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## Principal's Corner

We are ushering out November and so far the fall/winter season has been pretty kind to us. We have had some snow and ice but today as I write this message the sun is shining and it is 0 degrees outside. If only it could stay like this until March! Wishful thinking I know, but one can dream. Though the weather is milder today, as we move into December it is bound to get colder so I would like to remind you all to make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Warm hats, mittens, coats, boots and snowpants are needed for when we go outdoors. It is always possible to take off layers if the weather is mild, so planning for cold and hoping for mild is the way to go.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make our book fair a huge success. We were able to purchase many new books to add to the library and students are excited to start reading them. I would also like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that prepare and serve hot lunches. The aromas that waft out of the kitchen on hot lunch days are so enticing and set the senses alight in anticipation of the lunch to come.

The Learning Showcase on November 22nd was also a wonderful success. Students were excited to demonstrate the learning opportunities and practice skills that lead them to be future ready leaders and learners and to show the exciting progress they have made so far this school year. If you were not able to come to this Learning Showcase don't despair, as we will have another in February.

At our regular School Council meeting on November 15, Deputy Superintendent Michelle Brennick and Jennifer Ferguson from Learning Services were in attendance. Information was provided regarding the following:

- The rationale for moving toward a common reporting method for the division
- An overview of the PowerTeacher Pro program that is being used for reporting
- An explanation of the indicators being used to describe student achievement
- A "walk through" tour of the online parent portal was provided to help navigate and understand the reporting information found there
- What to expect when using the mobile App versus accessing the Portal using the computer program

In depth discussions were had and comments and questions were shared during the meeting. Council members provided valuable feedback that will be used to enhance the reporting process within the community and across the jurisdiction. Some suggestions were made that will be forwarded to the creators of the program that will help to make it more user friendly. As well, the requests and recommendations from Council will be brought to the meeting of the Assessment and Reporting Committee which will be held at the division office at the end of November. The ongoing dialogue will help to continue to inform the process as we move forward. Jennifer Ferguson will be at the School Council meeting on December 8th to provide a brief update from the Assessment and Reporting Committee and discuss next steps. Thank you to all those that were in attendance. We appreciate your very valuable feedback.

December, as always, will be a whirlwind and here and gone before we know it. The Christmas concert is on Wednesday December 20th at 1:00 and 7:00 pm and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Happy December

Jo-Ann McLaren

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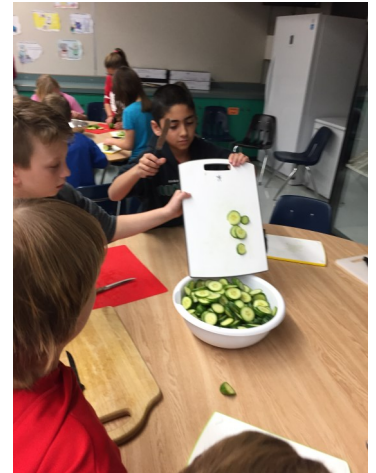


# Pickle Project



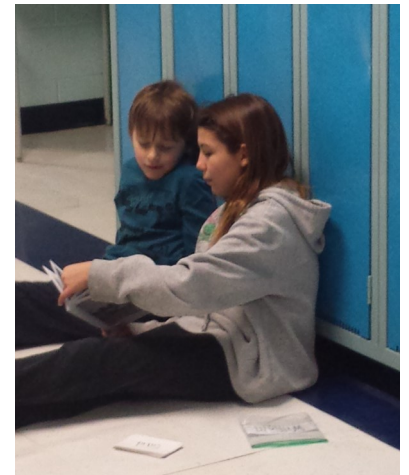
In the month of November the Gr. 4/5 Science class successfully made refrigerator pickles using the fresh dill we are growing in our AeroGardens!!

Thank you so much parents for the great recipes and all the ingredients!  
The pickles are delicious! Keep the cucumbers coming!



# Reading Buddies

The Leadership Team strikes again! Twenty-three of our Grade 6-9 students have volunteered to assist our young readers. Students are on a rotating biweekly schedule in the K-5 classrooms, and have been an excellent support for the classroom. Students work on a variety of activities such as fluency, sight words, comprehension and listen to the younger students read and encourage them by being excellent role models for the importance of reading. The older students are very proud to be a part of the program and the younger students are benefitting from the extra one to one time. If you happen to be in the school during DEAR time and see them working with them younger students at SCS, please thank them for giving their time and support to the program. Any Grade 6-9 students who did not sign up and are still interested can speak with Mrs. Moon and be put on the list for January's schedule.



## Co-op Till Tapes

The School Council is collecting Co-op till tapes. The collection periods are Jun 16/17 to Dec 15/17 & Dec 16/17 to Jun 15/18. Please bring them into the school or drop them off to Shelly Starman at the ATB in Sangudo. The funds then go towards our fruit basket program.

