

# CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

It is great to be back for what I am sure will be another great year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and had a chance to spend time with loved ones.

Mr. Schwehr and I are looking forward to kicking off the year in style with many activities that have become staple kick off events including the Meet the Staff BBQ, Welcome Back Breakfast for all students, and hosting our annual Terry Fox Run. Please read further in the newsletter for all the dates and times of upcoming events.

There are no shortage of activities for our students to get involved with. Starting in September we have volleyball, cross country running, football and golf. Canwood has once again partnered with W.P. Sandin to field a football team. We have a growing number of Cougars playing. Our first game of the year is against Big River/Debden (Friday, September 6 in Big River). SLC is also very active in our school and offers many opportunities for students to get involved and make Canwood School a great place to be. Watch for notes coming home with the latest and greatest details of upcoming activities.

We would like to thank you in advance for completing the many forms and registrations as well as sending in school fees. We greatly appreciate the time it takes to fill these out, please know they do help us to do our jobs better. In the spirit of keeping everyone in our school safe please let us know if your child has any medical conditions or allergies we should be aware of. Mrs. Hinson, Mr. Schwehr and myself are happy to answer any questions you may have, please contact us at the office.

Last year we had great success with our focus on reading. Canwood will again be focusing on reading as our school goal this year. We are expanding our goal to focus on comprehension, namely making connections between what they are reading and the students' experiences. We are working hard to incorporate our reading goal across all subjects and classrooms. Stay tuned for updates on our goal throughout the year.

I would like to welcome a few new staff members: Mrs. Hladun teaching Grade 2/3, Mrs. Willems Grade one, and Ms. Kvinlaug who is interning with us in the Grade 7/8 room until Christmas. These ladies bring a wealth of experience and will be fantastic additions to our school. I can already tell it is going to be a great year.  
-Mr. Brian Linn

\*\*Our apologies to Riley Rude who should have been presented with the Biology 30 award at the graduation ceremonies on May 24, 2019. Congratulations Riley on your Biology 30 award!\*\*

— WELCOME —  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**

# School Bus

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. **Obey the driver** promptly
2. Avoid any unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
3. **Respect the driver and fellow passengers.**
4. Arrive 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time and stand away from the roadway while waiting for the school bus.
5. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before moving to get on.
6. Always cross the road at the intersection or designated cross walk.
7. Always keep a safe distance around the school bus (about 3 metres).
8. Go directly to your seat; allow others to sit with you. Remain seated.
9. Sit facing forward, with your belongings on your lap or under the seat.  
**Keep the aisle clear.**
10. Obtain approval of the driver to open windows or emergency door.  
Nothing must hang out or be thrown out of the window of the bus.
11. **Talk quietly.** Silence is required when approaching a railway crossing.
12. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus. Use of tobacco is forbidden.
13. Neither pets nor large objects are allowed on the bus.
14. Anyone who intentionally damages the bus will be held responsible.
15. Dress according to weather conditions. For safety reasons, avoid drawstrings or loose objects on clothing and backpacks.

Pupil transportation is a privilege – follow the rules

Violation may result in disciplinary action and possible loss of transportation.

## WELCOME BACK REMINDERS

**School Parking Lot-Student Safety** - Keeping students safe is a priority and we are asking for your assistance. After school, children may be walking between and/or behind parked cars on the way to their parent's vehicle where they can't easily be seen, or may be riding their bikes home after school. 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. We need to do everything we can to avoid accidents, therefore, there will be teachers supervising this area while the buses are loading. If you attempt to pull away before the buses have left you will be asked to wait. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to provide a safe environment for our students.



**\*\*A reminder to all high school students:** Please park your vehicles behind the power pole in our schoolyard, as it is hard for our buses to go around each other safely.

