

# CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2017

### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

I was very happy and excited to be given the opportunity to be the new principal of Canwood Public School. In the days and weeks to follow, every person I talked to, spoke of how great and welcoming the town of Canwood is. They would go on to tell me tales of great students, families and a community spirit that is second to none. After spending my first few days at the school I can tell the stories are true. Whether it be the smiles and laughs coming from the summer youth program, visiting with parents dropping in, or being asked "are you the new principal" while shopping around town. My first impressions of Canwood have been unanimously positive. I was happy and excited before coming to town, now that I am here I am overjoyed to be a Cougar. Thank you for such a warm welcome.

Mr. Schwehr and I are looking forward to kicking off the year in style with many activities that have become staple kick off events including the Meet the Staff BBQ, Welcome Back Breakfast for all students, Welcome Back Dance for grades 6-12, as well as hosting our annual Terry Fox Run. Please read further in the newsletter for all the dates and times of upcoming events.

There are no shortage of activities for our students to get involved with. Starting in September we have volleyball, cross country running and golf, our students in grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to play 6-man football with Shellbrook. SLC is also very active in our school and offers many opportunities for students to get involved and make Canwood School a great place to be. Watch for notes coming home with the latest and greatest details of upcoming activities.

We would like to thank you in advance for completing the battery of forms and registrations as well as sending in school fees. We greatly appreciate the time it takes to fill these out, please know they do help us to do our jobs better. In the spirit of keeping everyone in our school safe please let us know if your child has any medical conditions or allergies we should be aware of. Mrs. Hinson, Mr. Schwehr and myself are happy to answer any questions you may have, please contact us at the office.

Canwood will be focusing on reading as our school goal this year. Reading is a pillar of learning which will support learning in all areas. We are working hard to incorporate our reading goal across all subjects and classrooms. Stay tuned for updates on our goal throughout the year.

One last time, thank you for a warm welcome to your community, I look forward to becoming a part of it for years to come. I can already tell it is going to be great year.

*Mr. Brian Linn & Mr. Richard Schwehr*



# School Bus

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

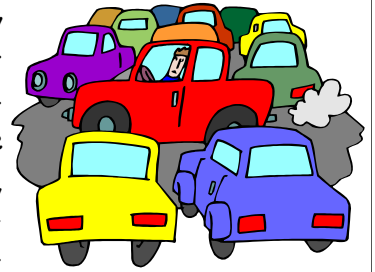
1. **Obey the driver** promptly
2. Avoid any unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
3. **Respect the driver and fellow passengers.**
4. Arrive 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time and stand away from the roadway while waiting for the school bus.
5. Wait until the 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.

## 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 road-way, 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.



**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:

\*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 come in and 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. Our signage has changed 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](http://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. Please visit the website at [www.srsd119.ca](http://www.srsd119.ca).

On the Canwood Public School website you will find bus updates, contact information, current handbook, newsletters, staff lists, student links, calendar of events, noon meals and more. Please visit the website at [www.cw.srsd119.ca](http://www.cw.srsd119.ca) and add it to your favorites or your home screen.

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

**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.



**Milk Program** - Coupons will be sold in groups of 10. Small milk will be 85¢ each (10 coupons for \$8.50) and large milk 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Meet the Staff BBQ** - Canwood Public School would like to invite the community, parents, families and students to come and go "Meet the Staff BBQ" on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.. The BBQ meal will cost \$3.00/person and proceeds are going to Telemiracle. The annual School Community Council meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m., there are two positions available on the board.



**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](http://www.paphr.sk.ca). Students must be 14 years or older on or before September 1, 2017. 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. Hinson of your intention to return. Applications must be returned to Canwood School by September 29, 2017. Help your community achieve Optimal Health - Become Involved!

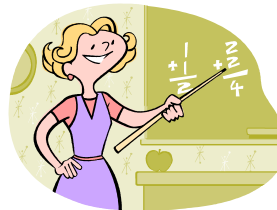
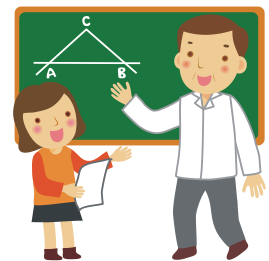
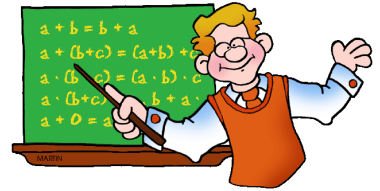


**Terry Fox Run** - Over the years, Canwood Public School has been challenged to help raise money for cancer research through the Terry Fox Run. Organizing a successful event is very rewarding for our school; and the staff, students and community have all been very supportive. By participating in the 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 20 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 K - 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 at the cost of \$7.00/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.



