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## Principal's Message

### Changing Face of Education

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Once Upon A Time there were magical places where desks were aligned in neat tidy rows and children sat quietly while listening to the teacher, reading a text or writing in their notebooks. At any given time of the day everyone knew that it would be math or science or one of the other separate and unrelated topics of study. It was a truly wonderful place where everyone learned- in the same way, at the same rate while sitting still and being quiet. Parents, teachers and visitors looked and thought- "What a wonderful classroom. You can see how well the children are learning just by how neat and quiet it is."

But were they all learning? Does every child really learn in the same way and at the same speed? Research has shown that this is definitely not the case. Every child learns differently and has their own wants and needs if they are to succeed. It is the responsibility of today's **inclusive classroom** to insure that every **learner** has the opportunity, setting and resources to be successful.

Today's classrooms are therefore far removed from what many of us remember. At any given moment students may be working on several different topics or projects, using different resources/ technologies (laptops, chromebooks, cell phones, iPads, Lego or Construx kits...), in groups or individually; in the classroom, the hallway or elsewhere. If you walk past an open door it may sound quiet or quite loud, look well organized or appear to be mass confusion. Whatever the case the learners are doing their thing- learning!

The School Library as we know it is also undergoing a major change based on their need to help facilitate education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century school. The traditional image of students sitting quietly with a book while the librarian periodically reminds them to be quiet will be a thing of the past. "*The Library Learning Commons is a shift in thinking from a library as a physical space that is a repository for books to an inclusive, flexible, learner-centered, physical and/or virtual space for collaboration, inquiry, imagination and play to expand and deepen learning. A learning commons is an agile and responsive learning and teaching environment available to individuals and groups to use for multiple, often simultaneous, purposes. It supports literacy, numeracy, competency development and student learning outcomes through access to and instruction in the effective use of print and digital resources.*" AB. Education



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# News from the School Library

Spring brings with it new opportunities for many things. As I write this last newsletter in my position as Librarian of Sangudo Community School, I would like to reflect on my time here.

I appreciate the parents for helping their children read and experience library books, and for sharing responsibility of the books and movies that the students took home. Thank you for the helpers and attendees at the Book Fairs; you have made my job easier by lending a hand with such a busy event. Thank you to the teachers and staff for welcoming me, sharing the school days, involving me in your class research and your love of learning.

To the Kindergarten kids; thank you for your energy and excitement for reading the books I shared with you. Your help with the stories and rhymes was so great. Keep reading and learning! To Grade 1 and 2, thank you for asking me to read "The Book with No Pictures" so many times, so we could laugh together and memorize the words. I am so excited to share it with the school and I will be donating my copy to you! To Grade 3 and 4, there are a lot of enthusiastic readers among you with a variety of interests. You have helped check in, check out and search for books in your library class, and developed great customer service skills. Good job everyone! To Grade 5 and 6, thank you for sharing your interests with me and enlightening me on your reading choices. Learning is a two-way street, and I learned many things from you during our classes and recess times together. To Grade 7, 8 and 9, may your lives be enriched with your love of reading and experiencing the adventures in your lives now and in the future. I have enjoyed watching all of you learn and grow. I believe every new adventure is like a chapter in the book of our lives. Thank you to everyone that helped me in the library!

My next chapter is at Whitecourt Veterinary Clinic as I use my "other" skills to take care of animals and their owners. Remember that any animal, whether it is your dog, cat, bird, hamster, horse, cow or llama enjoys spending time with you, so whenever you can, READ with them!

Remembering you all with love,  
Mrs. Karen Visser



Greetings from Kindergarten! Recently, I attended a workshop to gather ideas on how to promote numeracy in the classroom. According to Alberta Education's working definition, "Numeracy is the ability and habits of mind to engage with quantitative and spatial information to make informed decisions in all aspects of life". The K's had lots of fun learning how to manipulate the Tangrams. Working with Tangrams involves 'Spatial Reasoning' - the location and movement of objects and ourselves, either mentally or physically, in space.