### **School Bus Safety**

- \*Don't let children arrive at the bus stop too early. They may be tempted to wander or get into mischief. Make sure they come straight home—no detours.
- \*Make sure children know what to do if they miss the bus: come back home; or if at school, report to a teacher—and **NEVER** accept a ride from a stranger.
- \*If the stop is a long way from home, plan and discuss with your children where they can go in an emergency.
- \*If it is dark on the way to and from the bus, make sure the children wear reflective clothing and they are visible
- \*Make sure that the children wait well away from the road-way, and stay well back until the bus has come to a full stop and the door is open.
- \*Explain to children they must walk at least 3 meters away when crossing in front of the bus so the driver can see them.
- \*Parents and motorists—watch for the red flashing signals and stop arm on the school bus. **YOU MUST STOP.**



Children, please follow these safety tips to make your school bus ride more enjoyable and safe for everyone on the bus:

- \*Make sure the driver can always see you when you enter or exit the bus
- \*Wait quietly in line—do not push or shove to get onto the bus
- \*Don't throw things while on the bus
- \*Don't yell or shout while riding the bus. Remain in your seat at all times.
- \*Look both ways before you cross the street.

**\*\*A reminder to all students:** If you are not going to be on your bus in the morning please call your bus driver and let them know the night before. If you are not able to contact the driver, call the place of pickup before yourself and ask them to tell the bus driver.

**Noon Hour** - The school policy regarding students leaving the school premises at noon hour:

\*K-6 students living out-of-town are not permitted to leave at all. If there are exceptional circumstances, we must receive a letter or phone call from a parent/guardian.

\*Grade 7-9 students will be permitted to leave unless we get a letter from a parent/guardian stating they are not allowed to leave. Grade 10-12 students are permitted to leave but are not allowed to drive unless we have received written permission or a phone call from a parent.

**Student Attendance** - Please call the school to inform us if your child will be absent or late. Also, if you pick your child up at school, please come in and sign them out at the office before leaving.

Regular attendance is important for your child's academic success. Please try to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

If your child is late or absent and we have not received a phone call, we will be calling you to check on your child.

## PARENT & CAREGIVER INFORMATION

**Allergen Awareness** - We have been a nut-free school for several years. Our signage has changed to Be Allergen Aware: Reduce the Risks. This encompasses more of the allergens that are common in foods. When in doubt when preparing lunches and snacks for your child, please click on the Anaphylaxis Information under the Safe Schools heading on the Sask Rivers Website, [www.srsd119.ca](http://www.srsd119.ca). If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the school. Thank you in advance for careful attention in this area.



**Website** - The Saskatchewan Rivers website, [Parent Information tab](#) provides valuable information on Assessment and Reporting, School Calendars and Safe Schools. Please visit the website at [www.srsd119.ca](http://www.srsd119.ca).

On the Canwood Public School website you will find bus updates, contact information, current handbook, newsletters, staff lists, student links, calendar of events, noon meals and more. Please visit the website at [www.cw.srsd119.ca](http://www.cw.srsd119.ca) and add it to your favorites or your home screen.

**Transportation Consent** - We ask all parents to please be diligent in completing the transportation consent forms sent home with students. No child will be transported to any activity without these forms being completed.

**Meal Cards** - You have the option of purchasing noon meal cards and/or soup and sandwich cards. For Grade 5-12 students the noon meal card (for Wednesday meals) costs \$35.00, which is 10 meals, PreK -Grade 4 costs \$25.00. The soup and sandwich card (for Friday meals) costs \$20.00 - it is broken up into \$2.00 and \$1.00 squares to cover the cost of soup, sandwich and/or biscuit. Cards can be purchased at the school office, cheques can be made payable to Canwood Public School.

**Milk Program** - Milk cards will be sold for the small milk cartons, \$10.00 for 10 milk. Students with cards are asked every day at noon whether they want a milk that day or not. A notification will be sent home with the student when they have used up their card. Milk prize draws will be held throughout the year, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Saskatchewan. Cheques can be made payable to Canwood Public School and cheques or cash can be handed in to the office or given to the homeroom teacher.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back all students, we have an exciting new year starting with a wonderful school from which to experience it all. I hope everyone had a great summer and had time to pick up a book and read! This year our library will be open to all students on Monday, Wednesday and alternating Fridays, and as usual will be open during the lunch break on those days, for students wishing to have a quiet place to do homework or work on projects. Any students with overdue books from last year will have a notice sent home explaining the charges for these books. Have a wonderful year, may we all learn something new!

-Mrs. Tracy Pease

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Meet the Staff BBQ** - Canwood Public School would like to invite the community, parents, families and students to a come and go "Meet the Staff BBQ" on Tuesday, September 17 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.. The BBQ meal will cost \$3.00/person and proceeds are going to Telemiracle. The annual School Community Council meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m..

