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## Principal's Message

### Looking Ahead

It is that time of year when Principals across Northern Gateway are busy trying to balance budgets, arrange time tables and staffing, and consider any changes to courses/programs offered. I am very pleased to say that Sangudo Community School is facing a good 2015-2016 in all aspects. Our budget is balanced with all areas adequately covered, staffing will remain constant and new programming is advancing nicely. We are looking at a nice size Kindergarten class and a separate grade one. The remaining grades will be splits of two classes each.

In addition to our regular programming I have been talking to parents of younger children about the need for a play school/pre-kindergarten program in our community. Currently it looks like we will be offering classes twice a week, utilizing our very well equipped Kindergarten room. We have ten families interested so far but more are certainly welcome. This will be a parent pay program with the school finding a suitable instructor, directing the program and supplying the room at no charge.

After a great deal of research through surveys and individual interviews I have decided to keep the grade eight and nine classes at our school. Enough families have indicated that their students will be here to make this possible. There will be small two way splits again but for many students the small size, individual attention will continue to be a plus. As the Principal of SCS it was very gratifying to hear the many positive comments that were made in regards to my staff, the level of academic achievement parents are seeing from their children, our attention to the individual needs of all our learners and the great appreciation for all the "extras" we are providing.

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Our fine arts program, especially in the area of music, will continue to be a focus of develop. The number of students who took part in our Artsfest production clearly indicates the interest in this area. In addition to singing we had students playing guitars, drums, keyboard and various other instruments. Our Parent Association is very supportive of our progress in this area and has just raised several thousand dollars through the "Old Tyme Family Dance" on Saturday evening. This money will go directly to the music program for new instruments. First up will be a bass guitar which Mrs. Myrol has been wanting for the group.

Development of a Learning Commons is another top priority. Mr Moon and our grade eight-nine students will be spending a week at the Center for Learning where they will help members of the NGPS Learning Services team create "Makerspace" areas. Simply put, these are student work centers where they can work on projects of their own choosing and design. For example a student interested in broadcasting may be able to design, set up and use a "local" broadcasting booth or someone interested in construction might draw the blueprints for a house which he/she would then build to scale. For the 2015-2016 school year we will be setting up our own Makerspace areas in room 106, next to the library. In addition to equipping the room with as much material as possible I will be looking for "community expertise" to help students with some areas of their project. Along with Mr. Moon I am already looking at purchasing such items as a 3D printer and a class set of pens which allow the user to draw 3D objects.

In all it looks to be a very exciting year for SCS. We will continue to provide excellence in learning, one to one personal devices, attention to all students, complimentary favourites such as hockey, foods and drama, while we further develop fine arts and create our own Makerspace areas. If you have questions, talents to share or thoughts on other areas to develop please let me know. After all, you are part of the community in Sangudo Community School.

Till next time,



## Spring Photos—May 13

On May 13, Lifetouch will be at SCS to take spring photos. They can be individual, sibling or family photos. For every sitting, SCS will earn \$1.00, even if you do not order a package! Pamphlets will be going home next week. Please call the office if you have any questions.

\*\*\* Please note that there is a Grade 6 PAT test that day, so Grade 6 students will be available after 11:00 for photos.

# Grade 1's and 2's

The Grade 1's and 2's have been very interested in gardening and how plants grow! This aligns with our *Science Unit: Needs of Plants and Animals*. The Grade 7's helped us plant a lot of seeds, including morning glories, pansies, beans, tomatoes and peas. We had so much fun planting the seeds and can't wait to see how they grow!





# Old Tyme Family Dance

The Old Tyme Family Dance at the SCS last Saturday was a tremendous success! Thank you to all those who donated their time, energy, silent auction items, cash, support, ideas and enthusiasm! The community support was incredible! There was approximately 150 people in attendance and fun was had by all!



