

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

I blinked and November was in the rearview mirror, it is hard to believe December is upon us. November was a very successful and action packed month between hosting volleyball Conference championships, Remembrance Day service, parent-teacher interviews, to name a few. I can already hear the Christmas carols wafting out of the Grade 2/3 room. That can only mean one thing, Christmas season has arrived.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you on behalf of the school to Bob Thompson and the Legion members who led the Remembrance Day service. In addition, a number of our students rose to the occasion by providing readings or being a part of the colour guard including Ethan Bodnarchuk, Alisha Rivard and Kiara Bahnuick.

Parent-teacher interviews were very successful with a large turnout. Ongoing communication between school and home is essential to a positive school experience, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your child's learning. A big thank you to the SCC for giving students a \$5 gift certificate for the book fair, there were plenty of excited students going home with new books.

As I stated earlier Christmas carols can already be heard throughout the building, which can only mean a flurry of Christmas activities are around the corner. Some of these activities are our elementary students attending the production of "Alice in Wonderland JR." at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre on December 1, Santa Shop, the elementary Christmas concert as well as the Grade 6-12 Christmas banquet and dance. Please read further into the newsletter for complete details to all of these great events. Another shout out to our exemplary SCC for subsidizing the ticket fees for the "Alice in Wonderland JR." performance.

Cougar athletics are remaining on the prowl with basketball in full swing and curling hurrying hard. Since mid-November students could be seen looking longingly towards the rink. With the weather giving an assist to early ice making it is possible we will be starting skating early this year, please look for notes from teachers to give exact start dates. Do not forget to mark the annual school bonspiel on your calendars; it will be taking place January 10-12.

Being an Olympic year we have commandeered the Olympic theme for our reading goal. Classes are battling hard to reach the top of our reading podium. Due to popular demand, home reading has come back to Canwood. Please look deep into your child's backpack to find their home reading books. Your child's teachers are a great resource for home reading strategies, do not hesitate to contact them for new ways to bring reading alive in your home. With gift giving season around the corner don't overlook the gift of a new book. Nothing beats snuggling up by the fire with a cup of hot cocoa, and a new book to while away a winter's night.

On behalf of the entire Canwood Public School staff, Mr. Schwehr and I would like to wish everybody a warm and merry Christmas with best wishes for the new year.

Best Regards, Mr. Brian Linn & Mr. Richard Schwehr

INCLEMENT WEATHER-BUSING NEWS

Now that we are feeling the winter weather, we would like to make sure all parents are aware of our Cold/Inclement Weather Procedures. These procedures are in effect for both rural and urban bus routes.

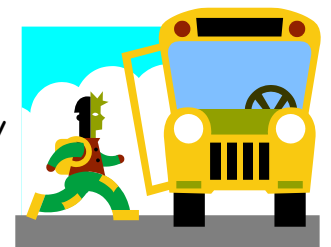
The Transportation Office has two methods of communicating delays or cancellations of our buses:

- CKBI and CJVR radio stations receive all notifications, these stations will announce a list of our buses that are delayed or not running.

Notifications will be placed on our website, www.srsd119.ca. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find a "Bus Report" link. Click on the bus report to check for a list of bus cancellations.

We do not phone individual homes to report bus cancellations.

We ask that you do not call the Transportation Office as we will be very busy managing the routes and ensuring the safety of the children on the buses.



Dressed for the season:

Students must dress appropriately for the weather. They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometre walk in case of an emergency. Our bus drivers have the authority to warn/educate a student on a first offense, and refuse transportation on the second.

Saskatchewan Rivers complete Board Policies, Administrative Procedures and Transportation Manual can be reviewed on our website www.srsd119.ca. -Thank You, Ryan Bruce, Manager of Transportation

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Our School Social Worker is available at Canwood School on Tuesdays. The School Social Worker is a resource for children and young people in building self-esteem, developing anger management skills, helping with problem solving and listening to any of the struggles they are dealing with - all in a confidential setting. The School Social Worker is part of the school team that works together for the benefit of all our students.

If you have any questions for your school counselor call the Canwood School office and ask to speak to Mrs. Kaley Spigott.

