

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

April has been a very busy month with high school report cards as well as Junior and Senior Badminton. Thank you to Mr. Person, Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Tieszen for coaching this year's badminton programs. We have been invited to join Debden for a track meet again this year. This meet will be the lead up to the P4A track meet for our Grade 4 - 8 students. All of our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will travel to Debden on May 24 to participate in this fun event. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend. Our city high school track and field meet for Grade 9 - 12 students will be held on May 22 and 23. Those who qualify from this meet move on to Districts which will be held on May 29 and 30. Good luck to all participants.

Preparations are underway for "Grad 2019". This year grad will be held on May 24. The exercises will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Canwood Public School gym. Please feel free to join our graduates as they celebrate this milestone in their lives.

For the past two years our K-8 students and staff have had a focus on reading. Our school goal was to improve the reading levels of our students. We are happy to report that great improvements have been made. Next year we will shift our focus to making connections and reflecting upon the text we are reading. This is a lifelong skill that can be applied to all subject areas.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. We ask for your assistance in encouraging your child/ren to have regular attendance, complete all assignments and final projects by the assigned due date, and to study for yearend exams. We also appreciate when you remember to use School Messenger, phone in or send us a text when your child is going to be absent. Good luck to all our farming families as they begin the seeding season. We hope you all have a safe spring and that mother nature is on your side.

-Mr. Richard Schwehr



PAST EVENTS

<u>Presentation</u> - On March 8 we had a special visitor at Canwood School. Eddie Steele from the Saskatchewan Roughriders dropped by to share his views on bullying and bullying intervention. It was a very interesting and engaging presentation that was filled with humor and personal stories of his experiences with bullying while growing up, and as a professional athlete. The elementary and high school students were able to take part in the presentation and ask questions. Thank you Mr. Steele for visiting Canwood School!

-Mr. Greg Duval

Grade 7/8 Class Trip - From Thursday, February 28 to Friday March 1 the grade 7/8 class took a class trip to Moose Jaw and Regina. After a 5 hour drive in a charter bus, we arrived in Moose Jaw. After making a quick stop to take pictures with 'Mac the Moose' we headed to The Tunnels of Moose Jaw. We had a blast walking through the tunnels and playing along with the characters. We all got to play a role, some of us even having to do jobs! After exploring the tunnels and learning about their history, we spent a little time exploring the gift shop and then headed out, arriving in Regina shortly after. After a quick stop at a mall food court, we hopped back on the bus and drove to the Science Centre. Upon arrival we unpacked all of our things and started the evening off by watching a documentary about robots that are affecting our daily lives. After that we were free to roam around and try all the stations. Every half hour we met in the middle of the Science Centre for fun activities like dissecting a sheep's eye, going on the Gyrogym and experiments involving static electricity! By midnight we were getting ready for bed as we were feeling the effects of a long day.

The next morning we packed up, hopped back on the bus and headed over to the Legislative Building where we got a wonderful tour. We talked about the history of the building and what goes on in the building, such as the laws that are made there and what the different people's jobs are in the Legislature. We were able to look at pictures and paintings, and look around one of the libraries.

Again, we hopped on the bus and started our long drive back home with a bunch of funny stories, memories, facts and information. Thank you to Mr. Duval and all of the chaperones as we wouldn't have been able to do this without you!

-Josie Hoeflicher









UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Graduation</u> - Canwood Public School graduation will be held on Friday, May 24, 2019. The exercises will be held at the school gym at 7:00 p.m. and are open to all members of the community. Please feel free to join us and celebrate with the graduates. The graduating class of 2019 includes: Cole Masus-kapoe, Riley Rude, Alisha Sasakamoose, Kirsten Sawatzky and Preston Wright.

<u>Summer Youth Program</u> - Canwood Public School along with the Village of Canwood has successfully applied for funding to continue the Summer Youth Program, which will run for July & August 2019. Please watch for further information. Applications are currently being accepted for Youth Program Coordinator and Assistants. Apply by submitting a cover letter and resume to either Canwood School or the Village Office. The following qualifications will be an asset for applicants: experience in working or volunteering with youth/children, and Play Leadership Training/First Aid/CPR.

SCHOOL SPORTS

<u>Senior Badminton</u> - The badminton season continued with conference playoffs in Big River. The following students represented Canwood School: Rebecca Moritz-girls singles, Cassidy Anderson & Casey Kvinlaug-girls doubles, Noah Johnson-boys singles, Briar Cain & Riley Rude and Adam Moritz & Johnathan Bather-boys doubles, Cameron Thomas & Harleigh Hamborg and Gage Hamborg & Kayleigh Eberts -mixed doubles. Good luck to Noah, Briar and Riley who are advancing to Districts in Prince Albert on April 30.