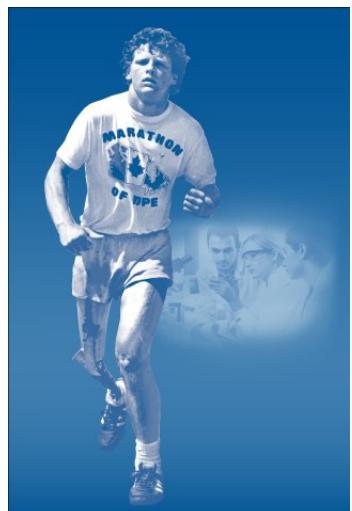


**Youth-In-Action Volunteer Program** - Whispering Pine Place welcomes students in Grades 8 to 12 to join the Youth-In-Action Volunteer Program. Want to make a difference in residents' lives? Visit, play cards and games, read, assist with meals, style hair and paint nails, and listen to great stories from the past. Pick up your application at Canwood Public School, at Whispering Pine Place, or download it from the website [www.paphr.ca](http://www.paphr.ca). Students must be 14 years or older on or before September 1, 2019.



The program will begin sometime in October. The Recreation Therapy/Activities Dept. staff will communicate the start dates during an orientation session. All new and returning volunteers must attend the orientation session. Returning volunteers are asked to complete an update form to keep information current, please notify Whispering Pine Place or Mrs. Hinson of your intention to return. Applications must be returned to Canwood School by September 27, 2019. Help your community achieve Optimal Health - Become Involved!

**Terry Fox Run** - Over the years, Canwood Public School has been challenged to help raise money for cancer research through the Terry Fox Run. Organizing a successful event is very rewarding for our school; and the staff, students and community have all been very supportive. By participating in the run, we remember and support those people living with cancer and those who have lost their battle. It helps to build school and community spirit, and it is a positive step toward finding the cure we need. This year, our event will be held on Wednesday, September 25 at 10:30 a.m.. Community participants, students from Grades 5 - 12 and staff will walk from the school to the Regional Park and back. Grades 1 - 4 and anyone else wishing to walk a shorter distance will walk to Whispering Pine Place where they will meet up with the residents and then come back to the school. Following the walk, (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) there will be a fundraising lunch at the cost of \$7.00/person with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation. Various prizes will be awarded to participants. Parents, grandparents, seniors and all community members are welcome. Pledge sheets will be available at the school. Please watch for posters advertising this event and help us support this worthwhile cause.



## STAFF 2019-2020

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Brian Linn - Principal, Commercial Cooking 10-12

Mr. Richard Schwehr - Vice Principal, Grade 1 Homeroom (a.m.), Reading Instruction

### **ELEMENTARY STAFF**

Mrs. Lisa Howat - Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten

Mrs. Sara Willems - Grade 1 Homeroom (p.m.)

Mrs. Heather Hladun - Grade 2/3 Homeroom

Mrs. Raquel Olson - Grade 4/6 Homeroom, PAA (HEc) 9-12

Mrs. Colleen Eberts - Grade 5 Homeroom

Mrs. Courtney Hansen - Kindergarten PE, Science 2/3, Science 4/6, Science 5

### **HIGH SCHOOL STAFF**

Mr. Greg Duval - Grade 7/8 Homeroom

Ms. Sydney Kvinlaug - Grade 7/8 Intern (Sept-Dec)

Mr. Grant Person - Grade 9/10 Homeroom, Art 9, Health/Career Ed 9, History 11/12, PE 9-12, PAA 7/8, PAA (IA) 9-12, Construction & Carpentry 10-12

Mrs. Vanessa Balicki - Grade 11 Homeroom, ELA 9-12, Financial Literacy 11/12, Art 4/6, Social 4/6, Math 10, Student Support Services

Mrs. Koralee Sansom - Grade 12 Homeroom, Math 9, Science 9/10, History 9/10, Biology 11/12, Physical Science 10, Health Science 11/12, Math 11/12

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Mrs. Connie Bailey - Pre-K EA (.5)

Mrs. Dyan Nordquist - Special Ed EA (.5)

Mrs. Zora Renaud - Special Ed EA

Mrs. Valerie Hinson - Secretary

Mrs. Tracy Pease - Library Clerk (.5)