## Scholastic Book Fair Results!

I am happy to report that we had sales of almost \$3300.00 for the Book Fair which meant we earned a 60% commission. I gathered \$1300.00 of new books from the fair for the library and we have \$853.00 of credit added to last year's credit balance of \$247.00 giving us a credit balance of \$1100.00 for future purchases. I would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to Mrs. Werenka, all the student and parent volunteers that helped with setup, sales and packing up, and for all those that supported us with the Book Fair.



Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

I couldn't have done it without you!!

Mrs. Visser

# Science in Motion

February 10 & 11 was an explosion of science exploration for all the students at SCS. Different grades participated in a variety of activities related to their specific curriculum areas. Roller coasters, paper gliders, electricity and so much more was explored. Highlights included making Miss. K's hair stand up on end, the jumbo slingshot and the hovercraft in the school wide assemblies. Thank you to PASS for their continued support and helping to fund this event.



## 2015 Mini Handball Jamboree

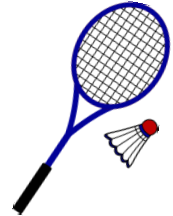
The date is set... **April 18th!** The event is open to grade 3-6 students with games taking place in Mayerthorpe. Registration forms will be coming home soon! All students can participate as this is a jamboree style event, where students are placed on teams with others from the participating communities and then spend the day doing team building activities and playing a minimum of 3 mini handball games to try and earn their team's name being engraved on the trophy. As usual we will be looking for coaches, referees and other help to make the event run smoothly for the expected 200+ students. If you wish to help organize the event please contact Mrs. Moon asap. Junior High students are encouraged to give back to the program they enjoyed for many years by volunteering to coach, ref or assist in the organizing of the event. Just let Mrs. Moon know asap.





# Jr High Badminton Tryouts

Grade 6-9 students are invited to try out for the SCS Badminton team starting on March 2 from 3:45-5:00pm. Athletes from Grade 7-9 will be participating in our own tournament, as well as attending the GCAA Championships on April 16th. The Grade 6s will be allowed to participate in our SCS Invitational Tournament on March 25th only, and will be expected to attend all practices prior to the event. All players are expected to be picked up by 5:00 pm sharp.



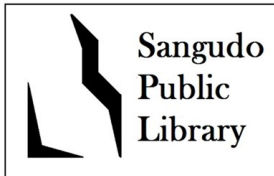
## Co-op Till Tapes

Parent Council is collecting Co-op till tapes. The current collection period is Dec 16/14 to Jun 15/15. Please bring them into the school or drop them off with Shelly Starman at the ATB in Sangudo. Reminder that we can now claim Barrhead & Mayerthorpe till tapes.

## March 20—Tri Schools Social Studies Challenge

All day at SCS. Prep work.....





## March News From your Library

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on:

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the library.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Programs running this month:

**Pre-school story time:** every Friday at 10:30am. This is a free drop-in program

**Youth Reading Club:** The prizes for this month are an Ever After High Raven doll and Lego Movie Legos

**Rainbow Loom Club** every Tuesday at 4:00 – 5:00pm. Free drop-in Program

**Beginner DSLR** by Picture us There Photography March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. \$20.00 for the class.

### Exciting April Art Class:

**Oil Painting Classes:** with Edmonton Artist **Sharon Hazen**

April 9, 16, 23, 30<sup>th</sup>. At 6:00pm \$20.00 per class

To register please call Marika at 780 717 1202



## Grade 3/4 Class

We have some new things that we are doing like our Daily 5 Ladder. We have finished a social project and we are doing well with our home reading. The roller coaster building was really fun that we did at "Science in Motion". My roller coaster's name was Twister. Our class learned "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on harmonicas, it was fun to learn. When we are done with the harmonicas we say, "Tap and pack", so there is no spit in them. The book fair has a lot of books, posters, bookmarks, and fun school supplies. We are trying to raise money for the school to buy new books for the library. In the month of February we have had two birthdays in our classroom. Tyler Erickson and my teacher Ms. Myrol. Tyler's birthday was on the 26th and Ms. Myrol's birthday was on the 19th. The grade 3/4 class had a Valentine's Day party. We exchanged our Valentine's Cards and had a lot of fun. In math we have been learning about telling time, how to write months in different ways and we have been working on area this month. In the best class ever, gym we have been doing badminton, pickleball and Hunger Games dodge ball. They all have been fun and a good experience for me.

