

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Here it is, the final newsletter of the decade, where does the time go. It feels like it was just a couple of years ago we were ringing in 2000 and here we are on the verge of 2020. I guess the takeaway for me is to be grateful, and acknowledge all the good things in my life because time ticks by faster every year. In that spirit, I am grateful for Canwood School, the staff, students and community it encompasses. I am truly fortunate to live where I do and work with people (staff and students) that I do.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came out to parent teacher interviews. The night was very well attended, with plenty of great conversations taking place. We would like to thank the SCC for generously giving our elementary students a five-dollar gift certificate for the book fair. There were many excited young shoppers looking for their next new book. The gift of reading is wonderful for our students and again demonstrates our community's commitment to reading.

On November 7 we hosted our annual Remembrance Day service. Thank you to Bob Thompson and the many people involved who oversaw the service. Thank you to Fay Bruyninckx for donating the "Canada Remembers" educational resources during the service, your gift is greatly appreciated and will benefit many students for years to come. Finally, thank you to all our students who showed immense respect during the service.

We are looking forward to an action packed December. Notable events include the elementary Christmas concert, the Christmas banquet and the famous Santa Shop. This year's concert will take place December 11 with snacks and caroling starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the concert at 7:00 p.m.. Two days later, on December 13, the Christmas banquet and dance will take place. This year's theme is the roaring twenties. Santa's helpers have been booked to come in on December 18 to assist with Santa Shop ensuring all gifts are wrapped to Santa's exacting specifications. A big thank you in advance to all the volunteers who make the Christmas season the success it is.

On behalf of the Canwood staff and students, we wish you a healthy and happy Christmas season filled with peace, joy, family and friends. Merry Christmas! *-Mr. Brian Linn & Mr. Richard Schwehr*



Seasons Greetings

LIBRARY NEWS

With the support of our students, parents, staff and community members our Scholastic Book Fair "Arctic Adventure-Snow Much to Read!" was a huge success and topped expectations once again. We managed to take in over \$1,700 in sales, \$850 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, four items were added to our library collection.

There were many correct guesses of 16 snowballs hiding in the polar bears, so a draw was made and Tucker Danberg was the lucky winner of the guessing game. Tucker picked out a free book. Mr. Schwehr and Falyen Charbonneau 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: Cassidy Anderson and Mrs. Jean Christiansen for helping to work the book fair, and some of the Grade 7/8 students who helped me to prepare for the sale.

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

PAST EVENTS

Cardboard Boat Races - Eight of the Grade 7/8 students were able to take part in the annual cardboard boat races on November 5 at Carlton School in Prince Albert. This event tied into our Science curriculum through the forces, fluids and density unit. For about two weeks, we were busy testing out mini cardboard boat designs and looking at factors that would help the boats sink or swim. The eight Canwood Cougars that took part represented our school very well. Team one included Becky Wilson, Hansyn Bahnuick, Fynnlavv Smart and Jaden Schutte. The second team's members were Jacklyn Sten, Olivia Nordquist, Ava Eberts and Tora Olson. Both of the teams successfully made it past the first round of speed races and into the second round of the weight competition. Jacklyn, Olivia, Ava and Tora took home a bronze medal at the end of the day. We are very proud of the two teams that took part, they had a full day of team building, constructing and racing their boats.

-Miss Sydney Kvinlaug & Mr. Brian Linn



UPCOMING EVENTS

Adopt A Family Christmas Program - This year Canwood Public School SLC will be partnering with the Shellbrook and District Ministerial Association Christmas hamper program. This program supports over 40 families each Christmas season, including families in the Canwood area.

Some suggested items include: Canned vegetables, pasta, stuffing mix, cranberry juice or sauce, candy, chocolates, flour, sugar, cookies, dessert/baking items, tea/coffee/juice. Monetary donations will be accepted and the school will purchase necessary items to complete the hamper. Cheques can be made payable to Canwood Public School.



A box has been placed in each of the classrooms 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 13. WE WILL DELIVER THE HAMPER ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Santa Shop - A Santa Shop for our elementary students in Grades K-6 will be held at Canwood Public School on Wednesday, December 18. 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 18 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.



We welcome any donations of sale items, ribbons, bows, small gift boxes or gift wrap. 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 11 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 at 6:30 p.m. with a Christmas sing-along in the foyer. Come and sing, visit and enjoy coffee/tea/juice and dainties.

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!



Christmas Banquet and Dance - Banquet for Grades 6-12 will be on Friday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.. Dance to follow, beginning at 8:00 p.m.. Admission for the dance is \$5.00.





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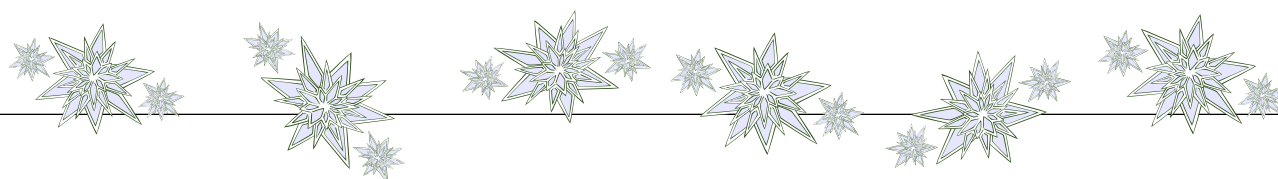
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Hockey Helmets - In January the elementary grades will begin their Friday afternoon school skating program. We are in need of hockey helmets for the students to wear while skating. If anyone has any hockey helmets they would be willing to donate to the school we would appreciate it very much.

Thank You - Thank you to the R.M of Canwood for their yearly \$50 donation to Canwood School's yearbook account.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Elks Santa Claus Day - Come and enjoy fun and games at the annual Santa Claus Day on Saturday, December 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Elks Community Hall bowling alley.



December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mrs. Kaley Spigott, Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on December 3, 10 & 17	2	3	4 Shepherd's Pie \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50	5	6 Perogie Soup \$2.00 & Biscuit \$1.00	7
8	9 PreK	10 K	11 Korean Beef on Rice \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50	12 K	13 K	14 Grade 6-12 Christmas Banquet & Dance
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Mr. Brian Linn, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Canwood Public School, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing *a new, more efficient* student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-309-1241 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Staff will be using the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this system.

Mr. Brian Linn
Principal