ONGOING EVENTS

Grade 12 Garden Shed - The Grade 12 Practical and Applied Arts class is once again in the process of constructing a garden shed. The Class of 2017 is using this as one of their fundraisers for their graduation and they are in the process of selling tickets, which are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Tickets will be on sale at the elementary Christmas concert on December 13 and the draw will be made that evening. Thanks for your support of this annual fundraiser. -Mr. Grant Person



UPCOMING EVENTS

Adopt A Family Christmas Program - Canwood Public School SRC will be participating in our own Adopt a Family Christmas Program again this year. The students will be preparing a Christmas hamper.

Suggested items include: Oranges, potatoes, carrots, cranberry juice or sauce, canned vegetables, pasta, stuffing mix, candy, chocolates, flour, sugar, cookies, dessert/baking items, bread or buns, tea/coffee/juice. Small novelties such as mitts, hats, books and coloring books will also be acceptable. Monetary donations will be accepted & the school will purchase necessary items to complete each hamper. Cheques can be made payable to Canwood Public School. The SRC will be supplying a turkey.



A box has been placed in each of the class rooms for donations. Non-perishable items can be sent as soon as possible. If each child donates one item we will have more than enough. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing in the spirit of Christmas.

PLEASE HELP US THIS CHRISTMAS - SEND YOUR FOOD ITEM OR DONATION BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15. WE WILL DELIVER THE HAMPER TO THE FAMILY ON DECEMBER 21.

Santa Shop - A Santa Shop for our elementary students in Grades K - 6 will be held at Canwood Public School on Wednesday, December 20. We would like to ask each of the students in these grades to donate gently used items such as jewelry, mugs, ornaments, books, toys or other small items to the program. These items will be set up and displayed for the students to purchase for Christmas presents for their families at the low, low cost of .25¢ each.

Imagine the treasures they will find for mom & dad, grandpa & grandma, or their siblings. The Santa Shop will be open on Wednesday, December 20 and each student will have a chance to purchase some Christmas presents. Proceeds from this "sale" will be donated to the Adopt A Family Christmas Program. If anyone would like to donate sale items, ribbons, bows, small gift boxes or gift wrap, or is able to help set up the shop (afternoon of Tuesday, December 19) or take down, or wrap gifts, we welcome your assistance. Please call Mrs. Hinson at 306-468-2150. We are often short on items for men - suggestions are tape measures, gloves, ties, socks, coffee mugs or travel mugs. Students please bring your items as soon as possible. Community members can drop off donated items at the front office. Thank you!!



Christmas Concert - Join us on Wednesday, December 13 when Canwood Public School celebrates Christmas with an evening of music, visiting, and a concert performed by elementary students. An Open House will be held between 6:00 and 6:45 p.m. with a Christmas sing-along in the foyer. Come and sing, visit, and enjoy coffee/tea/juice and dainties.

At 6:45 p.m. students will gather in their classrooms to get ready for the concert. At 7:00 p.m. our concert will begin in the gym. Lots of humor and songs are sure to put you in the Christmas mood!



The evening will conclude with a draw for the Grade 12 Shed Raffle. Transportation for seniors will be provided in town. Please call the school at 306-468-2150 if you would like to arrange for a ride that night. See you at the concert!



Christmas Banquet and Dance - Banquet for Grades 6-12 on Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.. Dance to follow, beginning at 8:00 p.m.. Admission for the dance is \$5.00.

