

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Canwood Public School! The building is looking amazing after a successful summer scrub by our amazing caretakers Jessie Morris and John Kunard.

The teachers have been back for a few days now preparing their lessons and anxiously awaiting the arrival of our students. We have a few new faces on staff. We would like to welcome Courtney Hansen and Doreen Couture. Courtney will be teaching Grade 5/6 SS, Kindergarten P.E. and Grade 1/2 in the afternoon. Doreen will be an Educational Associate in the elementary end. Welcome to Charmayne Whitrow, who will be interning in our school for the fall. Her cooperating teacher will be Mr. Person. We also welcome Ron Pichula, a new caretaker, working Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We are fortunate to continue having the services of a School Social Worker. Angela Leski will be here Monday and Tuesday and we look forward to her working in our building.

Our whole staff would like to extend a big Canwood welcome to all of our new students especially the Pre-Kindergartens.

As administrators of Canwood Public School we are excited about this upcoming school year and look forward to the many activities that will be happening in our building. We would like to extend an invitation to everyone in our community to come and enjoy these events. We will start off the year with our Meet the Staff BBQ on Thursday, September 10. Our Welcome Breakfast for all students will be on Friday, September 11 with a dance for the grade 6 - 12 students in the evening. Once again our annual Terry Fox Run will be on Wednesday, September 30.

Our volleyball, cross country running, and golf teams are expecting a strong start to the year. We will be hosting District Golf on Monday, September 14 with a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m..

We would like to encourage parents to complete registration forms and return school fees to the office as quickly as possible. Please indicate if your child is on any medication or allergic to anything. A completed registration form allows us to be able to look after all your child's needs. Thank you for being diligent as you complete these forms. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact myself or Richard at the office.

This year Canwood Public School will be focusing on reading and numeracy throughout all grades. We will broaden our scope from last year's Math focus on Numeracy to include Patterns and Relations and Shape and Space. Every year we also focus on improving Literacy. We want all students to acquire skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and representing.

We are anticipating a great year full of fun and learning at Canwood Public School. Have a great 2015-2016 school year.

-Mrs. Sherry Moar & Mr. Richard Schwehr

WELCOME BACK REMINDERS

School Parking Lot-Student Safety - Keeping students safe is a priority and we are asking for your assistance. After school, please do not pull out of the student parking lot until the buses have left. 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. If you need to leave before the buses, please park across the street in front of the houses. 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.

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 roadway, and stay well back until the bus has come to a full stop and the door is open.
- *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 street.

****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.

School Bus

SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. **Obey the driver** promptly
2. Avoid any unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
3. **Respect the driver and fellow passengers.**
4. Arrive 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time and stand away from the roadway while waiting for the school bus.
5. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before moving to get on.
6. Always cross the road at the intersection or designated cross walk.
7. Always keep a safe distance around the school bus (about 3 metres).
8. Go directly to your seat; allow others to sit with you. Remain seated.
9. Sit facing forward, with your belongings on your lap or under the seat.
Keep the aisle clear.
10. Obtain approval of the driver to open windows or emergency door.
Nothing must hang out or be thrown out of the window of the bus.
11. **Talk quietly.** Silence is required when approaching a railway crossing.
12. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus. Use of tobacco is forbidden.
13. Neither pets nor large objects are allowed on the bus.
14. Anyone who intentionally damages the bus will be held responsible.
15. Dress according to weather conditions. For safety reasons, avoid drawstrings or loose objects on clothing and backpacks.

Pupil transportation is a privilege – follow the rules

Violation may result in disciplinary action and possible loss of transportation.

Cell Phones - Students are not to have their cell phones on during class. Students in grade 7-12 are allowed to have them on in between classes, at recess and during the noon hour. If a cell phone is taken away:

1st time—it will be brought to the office

2nd time—brought to the office and phone call home

3rd time—either it stays at the office for 3 school days or a parent/guardian comes and picks it up.

If you need to contact your child on their cell phone, please contact them during the times when they are allowed to have them on. If it is an emergency, you can call the school office at anytime.

