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Principal's Message

The month of January has been one of continued excitement, renewal, fun and learning at S.C.S. Most of our students were thrilled with the improved appearance and increased comfort provided by their new classroom furniture. The K, 1-2 classrooms received new tables and chairs while the 3-4 and 5-6 rooms got new desks. The older students took on the responsibility of assembling the desks for their rooms and did a great job. Mr. Dave Vanderwolf (Mrs. V's husband) came in on a Saturday to assemble the tables for the little ones. We owe him special thanks as they were getting very anxious to have the new furniture.

Two guests to our school also added to the excitement. On Thursday Jan. 22 Mr. Steve Harmer brought his Motivational Magic Presentation to S.C.S. while our first Music Mentor Gord Matthews was here on Friday the 23rd. (See separate articles and pictures.)

This week most of our students will be spending some of their Phys. Ed. time skating down at the arena. Thank you to the School Council for supporting this program in addition to our hockey option.

After the success of our Christmas Concert and our growing commitment to the Performing Arts S.C.S. has decided to host the annual Artfest for the Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe and Sangudo schools. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to "show case" the growing talent at S.C.S. and the improvements we have made to our facility.

As the month comes to a close Mr. Neil Lightfoot will be in doing some work for us. He will be putting up a large mural entitled "Jungle Dreams" which will be the feature wall for a quiet study/ reading center.

Every year at this time students, staff and parents are asked to complete one or more surveys relating to education. The School Improvement Plan which comes out each fall is based, in part, on what we hear from members of our school community. These surveys are therefore your opportunity to inform us of where we can improve, what we need to add or what is really working and should be continued. The more people who complete the surveys the better and more accurate the data collected. As in past years we ask that all parents fill out the survey when it arrives. For additional information please see the two articles inside.



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Public Schools

Music Mentorship Club

I'd like to send a big shout out to the students, staff and Parent Council at our school for supporting our first Music Mentorship guest, Gord Matthews. The day was a huge success for all involved. It was a great introduction on how to play the guitar by a very notable and respected musician. Gord started his career with the amazing k.d. lang and toured the world with her, including several appearances on the Johnny Carson show (a famous late night show). He later went on to play guitar for legendary Ian Tyson for eight years. Gord lives in Edmonton and has a studio called "The Loft". He teaches guitar lessons, so if you want a "tune-up", whether it be one lesson or a season's worth give him a call at [\(780\) 660-6080](tel:7806606080).

The day was a great success! Gord taught them so much, and with some practice, the students have been given the tools to read tablature and figure out all kinds of songs. It's up to them now to work at what they have learned.

Among many other things, he taught them how to play a blues version of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and he wowed them with ACDC's "Thunderstruck" and then showed them the guitar riff to the song so they can practice it. He told them to go home and drive their parents crazy and practice, practice, practice.

Our February Music Mentor will be Dwayne Hrynkiw who is a very sought after percussionist/drummer in Alberta. He has a collection of very interesting percussion instruments and brings something for each child to work with.

We are very excited because our Music Club has been asked to sing at an Edmonton Oil Kings game. We will announce the date as soon as it is confirmed.

Music is filling the halls of Sangudo Community School.

Ms. Myrol



Accountability Pillar Survey

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4- 9 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4- 9 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2015, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Grade
3/4
Class



In science we are starting a new unit. We are learning about sound all around us. We got to feel a guitar while it was being played. I felt it vibrating. In gym we are also learning something new. We are starting badminton with Mr. Moon. Mr. Moon taught us a lot about the badminton grip and the sweet spot. And that's what we are learning in gym. In Social we are showing PowerPoint presentations that we did just before Christmas on different countries with Ms. Myrol and Mrs. Dewsnap. We did it to learn more about different cultures. I did Argentina. In Computer Technology, we go on our ChomeBooks and sometimes we make stories with Mr. Oates. I'm learning lots in school in all subjects. I hope you are too. By Reese Wildman Grade 3.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Northern Gateway Public Schools has partnered with Alberta Education and The Learning Bar (www.thelearningbar.com) to survey students in Sangudo Community School on their level of engagement in learning, their level of student wellness and the climate of their classroom(s) and school.

The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey was developed by internationally renowned educational researcher Dr. Douglas Willms and is based upon years of research in Canada and around the world. Gathering student feedback through this survey will support our school's plans for continuous improvement.

Also included in the TTFM survey are Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey questions for students. As an annual check-up on the education system, Alberta Education conducts surveys of students to gather information on the quality of education provided by Alberta school authorities and their schools. The results are provided to school authorities to inform the development of their three-year education plans and annual education results reports, and are used to evaluate performance on Accountability Pillar survey measures.