Remember that we can claim both Barrhead & Mayerthorpe Co-op till tapes.

The volleyball season has ended for another year. The boys team had a great season and came a long way. They ended up 4th in league play and played some close games at the GCAA Playoff Tournament. To finish off their season they played at the Zone tournament in Spruce Grove. The team won, lost and tied their games that day. Thanks for a memorable season!

The girls team had an amazing season! They came first in league play and placed first at the GCAA tournament to bring home the banner!!! Way to go girls. They also played in the Zone tournament in Dapp. They too played hard, winning and losing some of their games that day.

Thanks so much to Marg Thompson and Jen Erickson for coaching our teams this season. As well, thank you to our wonderful volunteer refs, Geoff Thompson, Jared Caul and Jayden Beals. A special shout out to all our parent drivers, with out them we could not have made it all our destinations. Your time is very appreciated!



## Mrs. Visser

It has been wonderful to have Mrs. Visser as part of our school for the past two years. We will miss you and wish you all the best with your new endeavours. We look forward to seeing you around at the Public Library. All the best!



# 10 Activities for a Happy Healthy Holiday

This year, don't let the hustle and bustle of the season get you down. Keep your shopping simple and save some time for fun, refreshing activities that will make your spirits bright.

1. Try a winter picnic! Pack some hot soup or chili, and head outdoors with family or friends.
2. Have a contest to see who can build the biggest snowman in the neighborhood.
3. Invent your own healthy drink. Try hot cranberry and apple juice. It's delicious!
4. Rent your favorite comedy movie, and give your stomach muscles a workout!

5. Grab your skates or a sled and head outdoors to the local skating rink or hill.
6. Try something new! Try learning a new language or sign up for a cooking class or a new sport.



7. Learn about holiday traditions from other cultures and see if you can add something new to your holiday routines.
8. Spread some cheer! Volunteer at local charities. They always need extra help during the holiday season.
9. Check out the local festivals happening in your community.
10. Relax with a book! Read alone, or as a family.

Tip: Try to fill half your dinner plate with vegetables

## Try the 12 Days of Fitness at Home!

On the twelfth day of fitness, SCS gave to me....

- 12 – jumping jacks
- 11 – chair sit squats
- 10 – calf raises
- 9 – seconds rest
- 8 – knee lifts
- 7 – arm circles
- 6 – shoulder shrugs
- 5 – high fives
- 4 – desk push ups
- 3 – muscle poses
- 2 – toe touches
- And
- 1 – walk around my desk

Happy Holidays!



## Healthy Holiday Eating – Top Tips

This time of year it is especially difficult to make healthy choices. Below are some top tips to help you to make the healthy choice:

- load up on fruit instead of cakes, squares or candy
- choose 100% fruit juice or water instead of punch, pop or other sugary options
- do not skip meals, it will lead you to be hungrier and to eat more later on
- try to choose whole grains – start by switching your toast in the morning
- stay away from deep-fried appetizers and stick with fresh vegetables and low-fat dips

### CONTEST:

What is ONE way you can keep your bones healthy during the holiday break?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill this card out, and bring it to Mrs. Erickson to enter your name for a prize.

# 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.

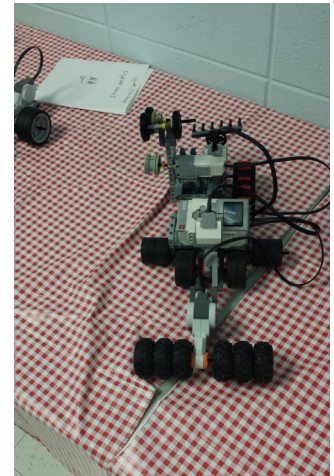


## Book Fair 2017

The November Book Fair was a SMASHING success! With nearly \$3800.00 in sales we were able to earn well over \$2000 in free product for the Learning Commons. Over \$1300 has already been spent on new books which are currently being processed by YRL to get on the shelves as quick as possible and into your childrens' hands. Thank you to all the parent and community volunteers who helped Mrs. Moon with the event. A special thank you to our Library Leadership Team who helped with all the pre-book fair work, set up and clean up, as well to Mrs. Visser for helping select new books to enhance our already strong collection.

We are excited to announce that we will have a second book fair coming in February! Stay tuned for more details, with even more product rewards able to be earned!

In case you missed it, the students from the learning commons classes had many of their projects on display during the Learning Showcase on November 22nd. Everything from beadwork, crafting and hand sewing, to robotics, 3-D printing, LEGO, Star Connectors and Tinker Toy builds were displayed for all to enjoy. The students have worked very hard and are looking forward to the upcoming Showcase in the new year.



