

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays Everyone! It was so good to see parents coming in for our Student Progress Conferences on November 8th. These conversations are important to your child's academic success and an opportunity for your child to share their school goals. We are so grateful for our Legion to come and share their knowledge and the importance of November 11th, our students were very respectful during the Remembrance service. We also want to thank Carol Lemire for presenting to our grades 7-12 students on the importance of Brain Health and the effects of too much screen time. We want to express our gratitude to the many community members who have taken the time out of their day to come and bake a snack for our students. Thank you to many of you who donated to the school as well. Every end of the week day, all students receive a yummy snack.

We are so excited for our December events. Thank you to Mrs. Hladun for donating the beautiful Christmas quilt, and thank you parents for supporting this fundraiser. Just a reminder that all tickets (sold or not) and money must be handed in by December 4th. The draw will be held at our Christmas Concert on December 6th. The staff and students are very excited to be performing for everyone that evening. Once again we will be having the Santa Shop on December 21st. If you have any items to donate please contact the school. We are collecting gently used items for gifts and if you have any wrapping paper or gift bags that you would like to donate that would be appreciated too! Grad photos will be on December 13th in the Home Economics room.

-Mrs. Sylvia Delisle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Quilt Raffle - Canwood School is selling raffle tickets on a Christmas themed 4' x 5' quilt handmade by Mrs. Heather Hladun. The draw will be made at the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 6th. Tickets can be purchased from any of our school families, at the school office or online through School Cash via a post on our Facebook page. Proceeds of this fundraiser are going towards the purchase of a set of snowshoes for student use.

Canwood students and parents please have all ticket books (sold and unsold) back in to homeroom teachers by Monday, December 4th

Christmas Concert - K-6 students and a few of our older students will be performing in the Canwood Public School Christmas Concert. Family, friends and community members are welcome to attend the performance. Please see the information below.

December 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the school

School Doors (Closest to the Gym) will open at 6:10 p.m.

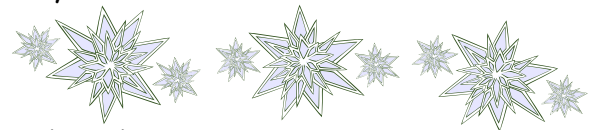
K-6 students will join homeroom teachers in their classrooms when they arrive.

We ask that all younger siblings or younger guests stay seated with their families so that our performers are not distracted.

There will be a silver collection as well a collection box for nonperishable items for our local food bank.

We hope to see you there!

-Mr. Richard Schwehr & Mrs. Heather Hladun



Christmas Hamper Program - Once again Canwood Public School will be partnering with the Shellbrook and Area Ministerial Association Food Bank. This program supports families each Christmas season, including families in the Canwood area.

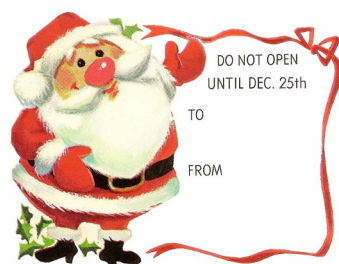
Items being collected are: non-perishable food items, **new** mitts and toques, **new** in the box toys, cash donations (used by the church to buy perishable food).

Donations can be sent to the school as soon as possible and will be accepted until Thursday, December 14th. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing in the spirit of Christmas.

If you know of anyone in the Canwood area who needs to access the Shellbrook Food Bank please pass on this information: Program Coordinator Linda Lundy 306-960-6879 or Pentecostal Minister David Bodvarson 306-747-7235 (the food bank is administered out of the Shellbrook Pentecostal Church).

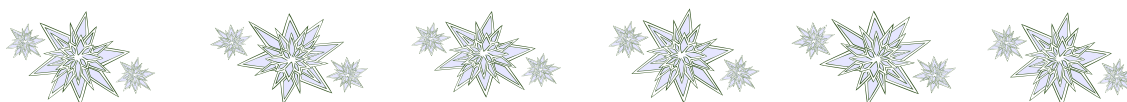


Santa Shop - A Santa Shop for our elementary students in grades K-6 will be held at Canwood Public School on Thursday, December 21st. We would like to ask each of the students in these grades to donate gently used items such as jewelry, mugs, ornaments, books, toys or other small items to the program. We are often short on items for men - suggestions are tape measures, gloves, ties, socks, coffee mugs or travel mugs. 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. Proceeds from this "sale" will be donated to the local food bank.



Imagine the treasures they will find for mom & dad, grandpa & grandma, or their siblings. The Santa Shop will be open for Kindergarten students on Wednesday, December 20th and grades 1-6 on Thursday, December 21st, each student will have a chance to purchase Christmas presents.

We welcome any donations of sale items, wrapping paper, bows and small boxes. Students please bring your items as soon as possible. Community members can drop off donated items at the front office. Thank you!!



LIBRARY NEWS

With the support of our parents, staff, community members and students the "Paws for Reading" Scholastic Book Fair was a success. This year once again we managed to top our projected total of \$2,000.00 in sales. A percentage of these sales are returned to our own library in books. I will soon have the new books processed into the computer so that students will have access. Thank you to everyone!

