If your child must leave during school hours, please go to the school office and Mrs. Forsgren will call your child(ren) from class.

It is hard to believe that another school year has slipped by so quickly. A huge thank you goes to the School Community Council, and all the parents who volunteered their time and energy to make our year a success. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!!!!

Since the weather has finally become more like summer, many of us are happy to be wearing flip flops or sandals to school. Just a reminder, though, that in order to keep students safe during PE class, they still need a pair of gym shoes here to wear for PE. Some of our students have accidently left their gym shoes at home, if this is the case with your child, will you please help them remember to bring them back.

Just a reminder that microwaves for student lunches will not be available at all next year. In order to get used to this change, we are encouraging students to bring microwave free lunches on both Thursdays and Fridays in June. Names of the students who choose to participate will be entered into a draw for a thermos each week. Thanks again to the SCC for sponsoring the draws.

The Gr. 6 students will be working hard this month at this inquiry based project. Each student has chosen a topic they feel relate to them and their heritage. Everyone is invited to come and see their displays on Wednesday, June 14 at 2:30 – 3:30 in the gym.

Our grade 1 – 6 students were invited and enjoyed the WCS musical production of High School Musical on May 29. It was a fantastic group of about 80 plus WCS students who shared their musical talents with a number of elementary students from Weyburn schools.
SPIRIT DAY - The Kindergarten class has decided on Spirit Day for this month. We will be Celebrating Canada’s 150th Birthday on Wednesday, June 21st. Everyone is encouraged to wear red and white!

On Monday, June 26 the students will participate in Play Day. Play Day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until 12:00, with a break for a snack provided by the SCC at 10:30. **There will be a lunch canteen, more details will follow.** Kindergarten students who plan to participate in Play Day are more than welcome to do so. Parents will need to drive their children here for our 9:00 a.m. start and pick them up after lunch at 12:45 p.m. We hope to see you out to cheer on the students!

The students will be heading to the pool on Monday, June 26 at 1:30 for an afternoon of fun in the sun and water. Kindergarten students who plan to join us are welcome. Parents of these children will need to accompany and stay with their children at the pool. Please remember to bring your swimsuits, towels, goggles and sunscreen!! Thank you to the SCC for funding this event.

By the sixth grade, if a student continues to be chronically absent, it is a leading indicator of dropping out of high school.

If people would like to order Mabel’s labels, please go to the website and enter Queen Elizabeth through the website [www.mabelslabels.ca](http://www.mabelslabels.ca). This initiative is a fundraiser in support of the SCC.

[ConnectSafely.org](https://www.connectsafely.org) is a Silicon Valley, Calif.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to educating users of connected technology about safety, privacy and security. Here you’ll find research-based safety tips, parents’ guidebooks, advice, news and commentary on all aspects of tech use and policy.

As a follow up to the Cyberbullying presentation made to the grade 5 and 6 students on the afternoon of May 10, and to the parents on the evening of the same day, please find a link below to a website with many helpful ideas and strategies on how to keep children and youth safe online.

https://www.connectsafely.org/
Parents, please check items in the lost and found to see if they look remotely familiar. At the end of June all unclaimed Lost & Found items are given to the Salvation Army.

**Grade 6 Farewell Assembly & D.A.R.E. Graduation**

The Grade 6 Farewell and D.A.R.E. Graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. All Grade 6 parents are invited to attend. **The staff wishes the very best to our Grade 6 students moving onto the Weyburn Comprehensive School.**

The Grade 6 classes from QE, Souris, APES and Haig will join together and celebrate their completion of their elementary years with a fantastic, fun-filled day on **Wednesday, June 28.** They will be spending the morning in the gym at the WCS and then an afternoon of swimming at the Leisure Centre.

Portfolios will be sent home on Tuesday, June 27 for Kgn. & Grade 6 students and Report Cards/Portfolios will be sent home on Wednesday, June 28 for Gr. 1 – Gr. 5 students. If your child(ren) is not at school on Tuesday or Wednesday, please pick it up at the school office by noon on Friday, June 30 or at the division office anytime over the summer.

Just a reminder that School Start supply lists have already been sent home and you have the option to use the School Start pre-order process or we will be sending out a traditional supply list at the end of June to purchase supplies locally. Local merchants will have the list and it will be available on our school website [www.cornerstonesd.ca](http://www.cornerstonesd.ca) by the end of June.

**Headphones**

**Please Note:** Only grade 1 students are required to purchase headphones at the beginning of the school year. All other student headphones will be passed from one teacher to the next to use the following year. **Only** if your child’s headphones are broken will you need to purchase new ones in the fall. Your child’s teacher will let you know in September.

The last day students can purchase milk is **Friday, June 16.** We will again be having a milk program next year at QE using the punch card system. Some children will have purchases left on their milk punch cards. These will be transferred to next year’s teacher. We will let you know in the fall how many punches are left on your child’s milk card.

**We hope all our QE dads have a fun and relaxing Father’s Day!**
South East Cornerstone Early Learning
Travel Fun

It's no secret that preschoolers have a ton of energy. A preschooler seated in a car seat for longer than 20 minutes at a time is usually long enough to make you rethink road trips altogether. So how do you keep a young child's attention? Try interactive, short, easy and fast-paced car games — and change it up frequently!

Car games and activities for toddlers, preschoolers and younger children

- **Draw it:** Call out letters, numbers, animals and places, but instead of dealing with messy markers, use a Magna Doodle.
- **Nursery rhymes and songs:** Brush up on your nursery rhymes and toddler songs! Little ones love to sing their favorite tunes from preschool and playgroups.
- **I Spy:** Before you embark on your road trip, strategically place large, colorful items around your car and within your child's view from his or her car seat.
- **Puzzles:** Provide wooden puzzles for your little one. Storing them in zip lock bags helps to keep all the pieces together. Be sure the pieces are large enough to not be a choking hazard.

Car games and activities for older children

Older children enjoy learning new things, being active and being creative — even while in the car.

- **I Spy:** Challenge your kids with a game of I Spy while on the move.
- **Alphabet game:** Encourage your kids to explore their surroundings to find the letters of the alphabet on road signs, license plates and other signage visible from the road.
- **License plates:** Make a list of the provinces of Canada and silently check off each one as you see a matching license plate. Then set a number and the first person to reach that number wins.
- **Name that tune:** Make a playlist of your family's favorite songs and ask your kids to guess the name of the song and the artist.
- **Finish the song:** After guessing the name of the song and the artist's name, stop the music to see if your kids can finish the rest of the song on their own.
- **Books and magazines:** Be sure to bring a good book, comics and/or child friendly magazines.
- **Word and number books:** Word search, crossword puzzles and Sudoku books can occupy children for kilometres. So be sure to bring a variety.

Make a travel kit

Here are some ideas of budget-friendly items to add to your kit:

- Allow your child to help choose what kind of items go into the tote bag. However, be sure that your child does not decide everything, because the element of surprise will keep your child from getting bored.
- Bring snacks for on the trip. Choose healthy snacks, low in sugar, which are easy to pack such as: fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, multigrain crackers, nuts and pretzels.
- Include Post-it sticky notes, stencils and stickers in your child's tote. Your child will love writing messages and drawing on them, and then he or she can stick them on the windows and create an art display.
- Don’t forget the crayons and pencils.
- Wrap all new items in the tote bag in recycled gift wrap or construction paper. Give your child a new surprise every so often to keep them from getting bored.