperware
- Usborne Books
- Voxx Life

