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Principal's Corner

I trust you had a good Christmas and some well deserved rest and family time over the holiday season. It's hard to believe that January is already behind us. By now, you no doubt have had time, to make and perhaps even break (like me) your New Year resolutions. This year, like the last five or so - ok maybe 10 - I decided to make some resolutions about healthy eating and more physical activity. I am sure you have heard the saying "when the going gets tough the tough get going" and believe me when you have avoided regular exercise and proper nutrition for long periods of time, it's truly tough going. Unfortunately, the second part of that expression –the tough get going – is the part that always seems to be the most difficult.

I think what happens is when the new year fairies come around and put in our new batteries every New Year's eve, they always run out of the good Energizer batteries by the time they get to those of us who have the last name beginning with the letter M. It doesn't seem to matter which end of the alphabet the ferries decide to start at, we M's are always in the middle, so it would seem we are always going to be the ones who get the no name brand of batteries that just don't have the same oomph as those others. Suffice to say that it is only February 1st and the batteries are already running out of steam and chocolate is once again my friend (thank goodness as Valentine's Day is on the way and chocolate always seems to come along with it!)

February is generally associated with heart health and of course there is Valentine's day and Groundhog day to be celebrated (or not, if that groundhog does not forecast an early spring). A quick search of the internet reveals some interesting but quirky things to take note of in February as well. For example, there is Toothache Day and National GumDrop Day, if of course the internet is to be believed, though I am not always certain that it is.

Here at Sangudo we have a busy month ahead. We will have a new character trait to focus on - this month is kindness - very appropriate as we also recognize Pink Shirt Day as part of anti-bullying awareness this month. We have our drama option well underway in anticipation of our dinner theatre in March, and of course we also continue with the more academic side of school. Parents will have an opportunity to come in on February 21st for our Portfolio Share evening, to see all of the hard work and learning that has been taking place.

Happy February one and all! May you always find yourself either at the front or back of the alphabet for new batteries.

Jo-Ann McLaren
Principal



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“DON'T WAIT FOR THE
PERFECT MOMENT,
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ZOEY SRIWARD

Greetings from Grade 2! Time to kick off our dinosaur language arts unit. We all have a new job – we are now paleontologists! We learned that paleontologists study a variety of fossils, besides dinosaurs. Throughout our unit, we will study timelines, research a variety of dinos, check out fossils and watch the documentary “Walking with the Dinosaurs”. We are extremely excited about our new unit. Until then.... Mrs. V. and her little paleontologists!



Co-op Till Tapes

Hand in your Co-op till tapes to the school or Shelly Starman at the ATB. Every little bit helps support our breakfast program!

Hot Dog Day

February 7

No pre-orders required, just send \$1.50 for a hot dog and \$0.50 for a glass of milk on Tuesday.

Kindergarten in January

January has flown by! The students are working hard with Letter of the Week. Focusing on letter sound, letter formation and connecting letters with sounds in words. In the last month we have focused more on our Sight Words and having a great time writing, making sentences and finding them in stories. The Kinders are working hard on rhyming and syllable work as well. Way to go kids!! The Kinders would like to thank the Jr. High students that have gone above and beyond in helping in our class. We enjoy having them.

In Math we have been working on Numbers 1-10 and all the different ways to represent them! BINGO anyone?

In January we explored the world of the arctic. The students learned about many arctic animals and how they survive in the north, focusing on polar bears and their unique qualities. Our Blubber Investigation will be a blast! We will make predictions, graph our findings and learn a lot about the arctic animals and how they stay warm!!

PJ Day in Kindergarten will be a great event Thursday Feb 2, 2017, complete with stuffies and hot chocolate!