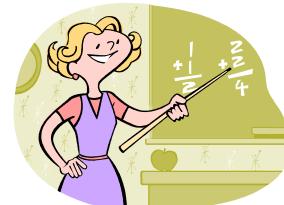
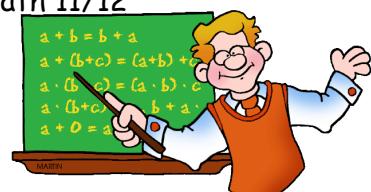
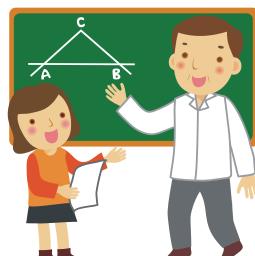
Mrs. Kaley Spigott - School Social Worker

### **CARETAKERS**

Mr. John Kunard - Head Custodian

Mrs. Debbie Delisle - Custodian (.5)

Mrs. Rhonda Schnarr - Custodian (.2)



## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2019-2020**

We are looking forward to working with those students who have put their names forward for our new SLC. The new executive is made up of:

President: Cameron Thomas

Sr. Vice President: Harleigh Hamborg

Secretary: Kyrah Ernst

Jr. Vice President: Molly Maynard

Dance/Movie Coordinator: Georgia Hamborg

Canteen Coordinator: Bruce Bedard, Zach Hounsell

Drama Coordinator: Jacklyn Sten

Sports/Yearbook Coordinator: Selena Andersen

Executive Members: Kayleigh Eberts, Gage Hamborg, Will Schaaf, Ava Eberts





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 new system.

Mr. Brian Linn  
Principal

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Mr. Brian Linn, Principal

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

The Canwood Summer Youth Program had a great run again for the summer of 2019. With seven themed weeks and over fifty kids, ages 5-12, registered in the program, both the kids and Coordinators had a blast. This year's themes for the program were Hello Summer, Blast from the Past, SYP's Game of Games, Water Whiz, Home on the Range, Sports Extravaganza and The Great Outdoors.

For 'Hello Summer' each day had a different theme. The days included Make Something Monday, Taste Something Tuesday, Wonder Something Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday, and Friendship Friday. Each day had a specific craft and activity based on its theme, for example, on Thoughtful Thursday, the kids made summer greeting cards for the residents at Whispering Pine Place Nursing Home. This busy week was a great start to the summer for the kids.

In 'Blast from the Past' week, the kids were transported back through time to the Ice Age, Prehistoric Times, Ancient Egypt and all the way to the '50s. The kids went on several field trips this, those of which included BINGO with the Canwood Elks, crafts and sing-a-longs with the Whispering Pine Place Residents and playing Lego and testing out 3D pens at the Canwood Public Library. This week was very busy, and there was never a dull moment at SYP.

For 'SYP's Game of Games' the kids spent each day as a themed activity or board game. For Festival day, the kids went through a giant obstacle course, where the 3 fastest participants won a prize. During Search & Find day, the kids and coordinators played several versions of Hide & Seek. On the Board day was very exciting, the kids got to try out a giant board game. During one of the days this week, we teamed up with the ladies at the Shellbrook Playground Program and headed to the Theatre for a movie and popcorn. We also took a quick trip to the Library in Canwood where the kids played with virtual reality goggles. This was a never before themed week at SYP, and I have to say that we might be doing it again in the future.

As part of our 'Water Whiz' week, the program made a trip to the Shellbrook Pool for a picnic lunch and a full afternoon of swimming. We also had a Slip & Slide at the school and water fights and activities. A massive hit with the kids during this week was making a trip to the Fire Station in Canwood. Here the kids got to wear a helmet and rubber boots and tackle a small obstacle course before firing the big water hose. Although the weather didn't quite hold up for the last couple days of the week, the kids still had a blast on the days in which we could go outside and have a water fight/water games.

During 'Home on the Range' week the kids got to travel to the Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo, the Christiansen Family Farm and the Wreford Family Farm. The Saskatoon Trip was loads of fun, and the kids had such a blast seeing all the animals there. Our trip to the Christiansen Farm was another one for the books, the kids got to see and feed the Bison and even taste some pemmican. At the Wreford Farm, the kids got to feed the Beef Cows in the pasture, as well as hand feed grain to the horse.

