

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

October has been a busy month around Canwood Public School. The month has been filled with various activities involving our PreK-12 students and staff.

On the sports scene, cross country running wrapped up for the season with the extravaganza at Spruce Home School. Elementary soccer finished it's season with an exciting game against parents and even a grandparent. Jr. Girls and Sr. Girls volleyball teams are continuing to practice and prepare for upcoming playoffs. The football season finished this month after a final game against Hafford. Thank you to all the coaches, parents and students that participate in these activities.

This year's theme for Education Week was "Learn and Work Together". Throughout the week students took part in activities that reflected this theme: reading together, playing games in the gym together, pitching in to pick garbage and tidy up around the school grounds and Grade 9-11 students attending the Career Fair in Prince Albert. It's always great to see our older students spending time with the younger students and sincerely enjoying that time together. In Canwood Public School the "Learn and Work Together" theme is not just a weeklong event, it's the culture of our school.

Our SLC is brimming with new and exciting ideas after attending the provincial and national SLC conferences. They took the opportunity to show off their ideas at a pep rally last month and planned a haunted house that was a chilling experience for all those brave enough to go through it.

This year one of our main focuses has been helping our students make connections and reflections while reading. A number of our teachers attended a workshop that highlighted strategies and lessons that help teach the skills of making connections and reflections to literature. At home families can work on these skills by having discussions about books they have read or talking about what ideas pop into their minds when listening to or reading literacy pieces.

November shows no signs of slowing down as K-12 report cards will be handed out on November 1, followed by parent-teacher interviews on November 6. The Canwood Legion will be joining us on November 7 to take part in our annual Remembrance Day service.

So as you can see, there has been a lot on the go and continues to be a lot on the go here at Canwood Public School. We hope for a few more nice fall days so that the harvest of 2019 can get wrapped up for everyone.

-Mr. Richard Schwehr & Mr. Brian Linn



INCLEMENT WEATHER-BUSING NEWS

We will soon be feeling the winter weather, we would like to make sure all parents are aware of our Cold/Inclement Weather Procedures. These procedures are in effect for both rural and urban bus routes.

The Transportation Office has a few methods of communicating delays or cancellations of our buses:

- CKBI and CJVR radio stations receive all notifications, these stations will announce a list of our buses that are delayed or not running.
- -Notifications will be placed on our website, <u>www.srsd119.ca</u>. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find a "Bus Report" link. Click on the bus report to check for a list of bus cancellations.

We do not phone individual homes to report bus cancellations.

We ask that you do not call the Transportation Office as we will be very busy managing the routes and ensuring the safety of the children on the buses.

Students must dress appropriately for the weather. They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometre walk in case of an emergency. Our bus drivers have the authority to warn/educate a student on a first offense, and refuse transportation on the second.

Saskatchewan Rivers complete Board Policies, Administrative Procedures and Transportation Manual can be reviewed on our website <u>www.srsd119.ca</u>. -Thank You, Ryan Bruce, Manager of Transportation

PAST EVENTS

<u>Student Votes 2019</u> - Students across the country had a chance to cast ballots in this year's federal election. Grades 6-12 from Canwood School were included as one of the over 4000 schools that took part in the voting process. Within the school the students voted Gary Vidal's Conservatives in with the majority of the votes. The vote results were: Conservative 26 Liberal 5 NDP 4 PPC 1.

Within the province of Saskatchewan students in schools voted: 46.4% Conservative, 24% NDP, 11.5% Green and 11.1% Liberal.

Within Canada: More than 1.1 million elementary and secondary school students participated in Student Vote Canada 2019, coinciding with the 2019 federal election. After learning about the electoral process, researching the parties and platforms, and debating Canada's future, students cast their ballots for the official candidates running in their school's riding. There was a grand total of 1,181,053 ballots cast from 7,855 schools, with results from 338 federal ridings.

The **Liberal Party** took 22.3% of the popular vote and won 110 seats, forming a minority government. **Justin Trudeau** won in his riding of Papineau.

The NDP will form the official opposition with 24.8% of the popular vote and 99 seats. **Jagmeet** Singh won his seat in Burnaby South.

The Conservative Party took 25.1% of the popular vote and won 94 seats. Andrew Scheer won his seat in Regina—Qu'Appelle.

The **Green Party** took 18.2% of the popular vote and won 28 seats. **Elizabeth May** won her seat in Saanich—Gulf Islands.

The Bloc Québecois took 1.3% of the popular vote and won 9 seats. Yves-François Blanchet did not win his seat in Beloeil—Chambly.

It never ceases to amaze how closely the Student Votes process mimics the actual Canadian federal election results. Thank you to those Canwood students who took part and we hope you gained further appreciation for the right to vote in this country.

-Mr. Greg Duval

UPCOMING EVENTS

Report Cards - Grade 1 to 12 report cards will be handed out to students on Friday, November 1.

<u>Parent-Teacher Interviews</u> - Wednesday, November 6 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Notes have been mailed out with your scheduled interview time. Space is limited, so if you need to make any changes phone Mrs. Hinson as soon as possible.