Until next month, so long from our Kinderfamily



School Council Remind App

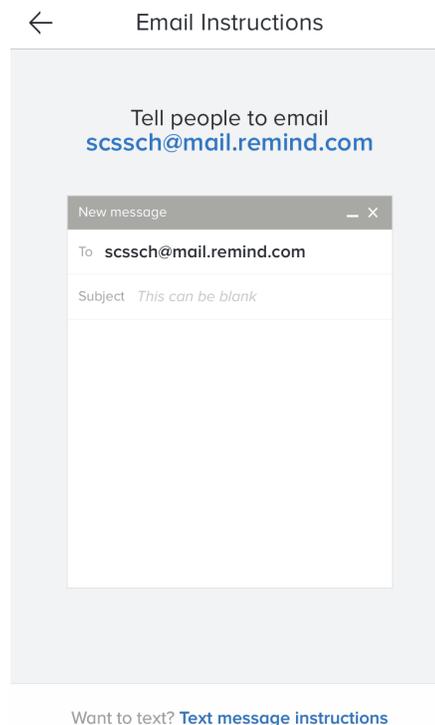
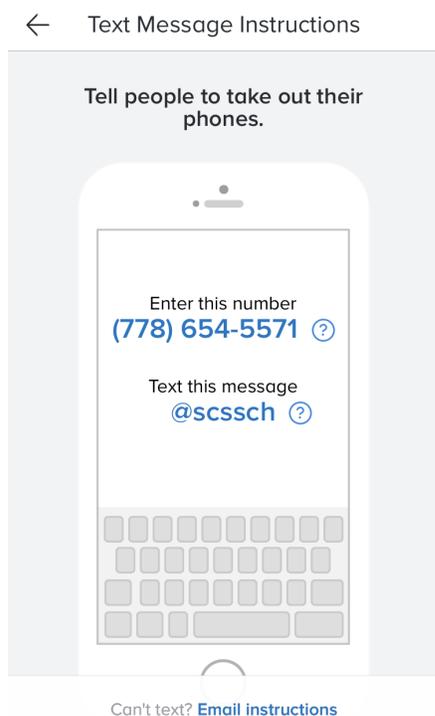
The School Advisory Council / P.A.S.S has recently set up the popular school messaging “Remind App” to help share School Council/PASS information. Some of us may be familiar using it already with a teacher or through sport.

It offers the ability to send quick, simple messages, info or announcements to any device (i.e. text, app, web or email). There is also the ability to reply direct and set up events and RSVPs as well.

If you wish to download the app, look for it in the App store, *Remind: Fast, Efficient, School Messaging*”.

Joining the group is easy by texting the specified number and message or emailing the specified address!

Feel free to contact Sherra Muldoon or Rene Werenka if have any questions.



Behind the Red Door

Our class is learning about "Hearing and Sound" in science. We are also making guitars. We are building them with boxes and paper towel rolls. We are going to feel the vibration in the guitars. We are also working in "Science Lab Centres" doing experiments to discover more about sound. That's what we are learning in science. - Valeria Valdez

In Literacy, our class has been writing stories about our lives. That is called a Personal Narrative. Ms. Myrol is very picky about our writing! In this kind of writing we write a personal story that has to appeal to one of the five senses. We are almost done our Personal Narrative. We are also doing Daily 5. In Daily 5 there are seven steps on the ladder. When we get to the top we get free time! We don't get to free time everyday. We have to work hard to get free time, but we sometimes get it. We just started reading a class book called The BFG. - Faith Paul

In our math class, we are learning to add three digit numbers. We are learning to regroup. Ms. Myrol taught us how to do XtraMath on our Chromebooks. This is like the old Mad Minutes, but we get to race The Teacher. We are also doing Daily Math. We do one page of "180 Days of Math" first. We are learning to multiply by 2s and 3s. We play math games like "Four in a Row". That is what we are learning in math. - Addyson Roth

In following with tradition, the grade three class read the fable, "Stone Soup" and then invited their parents to a "Stone Soup Feast". It was a very successful lunch and I thank all the parents and guardians for your enthusiasm. Our soup grew into a wonderful meal for all to enjoy and I must say, the students were very excited to make it, and then share it with you. The grade threes are in full gear and every day is fun and exciting behind the Red Door.

PowerSchool Parent Portal



Way back in November your child should have brought home a letter explaining how to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you did not receive a letter or have misplaced it, please contact the school. The parent portal will allow parents to log in to see up to date information about how your child is progressing academically. You will be able to view the attendance records, as well as the assignments your child has completed to date and how they did on these assignments. In the letter that was sent home, there is important login and password information to allow you to access the portal. Check our website and click on the Parent Portal Video link, you will be directed to a helpful video that is a How To Guide for the Parent Portal.

After you log in online, you are also able to download the PowerSchool app. Please note you must login online first before being able to access the app. Once you are on the app, select a subject area, then select an assignment to view. District code PSNT

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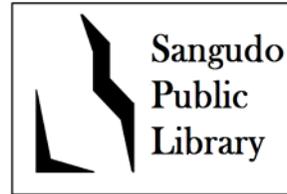
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2017 PUBLIC LIBRARY: Afternoon/Evening Hours:

Tuesday: 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.



