

# Debert Elementary School Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to an exciting new school year here at Debert Elementary School. Thanks to a lot of work by your outgoing principal, Mrs. Erma Cox, and our returning staff. We are off to a very smooth start to the 2017/2018 school year.

We welcomed 18 new primary students to our school. For many families this was their first child going to public school and it will be a very big year of transition for these new families. On behalf of all the staff, we want to thank you for allowing us to educate your children who we realize are the loves of your lives and what you all hold most dear.

As most of you know this is my first year as the principal of Debert Elementary. Prior to this current position, I have served as an Elementary Principal in our school board for a total of 13 years in four different elementary schools. I also served as a school administrator in British Columbia for 3 years, and over my career have taught students in the classroom in every grade, Primary through Grade 12. After all these years as a teacher and administrator I can honestly say that we have had a very smooth start to the school year here in Debert.

Debert Elementary is fortunate to have an experienced staff of classroom teachers and a great group of students who are a pleasure to get to know. As principal I have an open door policy for all parents and guardians. If you have questions or concerns, please give me a call, email or make an appointment to stop in and see me. I encourage you to have consistent communication with your child's classroom teacher to ensure you are informed of their academic and social progress here at school. I also encourage you all to get involved at our school as a volunteer. We will have several opportunities for you to help out over the next several weeks.

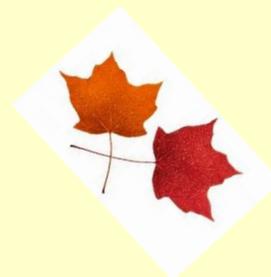
Thank you for the opportunity to work with this community and I look forward to meeting you all over the next few months.

Scott Armstrong, B.A, M.S, Ph.D.  
Principal



## Important Dates to Remember

Oct 2-6	Book Fair
Oct 9	Happy Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Oct 12	Fire Prevention Week Assembly 1:00pm
Oct 17	PTG/SAC Meeting 7:00pm
Oct 20	Picture Day- Pridhams
Oct 26	Family Halloween Dance 6:30-8:00pm @DES
Oct 27	Provincial Conference – NO SCHOOL
Nov 13	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL





**Stand Up.  
Speak Out.**



## **STAND UP SPEAK OUT**

On September 21st students across the Board celebrated the CCRSB annual Stand Up and Speak Out against Bullying day. Our school held an assembly as part of this Board Wide program.

Acceptance and understanding leads to healthy relationships, and those relationships help stop the negative actions that can lead to bullying. Healthy relationships, acceptance and understanding are all part of CCRSB's Social Justice Framework.

### **Library**



Library will be operated by volunteers again this year. Students will visit the library on Thursdays to borrow books and are asked to return them the following Wednesday. Should you have time to volunteer in the Library, please call 662-4400.

### **Terry Fox Walk**



The Terry Fox Walk was held at school on Friday, September 22nd at 1:45 pm. Students brought in change in to support Cancer Research. We raised \$785.56. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated and every little bit makes a difference.