## STAFF 2017-2018

Mrs. Lisa Howat: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten  
 Mr. Richard Schwehr: Vice Principal, Grade 1 Homeroom (a.m.)  
 Mrs. Courtney Hansen: Grade 1 Homeroom (p.m.)  
 Mrs. Adrianna Aristide: Grade 2/3 Homeroom  
 Mrs. Emily Davis: Grade 3/4 Homeroom  
 Mrs. Colleen Eberts: Grade 5/6 Homeroom  
 Mrs. Cheryl Tieszen: Kindergarten PE, Art 1, Library 2/3, Library 3/4, Science 2/3, Science 3/4,  
 Mr. Greg Duval: Grade 7/8 Homeroom, Health/Career Education 7/8/9, Library 5/6  
 Mr. Grant Person: Grade 9/10 Homeroom, Math 9, History 9 - 12, PE 9 - 12, PAA 7 - 12  
 (Industrial Arts), Mechanical & Automotive 10 - 12  
 Mrs. Kori Sansom: Grade 11 Homeroom, Biology 11/12, Health Science 11/12, Science 10,  
 Physical Science 10, Math 10 - 12, Science 7/8  
 Mrs. Vanessa Balicki: Grade 12 Homeroom, English Language Arts 9 - 12, Science 9, Art 9,  
 Science 5/6, Student Support Services  
 Mr. Brian Linn: Principal, PAA 7 - 12 (Home Ec), Commercial Cooking 10 - 12  
 Mrs. Tracy Pease: Library Clerk  
 Mrs. Valerie Hinson: School Secretary  
 Mrs. Connie Bailey: Pre-K EA (0.5), Special Education EA (0.5)  
 Mrs. Bev Wyatt: Special Education EA (0.5)  
 Mrs. Zora Renaud: Special Education EA  
 Mrs. Kaley Spigott: School Social Worker  
 Mr. John Kunard: Head Custodian  
 Mrs. Jessie Morris: Custodian  
 Mrs. Debra Ethier: Custodian



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2017-2018

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/Sr. Vice President: Cassidy Anderson & Casey Kvinlaug  
 Secretary: Kelcie Grimard  
 Dance Coordinator: Kayleigh Eberts  
 Canteen Coordinator: Zach Hounsell  
 Drama Coordinator: Kiara Bahnuick  
 Sports/Yearbook Coordinator: Harleigh Hamborg  
 Executive Members: Ethan Bodnarchuk, Dylan Kvinlaug, Preston Wright



— WELCOME —

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## 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

## EXTRAS

**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. Thank you!

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

This year marked the Canwood Summer Youth Program's 15th year and it was another successful summer. Approximately sixty kids from ages 5-12 enjoyed the weekly themes.

During our first week "Community Craze" we visited our local fire station, went to the Canwood Mini Golf, tested out our bowling skills at the bowling alley in town and also toured Canwood's Affinity Credit Union, who is one of our big sponsors.

The second week was "Another Day in Paradise" with daily themes of Paris, Egypt, Hawaii, China and Alaska that had activities and crafts to fit the day's theme.

Week number three was "Canwood SYP's Got Talent" where we showed off our talents doing dancing, going to the Prince Albert Aerials Gymnastics Club, another bowling trip and a tour of the Shellbrook Hospital, where we learned a lot.

Our fourth week was the Famous "Water Week". The giant slip and slide, water fight at Whispering Pine Place and a trip to Shell Lake, were a big hit.

"Fantasy Frenzy", the fifth week, included witches and warlocks day where we got to watch Harry Potter at our local library, crazy scientist day, superhero day and god and goddess day.

The sixth week was called "Happy Holidays", we celebrated Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas, Halloween and Birthdays. During this week we took a trip to the Shellbrook swimming pool and made a craft with the residents at Whispering Pine Place.

Our final week "The Great Outdoors" was a great week with trips to the Canwood Regional Park and Honeywood Heritage Nursery. We brought out the slip and slide again during this beautiful week and had a bouncy castle, face paint and outdoor shenanigans.

We would not be able to provide this amazing program without our sponsors: Community Initiative Fund, Affinity Credit Union, Student Summer Works, Village of Canwood, Sask Rivers School Division, Canwood Public School, and R.M of Canwood. A big thanks to the parents who bring their children to keep this program running as well as community members who have helped in any way, we really appreciate it. Amy Wreford and Paige Hinson who were the Assistant Coordinators of the program deserve a round of applause for all their hard work. Most of all, thank you goes to the kids that continue to come to Summer Youth Program and make our days full of fun and excitement! Hope to see you all back for Summer 2018, have a great school year.

-Sydney Kvinlaug





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**We're on the Web!**

<https://cw.srsd119.ca/>

## BELL TIMES 2017-2018

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



*We are ready to have a great year!*



## 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 the Sask Rivers website [www.srsd119.ca](http://www.srsd119.ca), the Kids Plus website [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca), or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at 1-800-556-7411.





# September 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mrs. Kaley Spigott, School Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on Tuesdays and Thursdays					1	2
3	4 Labour Day No Classes	5 First Day of Classes	6 Magazine Campaign Kickoff	7	8 Chicken Noodle Soup \$2.00 & Cheese Biscuit \$1.00	9 
10	11	12 Day 1 No PreK	13 S/S Pork & Rice \$3.50 Meet the Staff BBQ 5-7 p.m. SCC Meeting 7 p.m.	14	15 Tomato Soup \$2.00 & Turkey Sandwich \$2.00 Welcome Breakfast & Dance	16
17	18 Day 5 No PreK	19 Day 6 K	20 Day 1 No PreK Terry Fox Run & Lunch	21 Day 2 K	22 Beet Borscht \$2.00 & Chicken Salad Sandwich \$2.00 Student Leadership Conference in Tisdale	23 
24 	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 PreK	27 Day 6 K Pepperoni Calzone \$3.50	28 Day 1 Pre K	29 Day 2 K Corn Chowder \$2.00 & Garlic Biscuit \$1.00	30 **Picture Day will be Monday, October 2** →
Day 3		Day 4 K	Day 5 PreK	Day 6 K	Day 3 Family Day PreK	