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

*K-6 students are not permitted to leave at all. If there are exceptional circumstances, we must receive a letter or phone call from a parent/guardian.

*7-9 students will be permitted to leave unless we get a letter from a parent/guardian stating they are not allowed to leave. 10-12 students are permitted to leave but are not allowed to drive unless they have written permission.

Student Attendance - Please call the school to inform us if your child will be absent or late. Also, if you pick your child up at school, please sign them out at the office before leaving.

Regular attendance is important for your child's academic success. Please try to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

If your child is late or absent and we have not received a phone call, we will be calling you to check on your child.

PARENT & CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Allergen Awareness - We have been a nut-free school for several years. This year our signage will change to *Be Allergen Aware: Reduce the Risks*. This encompasses more of the allergens that are common in foods. 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.

Website - The Saskatchewan Rivers website, Parent Information tab provides valuable information on Assessment and Reporting, School Calendars and Safe Schools. As curriculums change and we use a standards base assessment, we will change how we do things. Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, we will no longer be calculating honor roll as it does not match up with the standards base assessment. Please visit the website at www.srsd119.ca.

From the Sask Rivers website you can go to the Canwood Public School website where you will find bus updates, contact information, current handbook, newsletters and staff lists. Add the Canwood School website to your favorites or your home screen to quickly check the calendar, announcements for upcoming events and noon meals.

Transportation Consent - We ask all parents to please be diligent in completing the new required transportation consent forms. No child will be transported to any activity without these forms being completed.

Milk Program - The Milk Program will be back the first week in September. Coupons will be sold in groups of 10. Small vico/milk will be 85¢ each (10 coupons for \$8.50) and large vico will be \$1.35 each (10 coupons for \$13.50). Cheques can be made payable to Canwood Public School and cheques or cash



can be sent to the school and given to the homeroom teacher. Notes will be sent home with the student when they have used up all of their allotted coupons. A variety of activities and special draws will be held throughout the year, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Saskatchewan.

Meal Cards - Just a reminder that you have the option of purchasing noon meal cards and/or soup and sandwich cards. The noon meal card costs \$35.00, which is 10 meals. The soup and sandwich card costs \$20.00 - it is broken up into \$2.00 and \$1.00 squares to cover the cost of soup, sandwich and/or biscuit. Cards can be purchased at the school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the Staff BBQ - Canwood Public School would like to invite the community, parents, families and students to a come and go "Meet the Staff BBQ" on Thursday, September 10 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.. The meal includes a hamburger/or hot dog, potato salad, baked mac & cheese, baked beans, dessert and drink. The price is \$3.00/person and proceeds are going to Telemiracle.

Youth-In-Action Volunteer Program - Whispering Pine Place welcomes students in grades 8 to 12 to join the Youth-In-Action Volunteer Program. Want to make a difference in residents' lives? Visit, play cards and games, read, assist with meals, style hair and paint nails, and listen to great stories from the past. Pick up your application at Canwood Public School, at Whispering Pine Place, or download it from the website www.paphr.sk.ca. Students must be 14 years or older on or before September 1, 2015. The program will begin sometime in October. The Recreation Therapy/Activities Dept. staff will communicate the start dates during an orientation session. All new and returning volunteers must attend the orientation session. Returning volunteers are asked to complete an update form to keep information current, please notify Whispering Pine Place or Mrs. Moar of your intention to return. Applications must be returned to Canwood School by September 30, 2015. Help your community achieve Optimal Health - Become Involved!

Terry Fox Run - Over the years, Canwood Public School has been challenged to help raise money for cancer research through the Terry Fox Run. Organizing a successful event is very rewarding for our school; and the staff, students and community have all been very supportive. By participating in the run, we remember and support those people living with cancer and those who have lost their battle. It helps to build school and community spirit, and it is a positive step toward finding the cure we need. This year, our event will be held on Wednesday, September 30 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. Following the walk, (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) there will be a fundraising lunch of beef/or bison stew, bun /or bannock, strawberry short-cake dessert and a drink for \$6.00/person with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation. Various prizes will be awarded to participants. Parents, grandparents, seniors and all community members are welcome. Pledge sheets will be available at the school. Please watch for posters advertising this event and help us support this worthwhile cause.