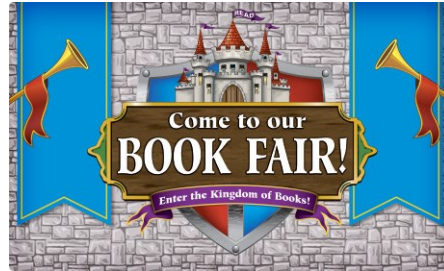
Student participation in the survey is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password so that survey responses cannot be attributed to any individual student. Students in Sangudo Community School will be surveyed before February 27, 2015. The survey takes about thirty (30) minutes to complete on-line and will be done within the school day during regular class time.

If you have any questions about the TTFM survey, please contact Mr. Oates at 780 785 3431.

For further information on Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Surveys, please contact Keith Bowen, Director, System Assurance Branch, by email at keith.bowen@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-422-4750. Dial 310-000 first for toll-free access.

Just a reminder that with unseasonable warm weather, an extra change of clothes maybe a good idea. We are doing our best to dry outer wear after recess but an extra set of mitts, toque, etc never hurts!





The Scholastic Book Fair, ***“Enter the Kingdom of Books”*** is coming to our school with a great variety of books for students, families and the community. We welcome and encourage members of the public to attend as well.

**Sangudo Community School
Room 103 (beside the office)**

DATES: Tuesday, February 24, Wednesday, February 25, Thursday, February 26
TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Book Fair, please contact Mrs. Karen Visser, Librarian, at the school; 780-785-3431. We appreciate your support of the library.



Craft Club

A Craft Club will be starting up on February 13 and will run every Friday at noon recess. It will be held in either the music room or library. If you have any crochet hooks or knitting needles, please bring them, if not we have a few extras. Just bring yourself and ideas and have fun.

Motivational Magic

Sangudo Community School students were in for a treat last week with a visit from magician Steve Harmer. A former school teacher, principal and counselor, Steve has been a professional magician for over 35 years.

Be a bucket filler, you can make a difference, was the theme for the performance. Students learned about our “invisible buckets” that represent our mental and emotional health. They learned that we all need our own buckets filled with “love” and we need to help fill the buckets of others. With colourful props and mesmerizing tricks, students learned what kinds of affirming words

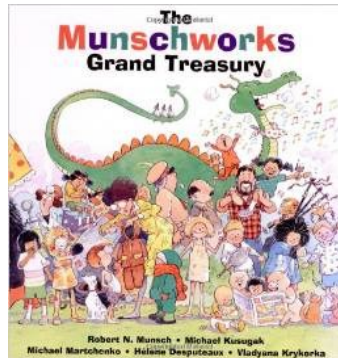
and actions have the power to strengthen children, families and communities. Magic captures the imagination of both young and old. Colourful props, juggling, rabbits, music and laughter engage us at both a heart and a head level. The fun, excitement and mystery of illusions, tricks and puzzles when applied to teaching concepts make the content memorable. Magic helps make an abstract concept concrete and therefore easier to understand and more fun to implement. It might also prompt your child to think and talk about bucket filling at home. Have you filled someone’s bucket today? Is your own bucket full?



News from the School Library:

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For the month of January, we have been enjoying “Munsch Month” reading a variety of books written by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Michael Martchenko. His books are always so much fun to read and offer the opportunity for lots of interaction from the students. Robert Munsch is the honorary chair for Family Literacy Day, January 27 so it is fitting that we have had him as our picture book author of the month. We have also featured Curious George books by Margret and H.A. Rey.

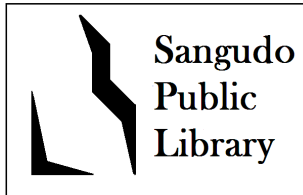


For February, we are featuring, along with Valentine’s Day books, picture books by Jan Brett and Eric Carle. Jan Brett has a website that offers a fabulous variety of learning activities including cards, coloring pictures and games. (www.janbrett.com) Watch for details on the school website on how you can “like” Jan Brett’s page on Facebook, to enter for the chance to have her visit our school!

Our Library Club will start up in February and students in Grade 2 and up are able to sign up to help out in the library with circulation, displays, shelving and book processing as well as helping out with the upcoming Book Fair. If you like to have fun, come and find out what Library Club is all about!

The Scholastic Book Fair “**Enter the Kingdom of Books**” will be held this year in Room 103 (beside the office) and will take place Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, February 24, 25 and 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Along with 5 cases of book selections, there will once again be a “Boutique Case” on display with gift items for purchase. Brochures will be sent home with students in advance to browse selections before the Book Fair dates, and parents and community members are welcome to shop at the fair as well.

Anyone wishing to volunteer and help at the Book Fair please contact Mrs. Karen Visser at the library at 780-785-3431.



February News!

