

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Canwood Public School is a busy place! Final exams, curling bonspiel, Sr. and Jr. curling, drama and basketball are a few of the things keeping our staff and students busy. Thank you to our staff for providing such a wide range of extra-curricular events for our students and thank you to our parents, caregivers and community members that cheer on and support our students.

As term two begins we encourage our students to get assignments handed in on time and to stay focused on their academics. Parents, caregivers and teachers all want to see our children/students succeed. By working together and having open lines of communication we can create a successful and positive learning environment for our children/students. The elementary teachers have been busy gathering reading results for their students and we are pleased with the growth we are seeing. Parents, please continue your great work at home by supporting and encouraging your children.

Congratulations to the Grade 3/4 class for being the first to achieve their 35 hours of reading time! Kindergarten to Grade 12 students have been participating in this challenge to encourage reading and improve reading skills. One of our school goals this year is to improve reading levels. This challenge will continue throughout the year.

How about this weather we have been having? Each day seems like a new season, cold, mild, snow, rain, wind, no wind! It is important during these cold winter months that students have the proper clothing so that they are warm and safe during their bus ride and during recess.

Semester two began on January 31 and on February 9 the Kindergarten to Grade 12 report cards will be sent home. Parent teacher interviews will be held on February 13. Interview times will be mailed out to each family. If the time you are given will not work for you, please call the school to make changes or alternate arrangements.

Enjoy Family Day and the winter break. Let's cross our fingers for nice weather so that we can all get outside and enjoy our favourite winter activities! Happy Valentine's Day.

-Mr. Richard Schwehr & Mr. Brian Linn

LIBRARY NEWS

"Paws for Books - Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale", our semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair, will be held in conjunction with our parent teacher interviews on Tuesday, February 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Pre-viewing for the book fair for students will be on Monday, February 12.

All community members, parents and grandparents are welcome to come and browse at the great selection of new books available. Please remember that a portion of all sales goes directly back into the school library to be used to purchase new books for our students to enjoy. I would like to send a big "Thank You" in advance for supporting this worthwhile project.



-Mrs. Tracy Pease

PAST EVENTS

Curling Bonspiel - On January 10, 11 & 15, eight teams made up of students from Grades 5-12 competed in the Canwood Public School Bonspiel. It was a great three days of curling. Many comments were made during the week about how good it was to see the older students helping the younger students with the skills of the game, and lots of laughs were had on and off the ice. The results of the bonspiel are as follows:

Champion - Riley Rude's team

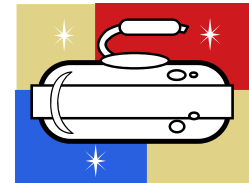
Consolation Winner - Cassidy Anderson's team

Runner Up - Briar Cain's team

Runner Up - Kiara Bahnuick's team

It takes the help of many people to put on this event. The organizing committee would like to thank the following individuals and business' for their support:

- Parents and staff for donating food and working in the canteen.
- Mr. Grant Person for taking care of the ice.
- Cassidy Anderson for keeping the rink so clean.
- Canwood Curling Club for the use of the rink.
- Affinity Credit Union, Tyler's Burger Stop, Co-op Store, Co-op Ag, Cargill, Canadian Prairie Bison, and Ma's General Store for donating prizes.



Also, thank you to all the community members that came to the rink and cheered on our curlers. We hope to see you all again next year.

-Canwood Public School Bonspiel Committee

ONGOING EVENTS

Elementary Skating -The elementary students will continue their Friday afternoon school skating program in February. We welcome all parents, caregivers, grandparents and community members to come and help tie skates and watch the children skate. Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2/3 students will be skating from 12:35 p.m. to 1:35 p.m., Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 students will be skating from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m..

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLC - Friday, February 2. No Classes.

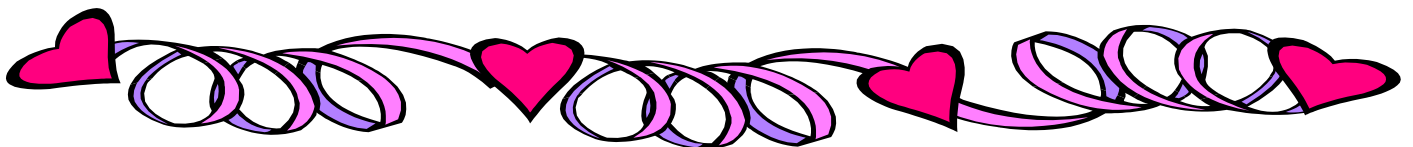
Report Cards - Kindergarten to Grade 12 report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, February 9.

Interviews - Parent teacher interviews Tuesday, February 13.

February Break - Monday, February 19 to Friday, February 23. The school will be closed.

Ski Trip - On Monday, March 5 the Kindergarten to Grade 6 classes will be going to Timber Ridge in Big River and the Grade 7 to Grade 12 classes will be going to Table Mountain in North Battleford. Students will be bringing home registration forms and more information closer to the date.

Dinner Theatre - This year's dinner theatre will take place on Wednesday, March 21. Details and ticket sale information will be in the March newsletter.



SCHOOL SPORTS

Senior Girls' Basketball - It was with great pleasure that Canwood School hosted a Grade 9/10 girls' basketball tournament. The Canwood team won the tournament as the St. Mary's teams could not keep up with the high energy play of our girls. Not only did the Canwood team play exceptionally well, they were very well organized in making sure the tournament ran smoothly. The girls would like to thank all the students, teachers and parents who volunteered to score keep and work in the canteen. It's that volunteer spirit that makes this school and community so very special. Also, a big thanks to Mr. Linn for his awesome food prep and Mr. Person for making the gym look spectacular.