<u>Junior Badminton</u> - It was a great season for junior badminton, we had high interest with many students coming to weekly practices and games. Former Canwood badminton champ, Diana Schutte, came out regularly to help coach our athletes. Team members were: Juel Ahenakew, Hansyn Bahnuick, Caleb Bloom, Kaylee-Anne Bloom, Wesley Charbonneau, Georgia Hamborg, Denaye Hansen, Robert Holmes, Nickolas Moritz, Carson Rivard, Jaden Schutte and Becky Wilson. Thank you to all our players for their dedication and hard work throughout the season which wrapped up on April 17 at the annual playoff extravaganza hosted by Shellbrook. The students played well through the day in the round robin tournament, with the top four of each category advancing to the medal round. A big congratulations goes out to Jaden Schutte for his bronze medal win in boys singles. Thanks again to Diana Schutte, for her volunteered time!

-Mrs. Courtney Hansen & Mrs. Cheryl Tieszen

<u>Track and Field</u> - Run! Jump! Throw! And, Away We Go! Track and Field practices will be starting right after the Easter break. Practices will be combined with both elementary and high school students. The coaches hope to see a good show of participating athletes this season and we will be giving a good deal of practice days to those who are wishing to take part. Practices will run most days during the week from Monday to Thursday. There are sign-up sheets on the school's sports bulletin board across from the office.

-Mr. Greg Duval

LIBRARY NEWS

Hello from the library! The new books have arrived and I have many new titles just waiting to be read!! Come in to the library to check them out!!

A reminder to all students to return their library books by the due date so that their borrowing privileges will not be affected.

Also, all library books must be returned back to school by June 7 in time for inventory. Any unreturned books will be added to your child's student fees in the fall.

-Mrs. Tracy Pease



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EXTRAS

<u>Slow Down</u> - Canwood Public School staff and students would like to remind everyone to slow down in our school zone. We have noticed an increase in "speedy drivers" traveling past the playground and school building. Please pay attention to the speed limit when traveling through the school zone on 1st Street East.

<u>Parking Lot Safety</u> - Parents/guardians, if you are parked anywhere near the school to pick up students at the end of the day, please remember that children may be walking between and/or behind parked cars on the way to their parent's vehicle, and might not be easily seen, or they may be riding their bikes home after school. Try to wait to pull away from the school until students have made their way to their vehicles or down the street, and wait until the buses have left the parking lot. Thank you.

<u>Prekindergarten</u> 2019-2020 - Anyone interested in enrolling their child in the PreK program for the 2019-2020 school year can print off an application form from our website or come in and fill out an application form. Contact the Canwood Public School office at 306-468-2150 for more information.

<u>Kindergarten 2019-2020</u> - Anyone who will be enrolling their child in Kindergarten in the fall please contact the Canwood Public School office at 306-468-2150. If your child did not attend the PreK program this year, please print off a registration form from our website or come in and fill out a registration form. Thank you.

<u>2019-2020</u> <u>Calendar</u> - The 2019-2020 school year calendar is available on the Canwood School website cw.srsd119.ca or the Sask Rivers website at srsd119.ca, under "Parent Information".

<u>Student Clothing and Apparel</u> - Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing to school. The school does not allow the wearing of clothes that advertise alcohol, contain swearing, have sexual connotations or is inappropriate for a public school. Students wearing inappropriate clothing (short shorts or shirts that expose midriffs) will be asked to change their clothes or cover up. The student will be reminded to not wear the clothing to school again.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

<u>BBQ Fundraiser</u> - The Vacation Bible School BBQ fundraiser will be Thursday, May 9 at the Canwood Seniors Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students, for a hamburger, salad, beverage and square. On behalf of the Canwood Churches and Vacation Bible School committee, thank you for your support.



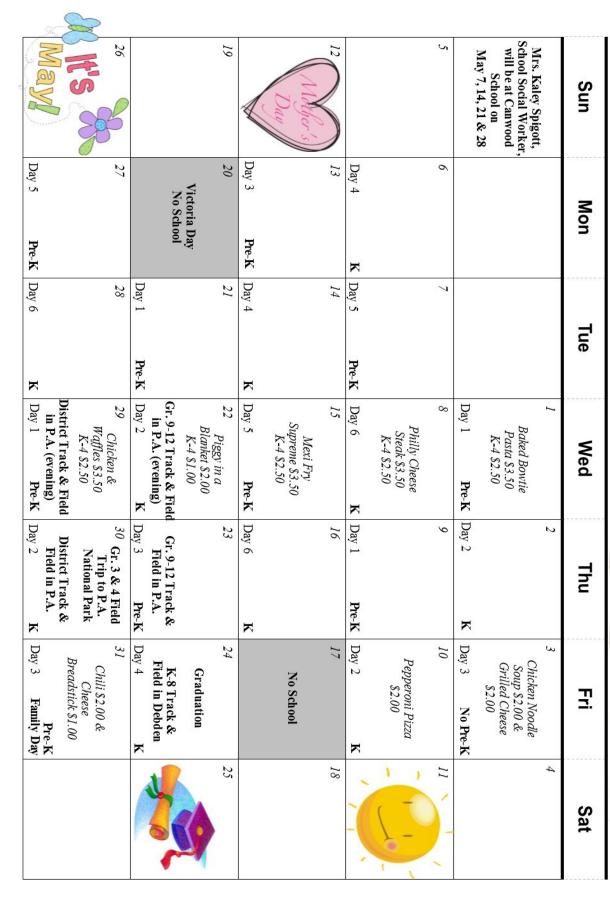
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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