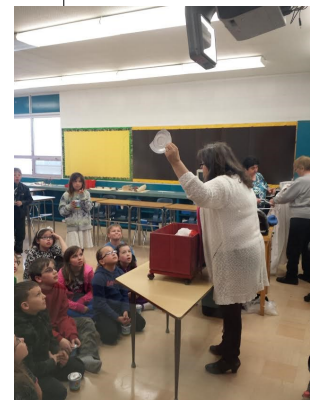
## Kindergarten Grad Photos—May 13

On May 13, Lifetouch will be at SCS to take the Kindergarten Grad Photos. Cap and gown will be provided. Please call the office at 780-785-3431 if you have any questions.

# Grade 3/4 Class Report

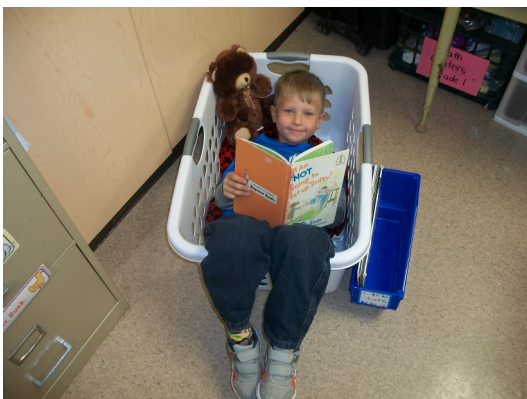
In Social Studies this month we have been studying the countries Tunisia and the Ukraine. When we have enough information on a country we create powerpoint slide presentations. We get the information by reading a book or going on the internet. In literacy we've been learning about metaphors and similes. We learned about homophones and the different rules for consonant sounds that can be confusing such as silent c and hard c. We are learning about sentence fragments and how to write a complete a sentence. We learned that a sentence answers two questions; who or what is the sentence about and what happened in the sentence. We have a Daily 5 ladder with assignments that we have to do in a week including reading, handwriting, Spelling City, spelling duotangs, journal writing, read to self, read to someone, Razkids, Phonics, and 180 Days of Reading. In grade four Math we have been learning fractions. We also have been doing 180 Days of Math. We have been working on math mastery which includes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There are also other strategies for understanding math equations. If our work is all done, we can go on Manga High, which is a web site for learning math. Our school hosted five other schools for ArtsFest. We had performances in the afternoon. There was singing, dancing, and poems from all the schools. And there was art work from all of the schools hanging on the walls for everyone to see. Our school performed "It's Time" by Imagine Dragons, "I've Lived" by One Republic, a dance number, and a lip sync performance to the song "Shake it Off". It's been a busy month!

Emily Chadd (Grade 4)



## Kindergarten News

Greetings from Kindergarten! Wow.... only 23 days of school left for us, and we have so much to do. Next week our babies will be joining us. Our baby chicks will need 21 days to incubate, then it will be time to enjoy all of our hard work. We are now in full steam ahead with our Daily 5 Program. The students should be very proud of themselves. Our stamina for Read to Self and Work on Writing is 8 minutes. Way to go!







# Artsfest 2015!

Division's 10th annual showcase of the visual and performing arts aims to inspire, entertain and celebrate the talents of NGPS students!

The halls were "alive with the sound of music" as guests strolled through galleries and took in the performances. From the students on stage and the artwork on the walls, to the teachers who nurture and encourage their aspirations, there are an incredible number of talented artists, musicians, dancers and performers among us!

Hosting Artsfest is a major production! Artwork needs to be hung, performances coordinated, programs created, instruments transported, stages set up, lighting and sound checks performed and so much more.

Hats off to our host schools and their many hands for your vision and efforts in creating this opportunity for students to share their passions and talents and in turn be inspired by the work of others!

Sangudo Community School—hosted students and art from Elmer Elson, Mayerthorpe High School, Hilltop High, Whitecourt Central, Pat Hardy Elementary and Percy Baxter!

To our Board of Trustees for their commitment to the arts in NGPS schools and their support of Artsfest!

To our school communities, parents, families and community members for coming out and to our students and staff for sharing their talents!

Article by Lisa Bakos









# SCS Indoor Soccer Program

May 5th will see the wrap up of the first indoor soccer season at SCS! Over 30 students with Jr High helpers helped to make the program a big success. Every practice students worked on individual skills of dribbling, passing and shooting and then participated in mini games.

