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Principal's Corner



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November is behind us and December is here! This is always a good time of year to remind children that the real meaning of the holiday season is about giving and caring for others. This week we kicked off our character trait for the month of December and it is fitting that this month we have chosen "compassion and caring" as our focus. This is the perfect time for our school and the larger community to exemplify and express our compassion and caring for others, remembering to be kind to one another, to show gratitude, forgiveness of others and to help those in need, through both our actions and words. Helping people in need is definitely the reason for our December food drive and this year we have been asked to focus on traditional Christmas dinner donations along with the regular items that are always needed. Last month we participated in the Shoe Box campaign and the grade 4/5 class did the Shoe Box Build. There were many generous contributions by the school and larger community and we are thankful for your thoughtful spirit of giving, as will be, the recipients of the shoe boxes. As another calendar year is coming near to a close I would like to wish you all the warmth of hearth and home, the cheer and goodwill of friends, hope for a bright tomorrow, the joy of time spent with family and loved ones, and much love and laughter this holiday season.

Jo-Ann McLaren
Principal

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Greetings from Grade 2!!! These past few months have been extremely busy, but productive. We have started a brand new unit in Social. Our first stop is the province of Nova Scotia, learning about the geography, landmarks and interesting people. We painted the famous Peggy's Cove Lighthouse and wrote about the legend of how the small community got their name. In math, we are practicing place value, working with tens and ones. This will lead us into double digit addition and subtraction without regrouping.



Report Cards

Our First Reporting Period

We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we are making our way through the process of using PowerTeacherPro for reporting student progress and achievement. There have been a few kinks but we are working on making the process as painless as possible, while at the same time making it as informative as possible. To help with this, the district has created a short video (approx. 7 minutes) that describes to parents how to access the Parent Portal and how to navigate the Grades and Attendance Tab.

<http://bit.ly/NGPSPortal> We hope you find this helpful. Please don't hesitate to come into the school or call, if you have any questions or concerns.

Fire Chief for the Day!

Lucky Winner Luke Chadd was able to be the Fire Chief for the Day at the Sangudo Blitz on November 4th.

In the month of October students received Fire Safety Presentations. Students then had the opportunity to enter their name in a draw to become Fire Chief for the Day! Thank you to the Sangudo Fire Department for their dedication to Fire Safety education, giving our students this opportunity and the wonderful goodie bags you had for our students. Enter next year for your chance to be Fire Chief for the Day! Hope you had fun Luke!



Supervision Support Team

We are very excited to extend our Leadership Program into assisting the supervising staff members with extra eyes and ears on our playground. The 16 Grade 6-9 students will be assisting with reminding students of the rules and safety aspects of the playground, and helping to report to staff concerns or problems that are arising that staff can not always attend to or see due to the business of play on the playground. We thank them for their time and dedication to the younger students at SCS.

The Jr Boys attended the 2J Zones in Westlock and placed 4th. Both teams traveled to Wildwood to compete in their tournament with the girls finishing 4th and the boys bringing home gold. The girls will travel to Whitecourt this weekend for the Percy Baxter Fair Play Tournament where they hope to finish their season off strong. All their games will take place at Hilltop High School if anyone would like to drop in to watch: 9:45, 11:15 & 12:45 are the round robin games. The athletes would like to thank Marg & Calder Thompson for their dedication to the team and for the excellent season.

Motivational Magic

Magician Steve Harmer came to weave some magic with a powerful message about bullying. Thank you, the County of Lac Ste Anne, for organizing and funding this presentation. The students really enjoyed it!



Remembrance Day Ceremony

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Christmas Concert

With plans fully underway for the concert, it is important that if you are planning a surprise or early vacation this holiday season that you let your child's teacher know, so that individual or small group parts are not planned for them. Last minute changes cause undue stress for students having to fill in and we would like to try and limit where possible. We realize we can not control all sudden changes such as illness etc, but we would like to be proactive where possible. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

The Christmas Concert is on December 20, 1:00 and 7:00.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Skating



As the Christmas season approaches we would like to kick off our Food Bank Drive with a focus this season. The Grade 4 & 5 students have rewritten the 12 Days of Christmas, with items that our local Food Bank will need this holiday season to help provide for families in our area. We will have Food bank donation boxes in each classroom as well as our usual large donation bin set up during the concerts. Remember all presents must be unwrapped and new items. As always all food and personal hygiene items are accepted and appreciated.

The 12 Days of Christmas at the Food Bank

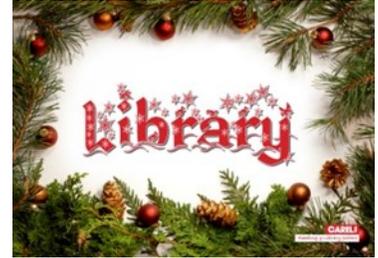
On the first day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, a present under the tree
On the second day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 2 gravy packets
On the third day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 3 mashed potatoes
On the fourth day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 4 brownie boxes
On the fifth day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 5 chocolate Santas
On the sixth day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 6 Stove Top Stuffing
On the seventh day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 7 cans of pie filling
On the eighth day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 8 can of cranberries
On the ninth day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 9 Bisquick Boxes
On the tenth day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 10 cans of veggies
On the eleventh day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 11 bottles of soda
On the twelfth day of Christmas the Food Bank got from me, 12 candy canes

CTF (Career & Technology Foundations)

Our Tuesday and Thursday CTF Classes have changed over for Grade 4-9 students. They will now have the choice of participating in Hockey Skills, Board Game Design, Yoga & Fitness. Our Wednesday CTF Classes will remain unchanged until the new year in order to facilitate Christmas Concert preparation.