The Cougars are in the home stretch of their schedule as they have just one home game left on February 5 at 4:00 p.m.. Come out and see some high energy exciting basketball. -Mr. Greg Duval

FAMILY LITERACY EVENT

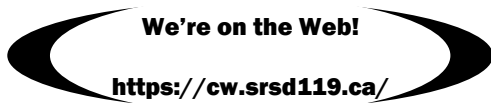
Here is a list of quick and fun family literacy games and ideas. I know I will be trying number 12 "Snow You Tell Me" this weekend, because who doesn't like to write their name in the snow!

1. **Lights out, talk on:** After your bedtime story, turn the lights off and talk about new endings to the story you just read together.
2. **Surfing Snacks:** Go online together to find out how your favourite foods are made. Are they something you can make together at home?
3. **Find A-B-C:** Have an alphabet scavenger hunt to look for things that begin with each letter of the alphabet. If you can't find some letters, go outside or try looking in books and magazines.
4. **Travel the World:** Use your library card as your passport to check out books on different countries. Learn about their traditions and celebrations.
5. **Float in a Boat:** Work together to fold a family fleet of origami boats. (Find all the steps in the FamilyLiteracyFirst.ca sample module!)
6. **Let's go Shopping:** Have kids write the family grocery list out themselves, then bring it to the store. Let them check each item off the list. (Hmm, wonder how jelly beans got on the list...) FamilyLiteracyDay.ca
7. **Number Walk:** As you put on your shoes, choose something you want to count during your walk. It could be dogs, trees, stop signs, cars—anything you want! On your walk, count how many you can find.
8. **Word Wall:** Learn one new word every day. Display them by creating a family word wall with Bristol board and markers. Can you make a sentence with the words on your wall?
9. **How was your day today?** Exchange notes (or write a journal) with your child telling about the best part of your day. Or switch it up: what's the best thing you expect to happen tomorrow?
10. **A Course of Course:** Build an obstacle course through your family room, and draw a map of how to go through it from beginning to end.
11. **Sing chat:** Sing a conversation with your kids to the tune of your favourite song. Bonus points if you can make your song rhyme!
12. **Snow You Tell Me:** Use emptied dish soap bottles filled with water and food colouring to write messages and draw in the snow.
13. **Know it All:** Together, look online for the meaning of funny words like "collywobbles" and "onomatopoeia". Test your parents' word power!
14. **Have a Book-nic:** Organize an indoor picnic with books and tasty treats. Choose a theme - try honey-flavoured cereal and read Winnie the Pooh.
15. **Game On:** Start family board game night and play a different game each week. Family members can take turns reading instructions and game cards as well as keeping score.



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EXTRAS

Helmets - Do you want to de-clutter? The school is looking for hockey helmets with masks to fit students from Grades 7 to 12. These helmets will be used when the students are at the skating rink participating in skating and broomball. Contact Mr. Grant Person or drop off at the school office. Thank you.

Attendance - Winter weather, the snow and cold temperatures, can present challenges to getting children to school. So can colds, fevers and earaches that seem to increase during the winter months. There's not much we can do about the weather, but we can remind our children that hand washing is important in helping them stay healthy and we can have a back-up plan to get our children to school if, for instance, our vehicles won't start. Let's continue to build the habit of good attendance during the winter months as we look forward to Spring!



New Website Launched - Protect Kids Online - The Canadian Centre for Child Protection, with the support of TELUS, launched a new website, [ProtectKidsOnline.ca](https://www.protectkids.ca). The online safety site features age appropriate information about the ever-changing online interests and potential risks that children and youth face, information on emerging issues, and proactive strategies for helping them stay safe while online. The site offers a place to report concerning online behaviour and lots of other useful information.

-Population & Public Health Services

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Canwood Curling Club News - It has been great to see the students of Canwood Public School participating in their School Bonspiel as well as the Junior curlers honing their skills in their curling practices and league games with Shellbrook. There has also been some future curling stars participating in the Learn to Curl nights. These nights are open to anyone who wants to come and try the sport of curling, there are three more nights for this activity, January 31, February 14 and February 28, 6:30 p.m.. The Curling Rink has been a busy place throughout January, February will hopefully continue to be busy.

The Annual Billyspiel and Elimination Draw will take place February 2 and 3, this is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year. Each team is guaranteed 3 six end games during the weekend. To enter a team in the Billyspiel, contact Grant Person @ 306-893-8085. The Elimination Draw and dance will take place on Saturday, February 3 at the Canwood Elks Community Center. The Elimination Draw ticket can be purchased from most Curling Club members as well as at local businesses. The last ticket in the draw barrel will receive a trip for two to Los Angeles, Jamaica or Mexico (or a travel voucher). You can also decide to take the cash payout of \$3500.

-Mr. Grant Person





February 2018



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Mrs. Kaley Spigoff, School Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on February 6, 13 & 27 | | | | 1 Day 4 K | 2 PLC No Classes | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Stuffed Pork Loin & Rice Pilaf \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50 | 8 Day 4 K | 9 Chicken Fajita Soup \$2.00 & Focaccia Bread \$1.00 K-12 Report Cards Pre-K Family Day | 10 Elementary Skating |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:30-8:30 p.m. Book Fair | 14 Happy Valentine's Day Chicken & Waffles \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50 | 15 Day 2 K | 16 Day 3 Family Day Pre-K | 17 Elementary Skating |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | Family Day No Classes | FEBRUARY BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED | | | | |
| 25  | 26 Day 3 Pre-K | 27 Day 4 K | 28 Chili Dog \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50 Pre-K |  | |  |