SCHOOL SPORTS

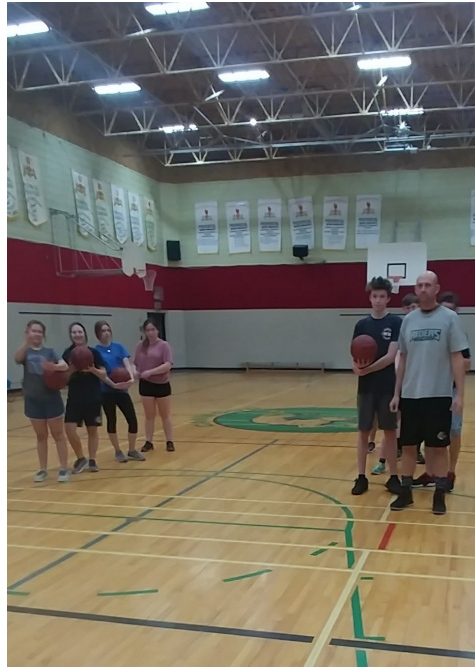
Senior Girls Volleyball - The girls had a great season and played well. They played games every Thursday with Debden, Shellbrook and Big River and went to tournaments in Leask and Medstead. At league playoffs we came in first in the round-robin and finished third overall. Conference was held on home turf on Saturday, November 4, where the girls represented our school well and displayed good sportsmanship coming in fourth overall. Many thanks to all who volunteered to help make the day a huge success. Thanks to the girls for their dedication and willingness to learn. The students on the team were Selena Andersen, Cassidy Anderson, Kiara Bahnuick, Kayleigh Eberts, Kyrrah Ernst, Harleigh Hamborg, and Casey Kvinlaug.



-Mrs. Kori Sansom & Mrs. Colleen Eberts

Canwood Cougars Basketball Camp 2017 - This year's basketball season was kicked off with a great basketball camp held at Canwood School on Saturday, November 18. The camp was attended by some very energetic and enthusiastic players as they were put through a variety of drills and skill building games led by Coach Trent Salmond. Trent has been to Canwood a number of times sharing his knowledge and passion for the sport of basketball. Once again, the coaches were very impressed with the work ethic and development the Canwood players displayed.

-Mr. Greg Duval

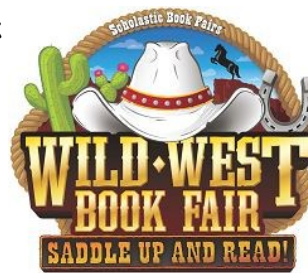


9/10 Girls Basketball - Our Canwood Cougars girls' team will be playing in the 9/10 league out of Prince Albert. Once again the team will consist of players from both Canwood and Debden. We are looking forward to an exciting year of spirited basketball. We have a high energy team and we hope to make some noise in the NCDAA league play. Best of luck to our girls: Casey, Cassidy, Selena, Kayleigh, Harleigh, Kyrrah, Alisha, Daphne, Rayjeanne, Reyna and team manager Kiara. -Mr. Greg Duval



LIBRARY NEWS

Our first Scholastic Book Fair this school year, "Saddle Up & Read Book Fair", was a great success and topped expectations once again with the huge support from our parents, staff, community members and students. We managed to take in over \$1,500 in sales, \$750 of these sales are returned to our library. As with past fall book fairs we had a second company in attendance, Reader's World, with many great Christmas gift ideas. Through credits earned from the Reader's World sales, six items were added to our library collection.



With the correct guess of 15 ponies hiding in the bales Jocelyn Lajeunesse was the lucky winner of the guessing game. Jocelyn won the ponies and bales and chose a book. Mr. Schwehr and Brayzn Benson were the lucky winners of the draw for \$25 worth of free books. Congratulations to all of you!

Thank you to the following people for their help with the book fair: Mrs. Lila Olson and Mrs. Jean Christiansen for helping to work the book fair and Shelby Pease for helping with the decorations and lending a hand at the book fair. A special thank you to Mrs. Cora-Lee Cyr who supplied many of the items used for decorating and western clothing for me to wear. Thanks to all the students who also helped with painting, I could not have done it without everyone's help.

A special thank you to our School Community Council for giving the elementary students \$5 certificates to spend at the book fair.

-Mrs. Tracy Pease

THANK YOU

Thank you to Lisa Anderson who donated \$200 to our athletic program from her Affinity Credit Union Community Spirit Fund. We appreciate it very much!

The Pre-Kindergarten class would like to thank Bernice Nordquist for coming to the school to bake cinnamon twists, Bob Thompson for giving a tour of the Canwood Fire Hall and Lorna Benson for giving a tour of the Canwood R.M. Shop.

