

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

November was a fast paced month. There have been many events going on at the school that have kept our students and staff busy.

We had a great turn-out for parent/teacher interviews with most of our families coming for a visit. Our school Book Fair coincided with parent/teacher interviews. Again, it was a huge success as children were seen purchasing books with the \$5 gift certificates from our School Community Council. The money raised is used to purchase new books for the library. This support shows that our families are committed to providing reading materials for their homes and working with their children to encourage reading and help work toward our school goal of improving reading levels.

On November 8, we hosted our annual Remembrance Day service. Thank you to Mr. Bob Thompson and the numerous people involved who made the day meaningful. The grade 3 and 4 classes along with their teacher, Mrs. Mattock, presented the Canwood Legion with a "Peace Branch". This branch held a number of thank you cards written to our service men and women by the students of Canwood Public School. Mr. Thompson informed us that he would proudly display the branch at the Legion Hall. Thank you to all our students for showing tremendous respect during our service.

Mrs. Tieszen and Mr. Linn have been working with an enthusiastic group of ukulele players for the past few weeks. Rumor has it, that we are going to enjoy a performance from this talented group at our Christmas concert.

The athletic scene continues to be busy at Canwood Public School. The volleyball season finished up with our senior girls losing out in the semifinal game at Conference playoffs. Cassidy Anderson and her crew organized and hosted a rec. volleyball tournament that raise \$713 for the Ovarian Cancer Society. Basketball is gearing up for our senior students, this year we will have a boys and a girls team. You will find more details about the teams in this newsletter. Unfortunately we will not be having our annual Curling Bonspiel due to the situation with our local curling rink. We are hoping that curling can be back up and running for next year.

Elementary students will be attending the production of "Mary Poppins Jr" on Monday, December 4. The tickets for the production have been sponsored by our School Community Council.

Wednesday, December 12 will be our elementary Christmas concert. It will begin with coffee, hot chocolate, Christmas treats and caroling in the foyer around 6:30 p.m.. At 7:00 p.m. Santa's helpers will lead us into the gym to enjoy the talents of our elementary students. We look forward to an evening with staff, students, parents and community members all coming together to celebrate the Christmas season.

On Friday, December 14 we will have our school Christmas banquet for students in Grades 6-12.

On behalf of the Canwood students and staff, we want to wish you a healthy and happy Christmas season filled with peace, joy, family and friends. Merry Christmas!!!!

-Mr. Richard Schwehr &

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.

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. The SLC will be supplying a turkey.

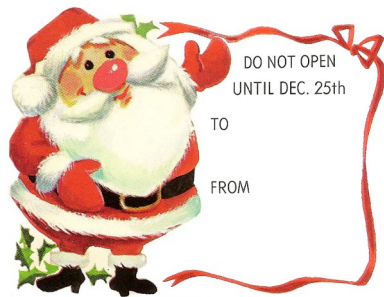


A box has been placed in each of the class rooms for donations. Non-perishable items can be sent as soon as possible. If each child donates one item we will have more than enough. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing in the spirit of Christmas.

PLEASE HELP US THIS CHRISTMAS - SEND YOUR FOOD ITEM OR DONATION BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14. WE WILL DELIVER THE HAMPER ON DECEMBER 20.

Santa Shop - A Santa Shop for our elementary students in Grades K-6 will be held at Canwood Public School on Wednesday, December 19. 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 19 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. If anyone would like to donate sale items, ribbons, bows, small gift boxes or gift wrap, or is able to help set up the shop (afternoon of Tuesday, December 18) or take down, or wrap gifts, we welcome your assistance - please call Mrs. Hinson at 306-468-2150. 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 12 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 on Friday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.. Dance to follow, beginning at 8:00 p.m.. Admission for the dance is \$5.00.