Programs running in February:

Rainbow loom club: This is a free, drop-in club running on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5pm. Come join us for a fun time of looming!

Youth Reading Club: The Youth Reading club entries have been dwindling. I really encourage students and parents to get reading and get those minutes counted, as this is a golden opportunity to get something tangible for minutes read. Win – win!

Fermenting for good health: February 17th at 4:30pm we are going to learn all about fermenting food and drink. Topics such as water and milk kefir, kombucha and fermented vegetables will be discussed in this hands-on class. Door prizes will be available as well. The fee is \$40.00 per person and includes your supplies. Please call 780 717 1202 to register.

Preschool story time: There will be no Preschool story time on Friday, February 6th. This program runs every Friday morning it starts at 10:30am. It is a free drop-in program that includes a story, snack and craft.

Also our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on February 5th at 7pm in the library, everybody interested are welcome to attend.



Kombucha

Grade 4 Math

The Grade 4's have been learning to tell time using digital and analog clocks. We decided to become clocks and make body clocks in the gym with the grade 3s one morning last week. The shorter students became the hour hand and the taller became the minute hand. Who knew a 40 minute class could fly by so quickly!



Leadership Council

The Grade 5-9 Students met last week with Mr. & Mrs. Moon to establish Leadership Council which consists of multiple committees who will plan activities, events and special days along side staff for the remainder of the year. The goals of the council are to have all students put their special skills to work to make SCS an even better place to be. Each committee will be meeting regularly with Mrs. Moon or other staff members to organize and complete projects! First Committee took place on Wednesday this week and students are partnering with staff for a fabulous day filled of 100 Day Celebration Activities taking place on February 12. On this day we will also celebrate Valentine's Day! Look for more information to follow!

Grade 5—7 Science

Students are very excited about their new units and challenges in Science! The Grade 5's have been actively using Snap Circuit Kits to build over 100 different electrical circuits and projects creating burglar alarms, traps, turning on light bulbs creating musical patterns and so much more. The Grade 7s are learning the background knowledge for their upcoming "Big Build" Challenge! We are asking that if anyone has any half kits or old K'NEX Kits that they would be willing to donate to the science department it would be greatly appreciated. The Grade 6 class has been learning many skills used in crime scene investigations and are mastering fingerprint identification.



House Leagues

Events have been taking place during recess and noon hours with a few activities happening during Jr High Option classes. The ongoing events will happen through out the next few months during bad weather days or in the last period of the day depending on timetabling.

Mrs. Moon would like to thank all the leadership students who have stepped up to help oversee the activities and officiating this past month! Sharing the workload makes it an enjoyable experience for everyone!

Volleyball Tournament—Grade 5-9, Playoffs this week

Chess & Checkers Tournament—Grade 4-9, ends soon

Battling Bones Tournament—K-Gr 4, ongoing

Bean Bag Bocci Ball—K-Gr4, ongoing

Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament—Gr 1-9, ongoing

The next few events are TBD but students have many ideas on how to pass those lunch hours away with some games and activities for all our students! Well done everyone!

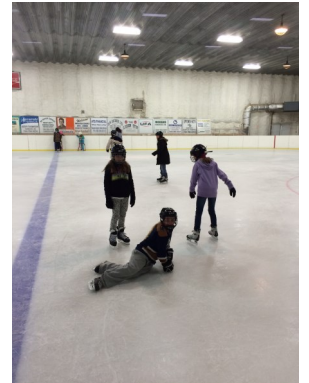
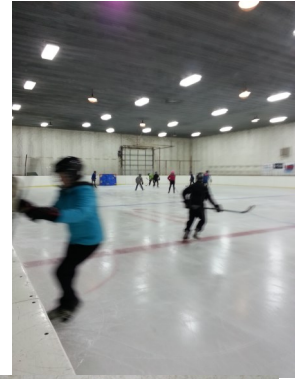
Science in Motion

On February 10 & 11, we will once again be hosting instructors from Telus World of Science. Students and staff are very excited about the new programs coming in and welcome you to attend the afternoon assembly demonstrations taking place both days starting at 2:15pm in the gym. "Electricity" will be presented on Tuesday and "Use the Force" will be on Wednesday.




Grade 1/2 Class

The grade 1's and 2's have been diligently building model schools for our Science Unit: *Building Things*. The students collaboratively made plans, created material lists and collected all of the materials. They built fantastic structures, paying close attention to details such as the flag, doors, windows and the playground. We would like to thank all of our parent volunteers for making this project possible!



Skating 2015

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				NO CLASSES TEACHERS' CONVENTION		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Science in Motion</div> Spaghetti Hot Lunch		100th Day Celebration		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	NO CLASSES Family Day					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Pink Shirt Day		
		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">BOOK FAIR</div>				
