# CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER January 2025

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year Everyone!

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." ~ Brad Paisley

Let's write some amazing pages in 2025!

As we look forward to a new calendar year it is always nice to reflect back on how the year ended. 2024 at Canwood School ended on an amazingly high note. We had so many events that have left lasting memories with our students and staff. First off we can't make many of the events happen without the help of our staff, parents, community members and volunteers. Canwood may be little but it has a huge heart and is filled with many generous people. Our staff would like to thank our SCC for the Mom's Pantry Fundraiser and offsetting the cost of tickets to the Willy Wonka Presentation; the numerous individuals who donated and volunteered their time to help with the Santa Shop; all of you who helped with the Christmas Concert – particularly to Mrs. Dyan Norquist for creating and directing the show and to Mr. Bob Wrench for helping with the sound system; and an applause to our staff and students who planned and orchestrated the SLC Christmas Banquet. Also to the parents and community members that took the time to attend and volunteer their precious time to help with the banquet. There were many smiles on our student's faces throughout these events.

We had a very special visitor in December – Mr. Neil Finch, the Director of Saskatchewan Rivers School Division came to see all the wonderful things that are happening at Canwood Public School. He was given a school tour and had a very special performance from our Choir.

It is with a saddened heart that we say good bye to our Superintendent Mr. Tom Michaud. He is off to Ontario on a new educational adventure. In January he will stepping into a new role as Director of Education Secretary-Treasurer in the Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel-Ontario. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for his support and dedication to our school. We wish him well on his new journey as Director, we know he will do an amazing job!

Mrs. Kelly Gerhardt will become our newest SRPSD Superintendent of Schools effective January 1, 2025. She brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to student success, well-being, and inclusive education.

Principal - Mrs. Sylvia Delisle

#### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported our school's Quilt Raffle. Congratulations to the winner of the quilt, Dallas Olson! The school will purchase outdoor equipment with the proceeds which totalled \$1485.00.

#### Thank You!

Huge shout out to Sask Energy (@saskenergy) and their Share the Warmth Grant.

We were approved for \$1000.00 to use towards winter gear for our kiddos this winter.

-Miss Alyssa Salmond

#### Thank You!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their winter jacket donation. Al Dion and Maurice Tamchuk presented the four winter jackets to our School Mentor Mrs. Tetreault. We appreciate this warm gesture to help some of our students stay cozy in the cold winter months!

-Mrs. Sylvia Delisle



### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mom's Pantry fundraiser. The total our School Community Council has raised with this fundraiser is \$2427.12.



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The SLC planned another bulletin board decorating contest this year. Classes worked hard and had some amazing bulletin boards, the Grade 10 class even had a real tree that lit up and played music! The winning elementary class was Grade 1/2. The winning high school classes were tied between the Grade 6/7 class and the Grade 8 class. Great work everyone!

-Mrs. Kori Sansom



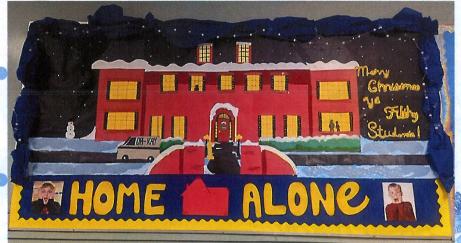














CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Stage Hands: Brayzn Benson, Mr. Bob Wrench, Zander Bodnarchuk, Germaine Halkett, Aksel Nordquist



Director: Mrs. Dyan Nordquist













## SANTA SHOP











BANQUET & DANCE





#### **SLC News**

Our SLC committee had a busy month! Our spirit week was a success, along with the weekly selling of candy grams. Thank you to our SLC committee for planning the Christmas Banquet for grades 6–12! It was wonderful having this event back in our school. Thank you to Lamplight Cuisine for catering the delicious meal. Thank you to Armed with Harmony for providing the music and entertainment for the evening. Last, but not least, thank you to our chaperones! Without volunteer chaperones, this event would not be possible.

-Mrs. Vanessa Balicki

**Commercial Cooking** 

The Commercial Cooking Class has been busy this year producing some delicious and challenging meals. Every Thursday the Grade 11 and 12 students prepare and serve Noon Meals to anyone who chooses to purchase them. The Commercial Cooking Class will be making meals until the end of January when the semester change happens and the new semester will bring an end to this years' class. Great work students. It has been a pleasure working alongside you. We would like to thank those that supported us by purchasing meals throughout the year.

- Mr. Greg Duval

### **Updates & Reminders**

We have some extra 2023-2024 yearbooks for sale. They are \$15 each and can be purchased through School Cash or at the school office.

We are asking parents and guardians to use Edsby to enter present and future absences for your child/children. Once you have signed up for Edsby there is an introductory video that parents can watch - you can find it under the "support" link and then by clicking "parents". Edsby has a free app for all iOS and Android smartphones so that you can access school information or enter absences anywhere, anytime. Parents/guardians who have not connected to Edsby yet have been emailed "Invitations to Edsby" periodically over the school year. Please call the school office for more information or if you have any questions.



We are asking parents and guardians to sign up for School Cash Online. Currently, school fees can be paid online as well as milk cards for the elementary students. More events and items are always added to School Cash Online as they occur and become available. If you have already paid cash for school fees or milk cards, sign up to take a

look at your payment history. Payments through this program are by credit card or electronic check which is a transfer directly out of your bank account. See Canwood School website or Sask Rivers website for how to register.

It's January and it's cold! To continue building the habit of good attendance children may need to be reminded to dress for the weather. Winter coats, boots, mittens and toques will make going to and from school and playing outside at recess more enjoyable. Winter is not everyone's favourite season, but if we dress warmly for it, winter can be fun!

On the Canwood Public School website you will find bus updates, contact information, current handbook, newsletters, staff lists, student links and more. Visit our website at cw.srsd119.ca.

Milk cards can be purchased for students, 10 milk for \$12.00. Cards can be purchased through School Cash Online or at the school office.

**Community Events** 

Canwood Public Library: Parents and Tots 10:30 January 7, 21; Crafters Choice 10:30 January 14, 28; Kids Club 3:30 January 10, 17, 24, 31; PA Regional Kids First 10:30 January 31; Grade 3/4 visit 12:30 January 10

Family Literacy Day at Kids Club on January 24 - Making Bird Feeders. Please register @ Library 306-468-2501. Limited spaces available. Come out with your parents or on your own to learn how winter birds survive and build a bird feeder to take home. All materials supplied, however pre-registration is required for material acquisition. A great way to celebrate Literacy. Grant obtained through Sask. Lotteries.

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