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## Principal's Message

### Learning Commons/School Libraries

We're on the Web!

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As learning environments change, school libraries must evolve from providing information to students to preparing students as *engaged* critical thinkers, evaluators, *ethical* users and *entrepreneurial* creators of information and knowledge.

#### Policy Statement:

To support students in attaining the goals and standards as stated in the [Ministerial Order on Student Learning](#), school authorities must ensure that students have access to a learning commons. A learning commons is a inclusive, flexible, learner-centered, physical and/or virtual space for collaboration, inquiry, imagination and play to expand and deepen learning.

In last month's newsletter I spoke about the changes in modern classrooms as we strive to meet the needs of all our student learners. I also mentioned, briefly, the coming changes in school libraries. As the above government exerts state this change to school libraries is mandated for all schools, although the exact nature of the changes is up to the individual schools.

The staff at SCS have been engaged in conversations about how we see a Learning Commons being developed in our building. At present we see the current library remaining much as it is with the Learning Commons stretching into the neighbouring room through the doors between them (currently hidden behind a shelf). As this year winds down we will be surveying the students to see what type of individual projects they would be interested in working on. This in turn will give us ideas of what type of materials/ equipment/ furniture we need to purchase for the room.

The idea of the Learning Commons is that students would spend part of their time studying individual topics which are of particular interest to them or are related to future careers. Thus one student might be learning about robotics, another at changes in communication or transportation in the near future, construction, design, agriculture etc. Before the end of the year Mr. Moon and the grade eight/ nine class will be spending a week working with members of the Learning Services Team to discover how these ideas would actually work for not only SCS but for other schools in NGPS as well.

**OLD TYME  
FAMILY DANCE**

Sponsored by The Alberta Society of Fiddlers

Saturday, April 25th, 2015  
Sangudo Community School Gym  
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Admission: \$15/person - \$35/family

Silent Auction & Door Prize  
Evening Lunch

Special Performances by  
Sangudo School Choir & Guitar Class

Live Music by  
**The Troy Gates Band**  
Bring your instrument and join the band.

Proceeds to Support Sangudo Community School

For tickets, call  
Pat 780-786-4327 Eileen 780-706-3556  
Or the School Office

*Alberta Society of Fiddlers*

## Kindergarten Class!!!

Greetings from Kindergarten! That sneaky little Leprechaun outwitted us once again! We set traps and tried to lure him with gold pieces and Lucky Charms, but no luck! He did leave a lot of evidence. He destroyed our room and left green foot prints throughout the room, out the window and into the snow.



The students are making use of their Public cards, and some have lost their cards. If your child lost their card there will be a \$4.00 replacement cost. Then I also recommend that the public cards be kept in the library in our binder to minimize the risk of this happening again.

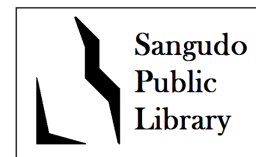
## NEW BOOKS!

We have few new books in the library from the Scholastic book fair. Thank you again for your support.



## April News from Public Library!

Programs running:



### Youth Reading Club:

The winners for the prizes of March are, Devaughn in Grade 3 and Amy in Grade 2. Congratulations guys! For those who have not won yet this year. Do not get discouraged, keep on reading. You might be a winner next!

### Pre-school Story time:

This is a free drop-in program for pre-schoolers. It includes a story, snack and craft. This month we are exploring "Feelings". Runs every Friday from 10:30 am to noon. Will not be running April 3 and 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Oil Painting classes by Sharon Hazen:

April 9, 16, 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> we will be running oil painting classes with Edmonton Artists Sharon Hazen. She comes highly recommended. If you want to take on oil painting and need direction, or just want to improve on your skills. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS! Classes are \$20.00 a week. Contact the library to sign up.

# The Month of March in the Grade 3/4 Class

By Ella Barberree

In the grade three and four class we usually do different things. Both grades went bowling. In Art and Science we're building and testing materials, and we just finished our unit on "Hearing and Sound". For building and testing we are making beautiful leprechaun houses that actually look like real houses. For hearing and sound we're making mini-guitars out of boxes, popsicle sticks, paint and rubber bands that actually play. In math the grade fours are learning 3D shapes, like cones, cubes, prisms and pyramids. The grade threes are learning the number line and multiplication. In Literacy we're doing another novel study on a book called "Clementine" by Sara Pennypacker. So far in Literacy we've read up to Chapter 8 and our next chapter to read is Chapter 9. After we read we normally do three questions. We are learning how to answer a question by using the question in the answer. We also do Daily 5. But after all my lovely class and teacher Ms. Myrol have been through so far in this year I think that we all loved it. Thank you for being my class.