Library Item Return:

Students, teachers and families; with the holiday season, it is easy to forget about library items. If you would like to have them over the holidays, I will check out your items for an extended time during the last week of school. Otherwise, please return everything before Thursday, December 22. We have a great selection of Christmas books and DVD's (for those with TRAC Cards); watch for our Christmas displays!



Thank you!

We would like to extend our thanks to Neerlandia Public Christian School and Library staff for the double-sided bookshelf that we received (no charge!) from them. This bookshelf has helped us to better accommodate the picture and board book collections for the kids.



“Learning Discovery” Sessions. With funds from our previous Scholastic Book Fair, we have been fortunate to outfit our school Library/Learning Commons with items for “Learning Discovery”. We have a great assortment of Lego, Duplo, Puppets, Floor Puzzles, Bus & Truck toys, crayons and coloring pages. The students have been enjoying reading and book exchange and are now using some library time for hands-on sharing and learning.

Christmas Around the World Board Game Challenge

Students are excited to start a school wide board game activity created by work experience student Kolton Chow. Two students from each class will have the opportunity to play the game for 5 mins each morning in the hall outside Mrs. Moon's room and then complete the challenge they land on in order to help fill their Passport and experience Christmas Around the World. The idea came forth after a new CTF Class was started by Mrs. Moon where Gr 4-9 students are challenging each other to new board games, in order to build skills and experience in order to design their own board game in the new year.

So far it is a big hit!

PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMS:

HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES: The Public Library will be closed from Monday, December 26 to Friday, January 6, 2017.

2017 PUBLIC LIBRARY: Afternoon/Evening Hours:

Tuesday: 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For the month of December, during afternoon and evening hours, we are having 2 draws for our library patrons; one for Adults (18 and over) and one for Kids. Entr your name and win fabulous prizes! Draw date will be Wednesday, December 21.

We have New Magazine Titles and are expecting more to come!

Canadian Living
Sports Illustrated
The Hockey News

With your TRAC card, you can also sign up for [hoopla](#), to read, listen and watch a huge assortment of titles. Check out www.tracpac.ab.ca and see what you can do!

CHRISTMAS CARD & TAG CRAFT SESSION:

Wednesday, December 7 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Join Leanna Rilling for a Christmas card and gift tag creative session! We have a great assortment of Christmas stamps and craft supplies to help you make one of a kind cards and gift tags. This session is for kids and adults age 10 and over. Limit of 8 people. Call the Library at 780-785-3431 to register or send us a message on Facebook.



Pajama Story Time at the Library; Christmas Edition!

Tuesday, December 13 from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Come dressed in your PJ's, bring a favorite stuffed toy and join us for stories, songs, a craft and a snack. Please register by phoning the library or sending us a message on Facebook. See you there!



Keep in touch with us through our Facebook page and website at: <http://www.sangudolibrary.ca/>. We will be running MineCraft Edu and Games night programs in the New Year.

Grade 1 Skating

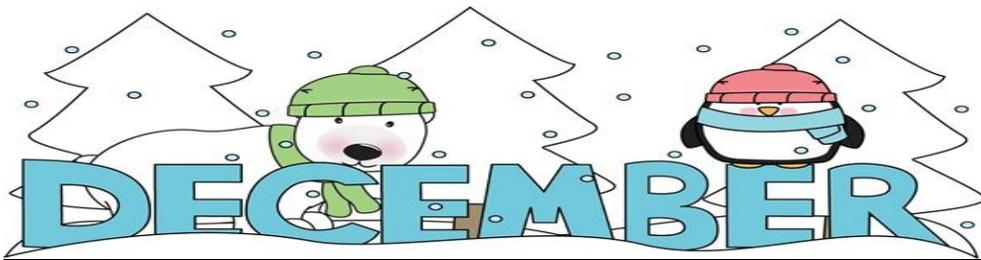


JOLLY JINGLE SHOP



The **Jolly Jingle Shop** will take place at school on **Thursday, December 8**. It's a great opportunity for your child/children to purchase secret Christmas gifts for family and friends in a safe and friendly environment. "Your Dollar Store with More" from Barrhead will be offering a variety of items priced from \$1.00-\$10.00. If your child would like to shop, please fill out the form that was sent home and send back along with the amount (cash) you would like them to spend. **Donations of gift bags, wrapping paper, gift tags will be gratefully accepted for this event!**

If you are able to volunteer to help wrap and/or shop with the kids, please text or call Sherra Muldoon in advance at (780) 975-9442



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 No Classes	2 No Classes	3 VB Tourney Percy Baxter Girls Only
4	5	6 Pizza Lunch with Principal Hot Dog Day Gr 4/5 Skate	7	8 Jolly Jingle Shop	9 Beauty & the Beast at Whitcourt Kinders at School	10
11	12	13 Gr 2 & 3 Skate K & Gr 1 Skate	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Christmas Concert	21 Gr 4-9Skate	22 No Kinders Gr 4-9 Skate	23 Christmas Dinner Kinders at School	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p><i>Classes resume on January 9, 2017</i></p>						
<p>Happy Holidays!</p>						