

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back to School Everyone! Greetings to all students, staff, parents and community members! We are very excited to start the school year and look forward to beginning your child's learning journey. The interior of the school has been freshly painted with a warm colour scheme. The staff have been spending many days getting the classrooms ready.

As you visit our school you will also notice some new faces. Miss Kaelee Saam will be teaching in the Grade 3/4 classroom and Mr. Eli Bennett will be teaching in the Grade 5/6 classroom. Miss Hannah McJannet will be teaching in the high school end and Raljean Hadloc is our new fulltime caretaker. Please join us in welcoming them to our Canwood School team!

September is not only the beginning of school, but Canwood staff have some great events planned as well! On Friday, September 8th we will be having a Welcome Back Breakfast for all of our students. We hope your child(ren) come to school ready to have some pancakes and sausages first thing in the morning. We are looking forward to meeting with you at our annual "Meet the Staff BBQ" on Wednesday, September 20th from 5:00 -7:00 p.m.. There will be an SCC meeting to follow that event, if you are interested please join us, all are welcome! Terry Fox Run will be held on Wednesday, September 27th, students will be canvassing for pledges to help fundraise for this important cause. Truth and Reconciliation Day also known as Orange Shirt Day will be acknowledged on Friday, September 29th - please wear your orange shirt that day.

"A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen." ~ Denise Witmer

Let's have a fantastic year!

-Mrs. Sylvia Delisle & Mrs. Lisa Howat



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Combination Classroom - In the fall Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be attending together on Mondays and Wednesdays, Kindergarten will attend on alternate Fridays. The enrollment of our school requires us to combine these age groups to have reasonable class sizes. It's important to us that all students have their learning needs met regardless of class configuration. This strategic decision to combine these early years classes was based on alignment and program structure. Alternative grade grouping were considered such as a K,1,2 split, but at this time the combination of Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten best meet the needs of our young learners. Pre-Kindergarten will continue to be an early intervention program (spaces are limited), families interested in applying are encouraged to do so. Children are accepted to Pre-Kindergarten by September 15th and families will be contacted. Thank you for your support and understanding on this upcoming change.

-Mrs. Sylvia Delisle

WELCOME BACK REMINDERS

<u>School Parking Lot and Student Safety</u> - Keeping students safe is a priority and we are asking for your assistance. After school, children may be walking between and/or behind parked cars on the way to their parent's vehicle where they can't easily be seen, or may be riding their bikes home after school. Wait to pull away from the school until students have made their way to their vehicles or down the street, and wait until the buses have left the parking lot. We need to do everything we can to avoid accidents, therefore, there will be teachers supervising this area while the



buses are loading. If you attempt to pull away before the buses have left you will be asked to wait. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to provide a safe environment for our students.

**A reminder to all high school students: Please park your vehicles behind the power pole in our schoolyard, as it is hard for our buses to go around each other safely.

<u>Student Attendance</u> - Regular attendance is important for your child's academic success. Please try to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

Please use Edsby to enter an absence for your child or call the school to inform us if your child will be absent or late. If your child is absent or late and we have not been notified, you will be contacted by the automated notification system.

If you pick your child up during the school day please use Edsby to enter an absence or notify the school office before they leave, Grade 7-12 students will have to sign out at the office.

Noon Hour - The school policy regarding students leaving the school premises at noon hour:

- *K-6 students living out-of-town are not permitted to leave at all. If there are exceptional circumstances, we must receive a letter or phone call from a parent/guardian.
- *Grade 7-9 students will be permitted to leave unless we get a letter from a parent/guardian stating they are not allowed to leave.
- *Grade 10-12 students are permitted to leave and are allowed to drive their vehicle.

<u>Allergen Awareness</u> - We have been a nut-free school for several years, please do not send any food or snacks to school that contain or may contain nuts. When in doubt when preparing lunches and snacks for your child, please click on the Anaphylaxis Information under the Safe Schools heading on the Sask Rivers Website, www.srsd119.ca. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the school. Thank you in advance for careful attention in this area.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- *Don't let children arrive at the bus stop too early. They may be tempted to wander or get into mischief. Make sure they come straight home—no detours.
- *Make sure children know what to do if they miss the bus: come back home; or if at school, report to a teacher—and **NEVER** accept a ride from a stranger.
- *If the stop is a long way from home, plan and discuss with your children where they can go in an emergency.
- *If it is dark on the way to and from the bus, make sure the children wear reflective clothing and they are visible
- *Make sure that the children wait well away from the road-way, and stay well back until the bus has come to a full stop and the door is open.