EXTRAS

Attendance - One of the best gifts you can give your child is a good education. It's tempting to extend your vacation by a few days, but it is important to consider the impacts on your child's learning. Just a few missed days here and there can add up to too much lost learning time. So we look forward to seeing your child in school every day, right up until vacation starts. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning.



In Search Of - Our school is looking for a donation of 2 or 3 exercise balls for student use. If you have an exercise ball that you don't use and would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Balicki at the school or drop it off at the school office.

President's Choice® Children's Charity - Our school's nutrition program is supported in part by President's Choice® Children's Charity. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a



healthy meal or snack during the school day. This is a national charity that is committed to helping children across Canada realize their full potential in life by ensuring that all children attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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Donor's Choice - Canwood & District Donor's Choice would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to make our 2017 campaign a success. Also, thank you to all of our canvassers, without you this program could not run.

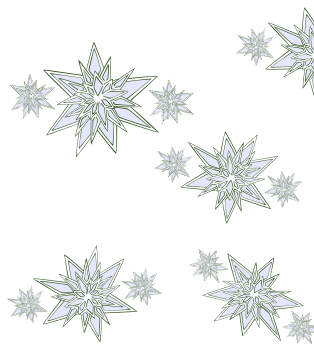
Elks Santa Claus Day - Come and enjoy fun and games at the annual Santa Claus Day, Saturday, December 2 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Elks Community Hall bowling alley.



Canwood Community Christmas Concert - at the Canwood Public School gym on Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m.. Potluck lunch of sandwiches and squares to follow.



Canwood Curling Club - The Canwood Curling Club is hosting an open night for individuals and families to learn the basics of curling. The ice will be available from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on December 20, January 3, January 17, January 31, February 14 and February 28. All are welcome to come out and throw some rocks on your own, or take part with a group and have some small games. Each participant will be charged \$2 per session. The Curling Club asks that any participant under 16 years of age have an adult that is able to supervise them. Brooms and sliders will be available for use. Contact Grant Person for more details at 306-893-8085.



Seasons Greetings



December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>3</p> <p>Kaley Spigott, School Social Worker, will be at Camwood School on December 5, 12, & 19</p>	4	5	6 <i>Shepherd's Pie</i> \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50	7	8 <i>Leftover Soup Surprise</i> \$2.00 & <i>Biscuit</i> \$1.00	9 Grade K-6 "Alice In Wonderland JR." at E.A. Rawlinson Centre	
<p>10</p>	11	12	13 <i>Baked Spaghetti</i> \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50 Christmas Concert 6:00 p.m.	14	15 <i>Borscht</i> \$2.00 & <i>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</i> \$2.00	16 Grade 6-12 Christmas Banquet & Dance Last Day For Adopt-A-Family Donations	
17 Community Churches Christmas Concert 4:00 p.m.	18 PreK Family Evening	19	20 <i>Pork Enchiladas</i> \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50 Santa Shop	21	22 <i>Meatball Soup</i> \$2.00 & <i>Breadstick</i> \$1.00	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	<h2>Merry Christmas</h2>						



JANUARY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 No Classes	3 No Classes	4 No Classes	5 No Classes	6
7 Kaley Spigott, School Social Worker, will be at Camwood School on January 9, 16, 23, & 30	8 Classes Resume	9 Day 5 No PreK	10 Beef & Black Bean Chili \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50 Curling Bonspiel	11 Curling Bonspiel	12 French Onion Soup \$2.00 & Breadstick \$1.00 Curling Bonspiel	13 Elementary Skating
14	15 Day 4 K	16 Day 5 No PreK	17 Chicken Fettucine Alfredo \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50	18 Day 1 No PreK	19 Day 2 K	20 Elementary Skating
21	22 Day 3 No PreK	23 Day 4 K	24 Day 5 PreK Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Corn \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50	25 Day 6 K	26 Day 1 No PreK Tomato Basil Soup \$2.00 & Grilled Cheese \$2.00	27 Elementary Skating
28 	29 Day 2 K	30 Day 3 PreK	31 Day 4 K Sweet & Sour Meatballs & Rice \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50	Day 5 PreK	Day 6 K	
Semester 1 Final Exams						