This was an especially fun month. The students in grade three all became “Text-Edit Doctors” for an afternoon. We set up operating tables with blue plastic operating sheets and put out surgical tools (scissors, pencils, and glue) in the operating containers. The students donned surgery masks and hair nets and searched through magazines to find the different parts of a text. Once found, the doctors surgically removed each part carefully (cut them out) while listening to the heartbeat on the monitor, and then transplanted the parts into their “Text Person”. It was a great way to learn about things such as titles, sub-titles, sidebars, maps, graphs, etc. and how they are used. The students had fun wearing surgical garb and being called doctor. The transplant bodies are laying in recovery (on the bulletin board in the hallway) if you’d like to see them.

We also researched information about Bubble Gum on the internet and made flip books for our parents to enjoy during “Learning Showcase”.

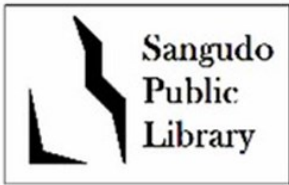


## Craft & Bake Sale



The Grades 4-7 Learning Commons & Foods Classes will be hosting a bake sale, to showcase their baking and crafting skills on December 20 during the Christmas Concert performances. If anyone is interested in donating some items for the event, please let Mrs. Moon know so she can plan accordingly. As part of the learning process students will be researching and presenting each group’s proposed cause and then students, using the democratic voting process, will determine where the proceeds will be going. We will forward more information as soon as possible.





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2:

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TRIMMING THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREE WITH CRAFT DECORATIONS:

Come and join us as we get crafty and make some Christmas tree decorations to get our tree ready! Cookies and beverages will be provided as well. You are welcome to take a decoration home for your own tree.

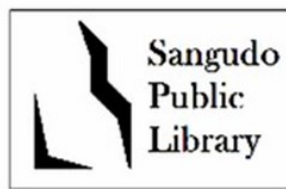


NEW BOOKS AND MOVIES: Shopping for new books and movies can be so much fun! Sharing with others is even better! Check out the new titles that we have purchased from Scholastic, Amazon and more! We've got something for everyone! Smurfs, Captain Underpants, The Nut Job 2, A Dog's Purpose, A Street Cat Named Bob, Guardians of the Galaxy 2, Wonder Woman, and a whole lot more! Your TRAC Card can keep you busy catching up on your reading with new books and magazines, or having a movie night with family and friends!

The Friends of the Sangudo Public Library Society and Library Staff would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness in the New Year. Thank you for your support!

Remembrance Day Ceremony 2017





## HOURS OF OPERATION:

### DECEMBER 2017:

#### STANDARD OPEN HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday: 3:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

#### **CLOSED:**

Saturday, December 23

Tuesday, December 26

Thursday, December 28

Saturday, December 30

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### JANUARY 2018:

#### **CLOSED:**

Tuesday, January 2

***OPEN: (during School Holiday Closure)***

Thursday, January 4: 3:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 6: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\*\*After January 8:

#### STANDARD OPEN HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday: 3:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.



## JOLLY JINGLE SHOP



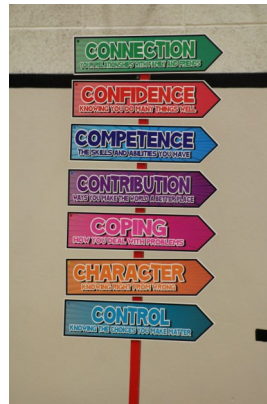
The **Jolly Jingle Shop** will take place at school on **Thursday, December 7**. It's a great opportunity for your child/children to purchase secret Christmas gifts for family and friends in a safe and friendly environment. "*Everyday Values*" from Barrhead will be offering a variety of items priced from \$2.00-\$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**

# Motivational Magic



Thank you so much to Taryn Monteith for coordinating and the FCSS for once again funding Steve Harmer and his wonderful magic show "Brilliant and Resilient". It was enjoyed by all!



# Food Bank Donations

Sangudo Community School will continue to collect items for the food bank. On December 21st Ste Anne Natural Gas Co-op will come and pick up all the donations from each class, weigh them and then deliver the items to the Mayerthorpe Food Bank. Some donation suggestions for the Christmas Hampers are: pancake mix, syrup, coffee, hot chocolate, stuffing, cranberry, canned veggies, candy, pop, chips, etc. The class that collects the most will receive a little something and our entire school will be rewarded with a lunch sponsored by Ste Anne Natural Gas Co-op. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO CLASSES Sangudo Only	2
3	4 Picture Orders Due	5	6 Field Trip Forms Due	7 Jolly Jingle Shop	8 School Council Meeting 9:00 am	9
10	11	12	13	14 Tacky Sweater Day	15	16
17	18	19 No Kinders	20 Christmas Concert 1:00 & 7:00 Kinders at School	21 No Kinders PJ Day	22 Christmas Dinner Kinders at School	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b> <i>Classes resume on January 8, 2018</i>						
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