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*Explain to children they must walk at least 3 meters away when crossing in front of the bus so the driver can see them.

*Parents and motorists—watch for the red flashing signals and stop arm on the school bus. YOU MUST STOP.

Children, please follow these safety tips to make your school bus ride more enjoyable and safe for everyone on the bus:

- *Make sure the driver can always see you when you enter or exit the bus
- *Wait quietly in line—do not push or shove to get onto the bus
- *Don't throw things while on the bus
- *Don't yell or shout while riding the bus. Remain in your seat at all times.
- *Look both ways before you cross the road.

**A reminder to all students: If you are not going to be on your bus in the morning please call your bus driver and let them know the night before. If you are not able to contact the driver, call the place of pickup before yourself and ask them to tell the bus driver.

STAFF 2023-2024

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Sylvia Delisle - Principal, Math 6, Career Ed 5/6/7

Mrs. Lisa Howat - Vice Principal, Indigenous Studies 11, Health 6/7

ELEMENTARY STAFF

Mr. Richard Schwehr - Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Health 1/2 & 5/6, Phys Ed 1-4

Mrs. Heather Hladun - Grade 1/2 Homeroom, Literary Coach

Miss Kaelee Saam - Grade 3/4 Homeroom

Mr. Eli Bennett - Grade 5/6 Homeroom

Mr. Keanan Tibbs - Grade 6/7 Homeroom, Phys Ed 8

Ms. Cara Boulding - Grade 8 Homeroom

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Mr. Greg Duval - Grade 9 Homeroom, Art 9, Math 9, PAA 9, Phys Ed 9-12, Const & Carp 11/12, Commercial Cooking 11/12

Mrs. Courtney Hansen - ELA 9, Science 9, Health 9, Career Ed 9, Library 9

Miss Hannah McJannet - Grade 10/11 Homeroom, ELA 10-12, Social 9, History 10, Financial Lit 10/11, Life Transitions 11, Psychology 11/12

Mrs. Koralee Sansom - Grade 12 Homeroom, Math 10-12, Science 10, Health Science 11/12, Biology 11/12, Career & Work Exp 12, Transition & Online Support

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs. Connie Bailey - Pre-K EA (.5)

Mrs. Michelle Smith - Special Ed EA

Mrs. Valerie Hinson - Secretary

Mrs. Tracy Pease - Library Clerk (.5)

Miss Allyssa Salmond - School Social Worker

Ms. Carly Williams - Mentor (.5)

CARETAKERS

Mr. Raljean Hadloc - Custodian

Mr. Von Bondame - Custodian (.5)





STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2023-2024

We are looking forward to working with those students who have put their names forward for our new SLC. The new executive is made up of:

President: Jaden Schutte Vice President: Bailey Hagel Secretary: Ava Eberts

Events Coordinator: Bailey Hagel Drama Coordinator: Elyse Whiteside Yearbook Coordinator: Becky Wilson Interhouse Coordinator: Ebe Johnson

SLC Advisors: Mrs. Sansom & Miss McJannet



PARENT & CAREGIVER INFORMATION

<u>Registration Forms</u> - We ask parents of returning students to please fill out the online Registration Form that was emailed, shared on Edsby, and is on our school website cw.srsd119.ca. Also, please fill out the Student Transportation In Private Vehicles Form that was sent home with all students and return it to the school.

<u>Website</u> - The Saskatchewan Rivers website srsd119.ca <u>Parent Information tab</u> provides valuable information on Assessment and Reporting, School Calendars and Safe Schools.

On the Canwood Public School website cw.srsd119.ca you will find bus updates, contact information, current handbook, newsletters, staff lists, student links, school year calendar, and more.

Microwaves - will be unavailable until further notice.