By Van Werenka

# Music Mentorship Program & Music Club

We have had a running start in the Music Club this month. We are busy working on guitar parts for the song "I Lived". We are also working on the vocal parts for this song. As well, we have started learning an acoustic version of a song by Imagine Dragons called "It's Time". This is a song that needs lots of percussion so we are practicing the hand clapping and foot stomping part. It's sounding really good already.

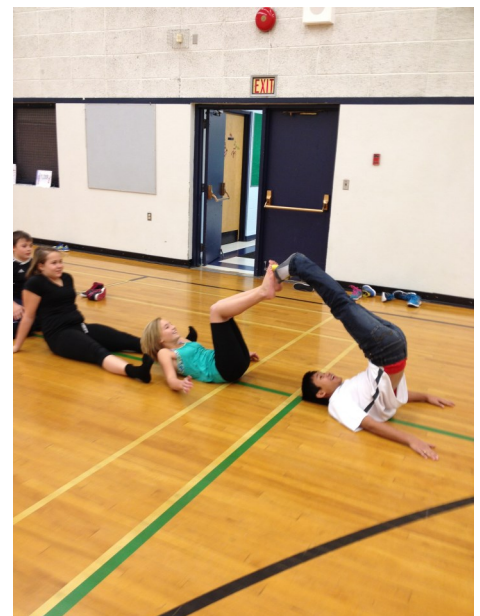
To help us discover more about percussion and rhythm, and to help us with these two songs, we have a music mentor coming in for our workshop in March to teach us how to play a basic pattern in drumming. His name is Chad Melchert. Chad is the drummer for one of Canada's most successful and favourite male country artists today - Gord Bamford. Chad has travelled all over the world with Gord performing. Their latest tour was with Reba McEntire on her cross Canada tour. If you went to Reba's shows, you would have seen Chad performing with Gord as the opening act. Chad will be spending March 13 with us for the drum workshops.

We have also been invited to perform "Oh Canada" at the Oil King's hockey game on March 10. I will be sending a more detailed note about that. In the meantime, if you wish to help supervise that trip, please let me know. As you can see, the Music Club is off and running full steam ahead.

Ms. Myrol

## The Great Banana

### Pass!





# KINDERGARTEN 2015- 2016

February and March is the time when school Principals start working on budgets and time table/schedules for the following year. Part of this involves projecting how many students there will be in each grade. Usually I do this for Kindergarten by talking to the Play Group instructor for the current year. As Sangudo did not have such a group this year I need to turn to you for possible names and numbers.

- ◆ If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall would you please contact the school with their name and birth date.
- ◆ If you know of a family who will have a child attending in the fall but who would not normally get our newsletter, please pass this request along.

Official registration will be **April 16, 2015**.


\*A child who will be five as of December 31st is able to attend Kindergarten.

# PRESCHOOL 2015- 2016

With no Play Group being available in our community this year Sangudo Community School is looking at offering a Preschool program for 2015 - 2016. This would be a part time program housed within our building and paid for by the parents (just as with Play Group, Play School...). The school (through N.G.P.S.) would be responsible for administering the program, hiring etc. We are in the early stages of planning and moving forward would depend on numbers.

- If you have a child who could be attending Preschool in the fall would you please contact the school with their name and birth date.
- If you know of a family who could have a child attending in the fall but who would not normally get our newsletter, please pass this request along.

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 PJ & Teddy Bear Day	4 Bowling for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Jersey Day Gr 5/6 vs Staff Hockey Game	5 <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NO CLASSES PD DAYS</div>	6	7
8	9	10 Music Club Sings at Oil Kings Game	11	12	13 Music Mentor Chad Melchert	14
15	16 Parent Council Meeting 5:00 pm	17 Hot Lunch Perogies & Sausage 	18	19	20 Tri School Challenge at SCS for Gr7	21
22	23 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip (Grade 4-9)	24 Hat Day	25 Badminton Tournament at SCS	26	27 Report Cards	28
29	30	31 PTI	1 APRIL PTI	2	3 Good Friday Easter Break Begins	4
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