Co-op Gift Cards - The Grade 7/8 class is planning a year end trip to Camp Kadesh. In order to help pay for the trip, Grade 7/8 students are being asked to sell Co-op gift cards from October 15 to October 28. These gift cards can be used at any Co-op, not only in the immediate area, but in all of western Canada. They are sold in \$25 increments and can be purchased from any grade 7/8 student or from the school office. They can be used for anything that the Co-op sells (gas, groceries, lumber, etc). The more cards we sell, the more profit the class makes. We thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Duval at the school 306-468-2150.

STAFF 2015-2016

Mrs. Lisa Howat: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten

Mr. Richard Schwehr: Vice Principal, Grade 1/2 Homeroom (a.m.)

Mrs. Courtney Hansen: Grade 1/2 Homeroom (Day 2, 4 & 6 p.m.),
Social Studies 5/6, Kindergarten PE

Mrs. Nicole Senger: Grade 3/4 Homeroom

Mrs. Colleen Eberts: Grade 5/6 Homeroom, Coaching Project, Student Support Services

Mr. Greg Duval: Grade 7/8 Homeroom, English Language Arts 9/10, Health/Career Education 7/8/9,
History 11/12

Mr. Grant Person: Grade 9/10 Homeroom, History 9/10, PE 5 - 12, PAA 7 - 12 (Industrial Arts),
Mechanical & Automotive 10, 11 & 12

Miss Kori Boskill: Grade 11 Homeroom, Biology 11/12, Math 9/10, Math 11, Science 5/6,
Health Career Ed 5/6, Science 7/8, Physics 12

Mrs. Kirby Kulrich: Grade 12 Homeroom, Math 12, Science 9/10, Art 3- 9, Guided Reading,
Music 1 - 4, Math 11, Physical Science 10/11

Mrs. Gwen Olson: PAA 7 - 12 (Home Ec), Commercial Cooking 10 - 12, Social Studies 1/2

Mrs. Sherry Moar: Principal, English Language Arts 11/12, Media Studies 11/12

Mrs. Tracy Pease: Library Clerk

Mrs. Valerie Hinson: School Secretary

Mrs. Connie Bailey: Pre-K EA (0.5)

Mrs. Diane Johnson: Special Education EA

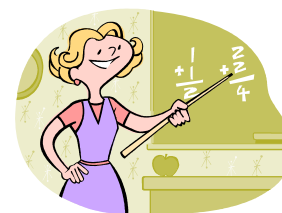
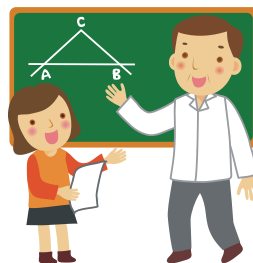
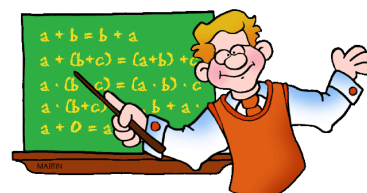
Mrs. Doreen Couture: Special Education EA

Mrs. Angela Leski: School Social Worker

Mr. John Kunard: Head Custodian

Mrs. Jessie Morris: Custodian

Mr. Ron Pichula: Custodian



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to all students, we have an exciting new year starting with a wonderful school from which to experience it all. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you had time to pick up a book and read! Our library is once again open to all students, it will be open during the noon break from 12:10 to 12:35 for students wishing to have a quiet place to do homework or work on projects. Any students with overdue books from last year will have a notice sent home explaining the charges for these books. Have a wonderful year, and may we all learn something new! *-Mrs. Tracy Pease*

HONOR ROLL (JUNE 2015)

Honor Roll is based on three levels of achievement. The average is calculated using all of the subjects that a student is currently enrolled in.