After a few correct guesses of 18 dog biscuits, we had a draw and Bria Benson was the lucky winner of the guessing game. Miss Saam and Ryder Benjamin were the lucky winners of the \$25.00 draw; they each received \$25.00 in books. Congratulations to all three of you.

Thank you to the Canwood School Community Council for donating a \$5.00 book gift certificate to each student from Kindergarten to Grade 6. I hope they all enjoy their purchases.

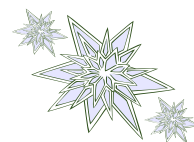
A special thank you to Barb Delisle, Sandra Willner and Chylann Pease for helping me out at the book fair.

-Mrs. Tracy Pease

ONGOING EVENTS

Volunteer Baking - Canwood School and Students would love to thank these volunteers: Barb Sten, Cherish Schutte, Andree Schutte, Barb Benson, Diane Johnson and Sandra Willner for coming to our school in October and November. In December we will have Dale Schwehr, Bev Wyatt, Cassidy Saam and Kaelee Saam coming to bake some yummy snacks. These volunteers have taken time out of their busy schedules to bake snacks for our students. All of our students receive a snack at the end of every week and it has been most appreciated! We also use the baking items to replenish our Emergency Lunch Program. If you would like to be a part of our baking team or if you have any baking items to donate, please call the school. Any little bit helps.

-Mrs. Sylvia Delisle



SLC NEWS

Candygrams - The SLC will be selling candy grams this season! They will be sold from Friday, December 15th to Thursday, December 21st. All candy grams will be delivered on Friday, December 22nd. **One candy cane for 50 cents and two candy canes for 1 dollar.** Grades 7-12 can buy their candy grams at the canteen. Elementary students can buy candy grams on their canteen day: Grade 5/6 Friday, December 15th, Grade 1/2 Monday, December 18th, Grade 3/4 Wednesday, December 20th.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Volleyball - Senior Girls' Volleyball has wrapped up for another season! This year we had enough players to split into two teams, yellow and green, and alternated attending games with the Highway 55 league. The league this year saw us playing against Debden, Shellbrook, Big River and Big River First Nation. The girls had a great year participating in tournaments in Bruno, Shellbrook and Medstead, and concluded the year with a third-place finish and some great games at Conference in Choiceland on Nov. 4th. Thanks to all the girls and parents for their commitment to the team this year and we look forward to an even better season next year.

-Mrs. Kori Sansom & Miss Hannah McJannet



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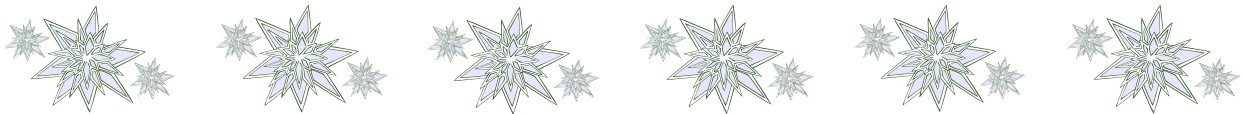
Basketball Camp 2023 - For the first time in a few years Canwood was host to a basketball camp. On Saturday, November 25th Canwood School, along with guest coach Trent Salmond hosted the event that saw 13 energetic and determined players come out and take part in several different drills that built both basketball, and personal skills. We even had a student join from Shellbrook as well. It was great to see so many young athletes take a few hours out of their weekend to make the camp a success. Well done, Basketball players!
-Mr. Greg Duval



EXTRAS

Thank You - to Mr. Al Dion and the Knights of Columbus for donating "Coats for Kids" to our school. This is very much appreciated!

Winter Weather - Winter is here! So far the weather has been warmer. However it can be unpredictable, please make sure your child is dressed for the cold temperatures. If you are needing any warmer jackets, please let the school know. Students should have the appropriate footwear and outer clothing including toques, mitts and ski pants. We care about your child's well-being!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Canwood Public Library - Upcoming events at the Library: Moms and Tots - Dec 5 and 19 @10:30am, Crafters Choice - Dec 12 @10:00am, Afterschool Movies - Dec 7 and 21 @3:30pm, Kids Club Fridays after-school that there is school - @3:30pm. Drop by and see our community history display!

We are doing a Fundraising Christmas Bake Raffle this December. We are kindly requesting donations of Baking, Sweet Treats, Canning, etc. to help support our Local Library Programs. Donations can be dropped off at the Library. The Draw for Baking Hampers will be made on Dec 21. Tickets are 3 for \$5 available at the Library or from all Board Members.

The Library is closed on STAT holidays as well as Dec 29 and Jan 2. We will be open on Dec 28. Regular open days continue on Jan 4.
-Karina Johnson, Librarian



December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Miss Allyssa Salmund, School Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on December 5, 12 & 19					1 Grade 1-6 at The Little Mermaid at EA Rawlinson Centre	2
3	4	5	6 Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11 PreK & K	12	13 PreK & K	14	15 K	16
	17 PreK & K	18	19 PreK & K	20 Grade 12 Grad Photos	21 K	22
	19 Christmas Character Day	20 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	21 Santa Shop Formal Day	22 Pajama Day	23 Classes Resume on Monday, January 8	24
	24 PreK & K	25	26	27	28	29 K
	29	30				



Merry Christmas