SCHOOL SPORTS



Senior Girls Volleyball - The volleyball season has come and gone for the Canwood Cougars, overall it was a fairly successful campaign. We competed in the Highway 55 league against the Big River, Debden and Shellbrook grade 9/10 teams. Then we hosted the league final and finished 2nd to Big River. At the St. Louis tournament we won 7 and lost 1 set, and in Spiritwood we had a 1 win and 5 loss record and did not make the playoff round. We made it to the semi-final of the Blaine Lake tournament, and finished 2nd in our tournament. At Conference playoffs in Borden we finished 2nd in the preliminary pool play which put us in the playoffs, unfortunately we lost the semi-final and our season was done. Our win/loss record for the year was 34 wins and 24 losses. Congrats on a good season, Kayleigh Eberts, Harleigh Hamborg, Selena Andersen, Casey Kvinlaug, Cassidy Anderson, Alisha Sasakamoose and Kirsten Sawatzky.
-Coach, Mr. Grant Person

Basketball 2018-2019 - The senior basketball season has now started. The Senior Girls will be playing in the Senior B North Central Basketball League. The schedules are out and there are currently two home dates to keep in mind if you are interested in watching some exciting basketball. We will be looking to add more home games to the schedule in the new year.

Girl's home dates:
Dec 5 vs Carlton Sr B
Jan 9 vs Carlton Jr A

GO COUGARS GO

We are still working on a schedule for the Senior Boys but we are excited for the upcoming season. As of yet we haven't entered a league but we will be looking to play basketball against surrounding schools. We are looking forward to working with all of our basketball players and best of luck in the upcoming season.

Girls: Casey Kvinlaug, Selena Andersen, Cassidy Anderson, Kirsten Sawatzky, Daphne Nelson, Kayleigh Eberts, Harleigh Hamborg, Jayde Ahenakew and Kelly Peters

Boys: Dylan Grimard, Briar Cain, Noah Johnson, Riley Rude, Gage Hamborg, Cameron Thomas, Hunter Papin-Bather and Zachary Hounsell
-Coaches, Mr. Greg Duval & Ms. Rhonda Swenson

LIBRARY NEWS

Our first Scholastic Book Fair this school year, "Enchanted Forest-Let Your Imagination Grow!", was a great success and topped expectations once again with the huge support from our parents, staff, community members and students. We managed to take in over \$1,500 in sales, \$750 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, five items were added to our library collection.

With the correct guess of 21 unicorn heads hiding in the unicorn food, Gaia Smart was the lucky winner of the guessing game, and picked out a free book. Mrs. Raquel Olson and Tye Vaughan 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 with the book fair: Mrs. Lila Olson and Mrs. Jean Christiansen for helping to work the book fair and Shelby Pease for helping with the decorations.

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



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

Volleyball Fundraiser - On Friday, November 23 I hosted a recreational volleyball tournament at Canwood School to support Ovarian Cancer Canada. Eight teams participated and 100% of the money raised through entry fees and canteen were donated, the grand total was \$713. I want to thank all of the students, staff, friends and family that supported me in organizing this tournament, I can't wait to see what the next fundraiser will bring!
-Cassidy Anderson

President's Choice® Children's Charity - Our school's nutrition program is supported in part by *President's Choice® Children's Charity*. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the school day. This is a national charity that is committed to helping children across Canada realize their full potential in life by ensuring that all children attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

WPP Raffle - Whispering Pine Place has 12 beautifully crafted baskets up for raffle. See them on display and get your tickets at WPP or the Credit Union. Draws will be one basket a day from December 10 to December 24. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 per book, and are on sale until December 7. The WPP Recreation Department thanks you for your support!

Elks Santa Claus Day - Come and enjoy fun and games at the annual Santa Claus Day, Saturday, December 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Elks Community Hall bowling alley.



Seasons Greetings

December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Mrs. Kaley Spigott, Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on December 4, 11 & 18</p>						1
2	3	4 Grade K-6 "Mary Poppins JR." at E.A. Rawlinson Ukulele Club 3:20-4:20 p.m.	5 Sweet & Sour Meatballs & Rice \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50	6 Ukulele Club 3:20-4:20 p.m.	7 Taco Soup \$2.00 & Pizza Bun \$2.00	8
9 	10 Ukulele Club 3:20-4:20 p.m.	11 Day 2	12 Chicken & Waffles \$3.50 K-4 \$2.50 Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.	13 Day 4	14 Lemon Chicken Soup \$2.00 & Breadstick \$1.00	15 Grade 6-12 Christmas Banquet & Dance
16 Day 6	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Leftovers To Be Announced Santa Shop	20 Day 3	21 Leftovers To Be Announced	22
23 Day 5	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29
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Merry Christmas





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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.

Starting Monday, October 15, please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Starting October 15, staff will begin 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 new system.

Mr. Brian Linn
Principal