## Thoughtstream Survey

All SCS families were recently invited to participate in an online survey asking for their thoughts on the possible move of our grade eight and nine students, due to declining enrollment, to a school outside of the community. After the survey closed the thoughts shared were compiled into themes and the participants were then given the opportunity to rank the comments according to how important/relevant they were to each individual.

As the principal of SCS the data collected through these two steps was shared with me last week. In all, 43 families or just over fifty percent took part in the survey, generating a total of 25 separate thoughts. This data will be shared with the parents, via email, in the near future.

**Meanwhile**, I have moved on to the next phase of information gathering. Over the next few weeks I will be meeting individually with the parent(s) and their student of this year's grade six, seven and eight classes. These are the students who will make up next year's Jr. High and it is their presence which will determine the viability of our Jr. High. If too many of these students choose to go elsewhere we will not be able to continue grade 8-9 in their current format. This is the data I am now looking for.



# Grade 7 - 9 Curling Trip!!!

March 11 was a great day to curl! The grade 7 to 9 students went to the Mayerthorpe Curling Rink for a day of learning and fun! A huge thank you to the CommunitiesWell grant that provided funding to cover the cost of bus. As well, the the Mayerthorpe Curling Club for letting us use the facility. And last but definitely not least a great big thank you to Sherry Peterson and Jill Wildman for volunteering their time to help teach the students the game of curling. It was a great day!!!



# The Music Club

The Music Club is having a lot of fun getting ready for performances. We have been preparing for three major events this month. We were invited by the Edmonton Oil Kings to sing "Oh Canada" at Rexall Place. It was a wonderful and proud feeling for us to be standing on the red carpet leading an audience of 6000 people singing our National Anthem on behalf of Sangudo Community School. And we've been invited back for next year again. I was very proud of the way our students conducted themselves the whole time.

The second event we are getting ready for is ArtsFest at our school on April 23. The Music Club is preparing to sing for this event. The students along with the whole school are practicing very hard during noon hour and our scheduled music blocks rehearsing for our performances.

Our club will also be performing at the The Alberta Society of Fiddler's "Old Tyme Family Dance" in the SCS gym on Saturday April 25. This is a fundraiser for our school, so please come out and support the event. There will be a live band, "The Troy Gates Band", performers, door prizes, a Silent Auction, and a lunch. Tickets are available at our office.

Our Music Mentor this month was Chad Melchert. Chad plays the drums for Canadian Country Music and Juno Award Winning artists Gord Bamford and Adam Gregory. Chad has been all over the world playing his music. He put on a full day's worth of drumming workshops for our school and inspired many students to pick up the sticks and give it a shot. He was fantastic!

The best part is, the school purchased a full kit of Yamaha drums. This is a fantastic addition to our school music program. Every student from grade three and up had a chance to try a basic drumming pattern on the new kit. We also were introduced to drum tablature, which is what professional drummers use to read music. It has been a great month for music. We are anticipating a creative and exciting spring with music for the minds.

You can catch one of Chad's performances with Gord Bamford on Youtube at the Juno Awards at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ng8UafipNZM>

# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 PTI 4:30—7:30	2 Hotdog & Milk Hot Lunch	3 Good Friday No Classes	4
5 Happy Easter	6	7	8 EASTER BREAK	9	10	11
12	13	14 Backwards Day	15	16 Kindergarten Registration 7:00 pm	17	18 Mini Handball Jamboree
19	20 Parent Council Meeting 5:00	21 Mac & Cheese Hot Lunch GCAA Badminton Tournament Whitecourt	22	23 Artsfest at SCS	24	25 Family Dance, Sponsored by the Alberta Society of Fiddlers
26	27	28	29	30 Wacky Hair Day		
<p><i>No matter how long the winter, Spring is sure to follow.</i></p> <p>FCoverz.com</p>						
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