<u>Remembrance Day Service</u> - Thursday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Community members are welcome to attend.

No Classes - Friday, November 8 and Monday, November 11.

<u>Book Fair Gift Certificates</u> - Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division's commitment for student achievement is "Excellence for Every Learner". One way that the students' education is impacted is by improving literacy. The Canwood School Council supports the ideal of improving literacy skills for the students in our school, and therefore, looks for different ways each year to support the school in educating our children. Again this year, the council has decided to present each student in Kindergarten to Grade 6, a \$5 gift certificate to be used towards the purchase of a book at this years' book fair.

<u>Santa Shop</u> - 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. We will accept donations from community members as well. Also, we are in need of wrapping paper, bows and small boxes. Thank you so much in advance!

LIBRARY NEWS

"Arctic Adventure-Snow Much To Read" is the theme of Canwood Public School's Fall Scholastic Book Fair. This year the fair will be held on Wednesday, November 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m..

Not only will you have a chance to explore hundreds of magnificent books, there will be fun student contests to enter and great decorations to see! Come in and check them out!!

We will have the Classroom Wish List Bulletin Board set up once again this year. Teachers make a wish list of titles that they would like to have in their classrooms and students can purchase them as Christmas presents for their teacher.

Also available will be over 300 new items from Readers World Books Ltd.. This company carries a great selection of books, cookbooks and gift items, just in time for Christmas gift giving.



Parents, grandparents and community members are all welcome to attend the book fair and help bring new books into our school library for the students to enjoy for years to come. Hope to see you there!

-Mrs. Tracy Pease

SCHOOL SPORTS

<u>Sr. Girls Volleyball</u> - As a short volleyball season is coming to a close, the Senior Girls' volleyball team has been working hard at practices, games and tournaments. Running between Debden and Big River during the week for league games, the Cougars have put up a strong front with hitting and serv-

ing. Our first tournament at St. Mary's was a challenge, though the girls came away with neck and neck games over the span of seven games. The green team had an amazing weekend at Shellbrook's senior volleyball tournament. The girls came away with a silver medal after a nail biting game to Shellbrook in the final. The team consists of Cassidy Anderson, Selena Andersen, Casey Kvinlaug, Kayleigh Eberts, Harleigh Hamborg, Caylah Nelson, Tessa Genereaux and Georgia Hamborg, all of which have an important role on this team. A great big shout out goes out to the grade twelve girls Cassidy, Selena and Casey who will be very much missed next year. The next step is Conference at Leoville on November 1 and 2 where we are anticipating intense and entertaining games. Overall, these senior girls have shown such leadership, encouragement and hard work. Thank you everyone for the awesome season!

-Miss Sydney Kvinlaug, Mrs. Kori Sansom & Mrs. Lisa Howat



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The SCC is back at it for another year. The SCC is a group of parents, who support the school in a variety of ways including: purchasing book fair gift certificates for students, supplying Kindergarten graduation t-shirts, being the clean-up crew for high school graduation and much more. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend meetings, the next scheduled meeting is January 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the school. If you have questions about the SCC or how to get involved, please contact the school. Your SCC executive for 2019/2020 is: Erin Robertson (Chair), Heather Sten (Vice Chair) and Diana Schutte (Secretary/Treasurer).

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Our School Social Worker, Mrs. Kaley Spigott, is available at Canwood School on Tuesdays. The School Social Worker is a resource for children and young people in building self-esteem, developing anger management skills, helping with problem solving and listening to any of the struggles they are dealing with - all in a confidential setting. The School Social Worker is part of the school team that works together for the benefit of all our students.

If you have any questions for Mrs. Spigott call the Canwood School office and ask to speak to her.





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THANK YOU

Thank you to Fay Bruyninckx for donating the "Canada Remembers" educational guide, hardcover book and dvds. This will be a resource used to teach our students about the bravery of our war veterans. We appreciate it very much.

Thank you to everyone who bought Spook Insurance. If you need anything cleaned up contact the school office.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off ice cream pails and margarine containers with lids.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

<u>Craft Sale</u> - The annual Canwood Royal Purple Elks craft sale will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Canwood Elks Community Hall.

Bingo - Santa Claus Bingo Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Hall.

<u>Soup & Sandwich</u> - Thursday, November 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Canwood Seniors Room, \$8.00/person. Sponsored by Canwood & District Bus Association Inc.. Proceeds to help purchase a wheelchair accessible minivan.

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





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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 Page 8



PROTECT YOURSELF and your LOVED ONES this flu season

The flu vaccine is a safe, effective way to help people stay healthy, prevent illness and save lives. Anyone six months and older can receive the flu vaccine, offered free throughout the province.

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DROP IN

October 28, 2019

10:00 am—12:00 pm & 1:00—3:00 pm

November 4, 2019

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Clinics start October 21. A complete listing of flu clinics offered by the Saskatchewan Health Authority can be easily accessed at www.4flu.ca or by calling HealthLine 811.



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