'Sports Extravaganza' was another fun-filled week. Here the kids made many crafts and went on another week filled with field trips. We started off the week by heading to the Library in Canwood and played with Ozobots and Mice Robots. Next, the kids got to play Mini-golf in Canwood and Bowl at the Canwood Bowling Alley. We then traveled to the Affinity Credit Union in Shellbrook where the kids got to see the vault and the board room. The last field trip we took this week was to Whispering Pine Place, the kids made a fun craft with the residents and handed out their greeting cards.



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**We're on the Web!**

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## BELL TIMES 2019-2020

**8:45 Warning Bell**

**8:46 Announcements & O Canada**

8:50-9:45 Period 1

**9:45-10:00 Recess**

10:00-10:55 Period 2

10:55-11:50 Period 3

**11:50-12:35 Lunch Break**

12:35-1:30 Period 4

1:30-2:25 Period 5

2:25-3:15 Period 6

3:15 School Dismissal

**Vegetables** - The school will gratefully accept donations of garden vegetables for our nutrition program. We would welcome carrots, cucumbers, rhubarb, zucchini, tomatoes, berries or any other extra produce you might have. Please drop it off at the school or call the school office to have it picked up. Thank you!

**For Sale** - An 8' x 10' garden shed on 4" x 4" skids, built by students at Canwood Public School. It has unpainted OSB walls, a shingled roof, 4' double doors, \$1200. Contact Grant Person at the school for details 306-468-2150.

For our seventh and final week of Summer Youth, we went on several field trips. We began the week with a trip to the Canwood Regional Park, where we had a Slip & Slide water fight. Following through the rest of the week, we stopped in at the Affinity Credit Union in Canwood where the ladies gave the kids a tour of the bank vault. Next, we went to Shell Lake and had soft ice cream and mini-golf. One of the last days of the week, we took our last trip to the Shellbrook Swimming Pool and had a blast. Finishing off the summer, we went to the Canwood Regional Park for a picnic lunch and afternoon of playing at the park.

The Summer Youth Program would not have had such a successful summer if it wasn't for all of those who helped. A big thank you goes out to Canada Summer Jobs, Community Initiatives Fund, Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No.119, Canwood Public School, R.M. of Canwood No.494, Village of Canwood and Canwood Elks Lodge #183. Also, another thank you goes out to Whispering Pine Place, Canwood Public Library, Canwood Mini Golf, Affinity Credit Union Canwood and Shellbrook Branch and to Grant Person with the Canwood Fire Hall, for giving up time out of their busy schedules to let the kids come for field trips and activities. Thank you to the parents for driving and chaperoning field trips and bringing their kids to the program day after day. The program wouldn't be up and running without you, and we hope to see all of the kids back again next summer!

-SYP Coordinator Amy Wreford and Assistants Cassidy Anderson and Casey Kvinlaug

## EXTRAS

**Lego** - Mrs. Howat is looking for gently used Lego pieces of any size for the PreK/Kindergarten room. If you have any you would be willing to donate please drop off at the school or contact Mrs. Howat.

*We are ready to have a great year!*



# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mrs. Kaley Spigott, School Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on September 10, 17 & 24	2 Labour Day No Classes	3 First Day of Classes K	No PreK	K	No PreK	
8	9	10	11 Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Rice & Vegetable \$3.50 PK-4 \$2.50	12 Football Game in Shellbrook 7:30 p.m.	13 Welcome Back Breakfast Chicken Noodle Soup \$2.00 & Focaccia Bread \$1.00 K	
15	16	17 Meet The Staff BBQ 5-7 pm PreK	18 Lasagna \$3.50 PK-4 \$2.50 K	19 Pepperoni Pizza \$2.00 K	20 Football Game in Shellbrook 10:00 a.m. No PreK	
22	23	24 Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Abbotsford, B.C. PreK	25 Terry Fox Run & Lunch K	26 Beet Borscht \$2.00 & Garlic Biscuit \$1.00 K	27 Football Game in Hafford 7:00 p.m. on Friday Football Game in Hague 10:00 a.m. K	
29	30 Pre-K Family Day					**Picture Day will be Thursday, October 3**

