***School Hours***
***Welcoming Bell 8:55 a.m.***
***Classes Begin 9:00 a.m.***
***9:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.***
***11:55 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch***
***12:35 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.***

# John Diefenbaker Public School

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# November 2026



**PLEASE REPORT ALL ABSENCES THROUGH EDSBY: SRSD119.EDSBY.COM**

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6<br>Pancake Day<br>In the Kitchen |
| 9 | 10<br>Remembrance Day Service<br>Doors open at 10:15 a.m.<br>*Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day* | 11<br>No Classes<br>Lest We Forget. | 12 | 13<br>**Picture Retakes a.m. only**<br>Canteen |
| 16<br>Rock Your Mocs | 17<br>*Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day* | 18<br>EAL Soup & Bannock Making Class<br>1:00 – 3:30 p.m.<br>** please pre-register with Ms. Carr | 19<br>Soup & Bannock Making Class<br>1:00 – 3:30 p.m.<br>Student Progress Conferences<br>3:30–8:30 | 20 |
| 23 | 24<br>*Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day* | 25 | 26 | 27<br>Canteen |
| 30 | *Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day* | | | |

During instructional time, 8:55 am–3:30 pm, we ask that all families and visitors check in at the office. If assistance is required, we will help your student get to their classroom. We want to ensure we are protecting instructional time for teachers during the day. If you need to speak with one of the teachers, consider sending an Edsby message to communicate with teachers or to request a meeting. Thanks for your cooperation in helping our teachers navigate the day to maximize student learning.

# STUDENT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

For the safety of our staff and students, the ***staff parking lot is not a pick-up or drop-off point***. Help us to keep our children safe!

## Dress for the Season for the School Buses



Students must dress appropriately for the weather. They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometer walk in case of an emergency. Saskatchewan Rivers Board Policies, Administrative Procedures and Transportation Manual can be reviewed on our website, www.srsd119.ca.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER



For the most part, we want our students to enjoy playing outdoors before school, during both recesses, and the noon hour. On rainy days, we allow students to come into the school upon their arrival and remain indoors during all breaks. In the winter, we use -30 degrees Celsius as our cut-off to remain indoors. If the temperature, and/or wind chill in combination with the temperature exceed -30, then all students are permitted in the school in the morning and during break times. We do expect that all students be dressed appropriately for the weather, as there are many cold days that students are expected to be outdoors.

**PICTURE RETAKES WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH FOR THE MORNING ONLY**

**J.D. will be having a spirit week from November 23-27th. We encourage students to participate in the following activities:**

**Monday, November 23rd - Accessory Day (hat, tie, sunglasses, etc.)**
**Tuesday, November 24th - Anything but a Packpack Day**
**Wednesday, November 25th - Inside/Outside/Backward Day**
**Thursday, November 26th - Twin Day**
**Friday, November 27th - Decades Day**

**Scholastic Book Fair is Coming from November 16-20!!!**

**Come and see the new selection of books and boutique.**
**The Book Fair will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00 – 11:30 in the Library**
**Parent/Teacher interview night it will reopen from 3:30 – 8:15 p.m.**
**Cash, Debit and Credit Cards accepted**
**Hope to see you all there!**

# REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

*Please join us as we honour and remember those who served and sacrificed for our freedom*

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH
DOORS OPEN AT 10:15 AM
PLEASE BE SEATED BY 10:30 AM
JOHN DIEFENBAKER SCHOOL GYM



# WHAT'S FOR LUNCH???

For the next couple of months, we will be providing parents and students information and tips on making nutritious lunches to send to school. This month we focus on the following tips:

- Get children involved! Have them help with planning, shopping, and packing. Children are more likely to eat their lunch when they help plan and prepare it.
- Make lunches in the evening for the next day so they are ready to go in the morning.
- Include a reusable water bottle to refill throughout the day.
- Wash and peel enough vegetables for several days. Store in a closed container in the fridge.
- Try whole grain breads, buns, small bagels, pitas, tortillas, or crackers, and a variety of fillings.
- Sandwiches can be made ahead of time and frozen to make preparing lunches faster. Add the vegetables to the sandwich when you take it out of the freezer to pack it.

Pack It Up Healthy

- Make half your plate vegetables and fruits
- Choose whole grain foods for the rest of the plate.
- Store lunch supplies together in the same cupboard or drawer for faster lunch preparation.
- **For hot foods** (chili, soup, or stew), pour hot water into the insulated container for a few minutes to heat. Empty. Add very hot food and close tightly.
- **For cold foods** (drinks or yogurt), chill the insulated container with cold water or keep in the fridge overnight with the lid off. Empty if needed. Add cold food and close tightly
- Frozen containers of milk or water help chill sandwiches and will thaw in time to drink at lunch. A freezer pack can also keep items cold in the lunch bag.