80% = Honors, 85% = Distinction and 90% = Great Distinction. The average must calculate to the percentages above; averages will not be rounded. To clarify, a student with an average of 84.9 will not receive Distinction.

Grade 10: *Honors* - Cheyenne Thall, *Distinction* - Delayne Aiken, Paige Anderson, Erin Bartley, Ramsey Rude, Makayla Stieb, Amy Wreford

Grade 11: *Honors* - Matthew Wolfe, *Distinction* - Ryan Aiken, Logan Halayka, Sydney Kvinlaug, *Great Distinction* - Kali Stocks

Grade 12: *Honors* - Joelle Hoeflicher, *Distinction* - Hayden Bartley, Tara Johnson, Alexandria Person

KIDS PLUS ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);

Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums for children are \$14.50 or \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year.

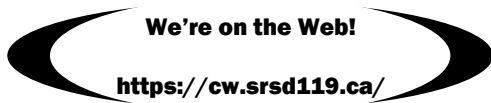
For more information or to apply online, please visit www.kidsplus.ca, or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at 1-800-556-7411.



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BELL TIMES 2015-2016

- 8:45 Warning Bell
- 8:46 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



SRC 2015-2016

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

- President: Kali Stocks
- Sr. V. President: Sydney Kvinlaug
- Secretary: Paige Anderson
- Jr. V. President: Cassidy Anderson
- Dance Coordinator: Amy Wreford
- Canteen Coordinator: Brett Bischler
- Drama Coordinator: Delayne Aiken
- Executive Members: Ryan Aiken, Dylan Kvinlaug
- Spirit Builder: Caylah Nelson



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

I hope you have all had a great summer! I am very happy to continue working at Canwood Public School as the school counsellor. I am looking forward to seeing many familiar and new faces. My goal is to help ensure that every child has a successful school year, both academically and socially.

I am at Canwood School every Monday and Tuesday. Students may either speak to me directly or be referred by a teacher/parent. I can be reached by calling Canwood School at (306)468-2150 or by email at aleski@srsd119.ca I am looking forward to working together with parents to ensure your child's year is as successful as possible, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

-Mrs. Angela Leski



VEGETABLES WELCOME!

The school will gratefully accept donations of garden vegetables for our nutrition program. We would welcome carrots, cucumbers, rhubarb, zucchini, tomatoes, berries or any other extra produce you might have. Please drop it off at the school or call the school office to have it picked up.

HAVE A HEALTHY LUNCH

A healthy lunch is important to give your child the nutrients and energy they need to stay active and learn in the classroom. When packing your child's lunch try to include one food from each of the 4 food groups in Eating Well with **Canada's Food Guide**, and let them help decide!





September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mrs. Angela Leski, School Counsellor, will be at Carwood School on Mondays and Tuesdays		1 First Day of Classes	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5
6	7 Labour Day No Classes	8 Day 1 No PreK	9 Day 2 Ham & Hash-brown Casserole \$3.50	10 Day 3 Meet The Staff BBQ 5-7 p.m. School Community Council Meeting 7 p.m.	11 Day 4 Welcome Day Breakfast & Dance	12
13	14 District Golf Playoffs Shotgun Start 12 p.m.	15 Day 5 No PreK	16 Day 6 Taco Salad \$3.50	17 Day 1 Pre K	18 Day 2 Tomato Soup \$2.00 & Grilled Cheese \$2.00	19
	21 Day 3 PreK	22 Day 4 Pre-K Parent Meeting 7 p.m.	23 Day 5 PreK ← Student Leadership Conference in Shellbrook →	24 Day 6 K	25 Day 1 No PreK Chicken Noodle Soup \$2.00 & Ham & Cheese Kaiser \$2.00	26
27	28 Day 2 K	29 Day 3 PreK	30 Day 4 K Terry Fox Run & Lunch World School Milk Day No PreK Family Day	Day 5 PreK	Day 6 K	
Day 1 PreK	Day 2 K	Day 3 PreK	Day 4 K	Day 5 PreK	Day 6 K	