<u>Water Fountains</u> - will be unavailable until further notice. Water bottle fill stations are available, all students must have a water bottle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Meet the Staff BBQ</u> - Canwood Public School would like to invite the community, parents, families and students to a come and go "Meet the Staff BBQ" on Wednesday, September 20 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.. The BBQ meal will cost \$5.00/person.

Terry Fox Run - Canwood Public School has been challenged with raising money for cancer research through the Terry Fox Run over the years. Organizing this event is rewarding for our school, and we continue to appreciate the tremendous support from students, staff and the community. When we reflect on those who have passed away and those who are battling cancer, this event may bring up difficult memories for all of us. The Terry Fox Run is an event where we can come together as a community and use Terry's message of hope and strength to inspire us during these challenging times. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.. Community participants, students from Grades 5-12, and staff will walk from the school to the Regional Park and back. Grades 1-4 and anyone else wishing to walk a shorter distance will walk to Whispering Pine Place where they will meet up with the residents and then come back to the school. After the walk, there will be a fundraising lunch at the school from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.. The lunch will be \$8.00/person and all proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. Pledge sheets will be available at the school. Please watch for posters advertising this event and help us support this valuable cause. All money raised at this event will go towards finding a cure for cancer in Canada. We look forward to seeing you all at this year's 43rd annual Terry Fox Run! -Miss Hannah McJannet



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BELL TIMES 2023-2024

8:40 Warning Bell

Announcements & O Canada

8:50-9:45 Period 1

9:45-10:00 Recess

10:00-10:55 Period 2

10:55-11:50 Period 3

11:50-12:35 Lunch Break

12:35-1:30 Period 4

1:30-2:25 Period 5

2:25-3:15 Period 6

3:15 School Dismissal



We are ready to have a great year!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

<u>Canwood Wapiti Public Library</u> - Kids Club will be every Friday that there is school, beginning September 15th, from 3:30-4:30 p.m..

There are Movie Nights scheduled, watch for posters and further communication. The first movie on September 14th will be "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe".

-Karina Johnson, Canwood Branch Librarian



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	Welcome Back Breakfast		K	First Day of Classes Grade 1-12	Labour Day No Classes	
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	l PLC No Classes					Miss Allyssa Salmond, School Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on September 12, 19 & 26
	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
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JOY - SAFETY - ACCEPTANCE - RESPONSIBILITY - RESPECT

At Canwood Public School we BELIEVE in Joy, Safety, Acceptance, Responsibility, and Respect. They are the foundations of teaching and learning.

Joy – We believe in finding joy in our school experiences. We build a sense of belonging by engaging in daily school activities and being grateful for the opportunities provided.

Safety – Our school believes in providing a safe and welcoming learning environment for our students, staff and community. Safety encompasses all aspects of our being – Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual.

Acceptance - We believe in acceptance for everyone, regardless of people's beliefs, experiences and abilities. We believe in equality for all through communication, collaboration and dedication to being life-long learners.

Responsibility – It is important to us that staff and students are actively engaged in creating a harmonious learning community. Each individual has a responsibility to contribute to and protect our shared school beliefs.

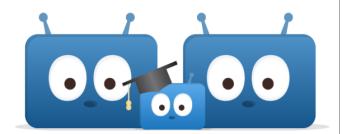
Respect – It is being self-aware of our choices. Our school community respects diversity in others and ourselves.

Our students ~ Our staff ~ Our parents ~ Our community

One Team ~ One Mission

"Excellence For Every Learner"





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Dear Parents and Guardians.

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is using Edsby as a communication tool and learning management system. Edsby keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school division. If you would like to learn more about Edsby security, there is a lot of information here: https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/

Edsby makes it easy for parents to observe all of the wonderful things that are happening in our classroom. From time to time, we will post grades, notes, pictures, videos, or audio clips of your child learning at school. This will help you see the progress your child is making in their learning journey.

In the next few days, you will receive an emailed invitation to Edsby. The email will come from Edsby. It will contain the link you will need to create your new account or connect additional children to your existing account. If you are new to Edsby you should expect to receive one email for each of your children.

Please watch this 2-minute video, it is very helpful: Scan this code to open the video:



Creating your Parent Account

OR use this URL: https://tinyurl.com/mr26cv4b

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Sylvia Delisle