****Daytime Hours: 9:00 – 2:30 Monday to Friday: closed 11:45 – 12:15 for lunch****

Annual General Meeting: Thursday, March 9 from 7 -9 p.m.

Do you love to read and learn? Do you enjoy access to thousands of books, movies and electronic resources? How about fun and engaging programs for you and your family members? Then please consider joining us for this meeting, sharing your talents and ideas, and becoming a member of the Friends of the Sangudo Public Library Society. We need you to help us make a difference in our community to ensure the legacy of our library continues. Please contact Karen Visser at the library if you have any questions.

Pirates Plunder with guest Artist Jacuie Paul;

Hey you landlubbers! Just in time for the Bookaneer Book Fair! Have some fun painting pirate themes with Jacuie Paul after school on Wednesday, February 15 from 3:45 to 4:30. Call the library to sign up!

Winter Programs:

MINECRAFT EDU:

MineCraft EDU computer and Lego program will continue to run on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. ½ hour time slots are available for sign up.

GAMES NIGHT: Come to Games Nights on Thursdays, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Come and play some of our games: Ticket to Ride, Pandemic, Settlers of Catan, Jenga & many more!!

Music Option

The Music Club Option ended on a high note this year. To their credit, the students worked incredibly hard during lunch hours, extra class time and recesses to learn their parts for the Annual SCS Christmas Concert. Our band featured two bass guitars, two drummers, two keyboard players, three guitar players, singers and guest artists. The band backed up the whole school when they were singing “Home” by Phillip Phillips and “Forever Country”. Thanks to PASS, we were able to bring in three of Canada’s top country music musicians; Chad Melchert on drums; Travis Switzer on bass; and Mark Puffer on guitar to mentor the students. These musicians are professionals who back up CCMA Male Vocalist Gord Bamford, and have been named CCMA players of the year. On the day of the concert they worked with our students in the morning and then stayed to perform and mentor the students for both the afternoon and evening performances. The whole school sounded amazing and I’m not sure if many people noticed, but there were several staff members who had a tear or two.

Library/Learning Commons News



Scholastic Book Fair!

Ahoy mateys! Our “**Bookaneer Book Fair; where books are the treasure**” is coming to our school February 17! You guessed it! It’s a pirate theme! Dress up as a pirate on Tuesday, February 21 and you could win a prize! The community is invited to the Book Fair whenever it is open.

The Book Fair schedule is as follows;

Friday, February 17: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Portfolio share from 4:30 to 7:00)

Wednesday, February 22: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

****Check the Book Fair pamphlet that is being sent home and fill in the “Family Event Door Prize” slip on the back to enter for this \$25.00 draw (this will be drawn for Families only; not classes)**

Volunteers are needed to help us run a successful fair. Please contact Mrs. Visser at the library if you are able to help out for an hour or more and/or fill in and return the Volunteer form to the school.

School-Wide Reading Challenge!

The New Year will be bringing new books to our library and so will the **Scholastic** Book Fair! The classes have picked their team names and it’s looking like Grade 2 (the Polar Bears) are already in the lead! We will run this challenge **until the end of March** to see who will win an Ice Cream party. Any reading time will count; you just need to have the slips signed by your teacher, or older family members (sorry, but not by your dog!)

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presents

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

FUNDED BY FCSS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.



SANGUDO ARENA & GROUNDS

FREE WEINER ROAST,
DONUTS AND REFRESHMENTS



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND JOIN THE FUN

FREE HORSE AND SLEIGH RIDES
1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.

FREE INDOOR SKATING
BRING YOUR HELMETS



JACQUE PAUL FACE PAINTING, CRAFTS & GAMES
TRAINED DOG DEMOS WITH "PET ADVENTURES"

WE WILL HAPPILY ACCEPT FOOD BANK DONATIONS
ICE SUPERVISION AND ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED BY LOCAL STUDENTS

February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip	2 Pajama Day	3	4
5	6	7 Hot Dog Day	8	9 NO CLASSES Teachers' Convention	10 NO CLASSES Teachers' Convention	11
12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 School Council Meeting 5:00	16 NO KINDERS	17 BOOK FAIR	18
19	20 NO CLASSES Family Day	21 Pink Shirt Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 30px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	22 BOOK FAIR	23	24	25
		Portfolio Share 4:30—7:00				
26	27	28 Perogies & Sausage Hot Lunch	1 MARCH Kinders start 3 days a week			