Thank you to all the parents for their support and a big thank you to Spruce Grove Minor Soccer Association for the donation of the jerseys.



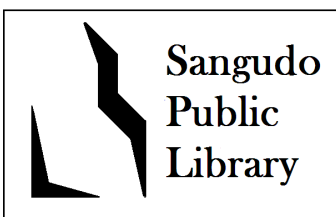
## Junior Badminton GCAA Tournament

On April 21 our SCS Jr High Badminton team attended the GCAA Championship in Whitecourt. Our team was well prepared and fought some very tough competition this year. Many of teams went to the quarterfinals with several advancing to the finals and going to game three to determine a winner. The team would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Moon for their time with the program.

Congratulations to Autumn Kerr & Jorja Werenka for earning silver in the Jr Girls Doubles. Haley Perrin & Sarah McMillan also brought home silver for Sr Girls Doubles and Calder Thompson played up a category to bring home Sr Boys silver. Great work and congratulations to all the team members for a fantastic showing!







## May 2015 News

### Programs Running:

Rainbloom club: The rainbow loom club is in need of more croquet hooks. If you have a few croquet hooks lying around, collecting dust...we would sure appreciate it if we could have them. Rainbloom club run on Tuesdays at 4:00- 5:00pm in the library. This is a free drop-in program.

Pre-school Story Time: This is a free drop-in program, running Friday Morning at 10:30am. It includes a craft, story, snack and some unstructured play time. Come and join us! Story time will not be running May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Garden Club: This is a free drop-in Program for Elementary school aged children; parental involvement is encouraged but not necessary. The club will run from 3:30pm until 4:30pm on Thursdays starting May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## News from your School Library!

In the Library the Grade three, four class were making Story Maps of stories we read in the library. They were also researching an animal of their choice.

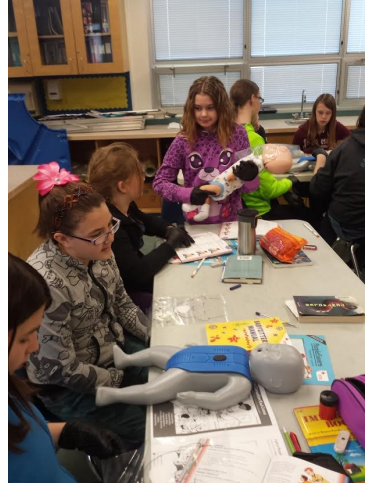
This month we will be doing extended research projects with the grade one to fours, based on the students' interests. Interest directed learning has very many benefits. It is very simple: if a student is naturally curious about a topic, it makes learning fun and rewarding. We hope that researching skills will be practised in this project.

Also, please help manage library materials by making sure that they are returned on time. A good tip to help you stay on top of it: is to allocate a certain spot, a box, a shelf or bag, for only library materials then you always know where to find them. You can also access your child's account by going to the library website. To 'log-in' you need your students' library card barcode and the password is the last four digits for the phone number you provided on the consent form.

Let's encourage reading for,

Knowledge is POWER!

On April 27 the Grade 5 to 9 students participated in the Babysitting and People Savers Course with instructor Lucille Sperling. Students learned key skills to childcare and how to be prepared for emergencies, as well as how to be proactive to help prevent accidents when looking after children.



## Jr High Prom

The Leadership Council with the help and guidance of Mr. & Mrs Moon will be hosting Prom on Friday, May 8 from 7—11 pm. All Grade 5-9 students are welcome to attend and students are allowed to invite guests. Dress is semi formal, and students are asked to dress-up and not wear jeans. A guest list sign up will be posted and all guests must be approved through the office, therefore all guests must be signed up by 12:30 pm on Thursday, May 7. We are looking for 2-3 more female supervisors, as well as someone to run the concession so that all students can enjoy the evening as this has been the only dance held this year. If you are able to help please email Mrs. Moon at [melody.moon@ngps.ca](mailto:melody.moon@ngps.ca) or call and leave a message at the office.





Remember  
to bring your  
gloves!



Students and staff at the Sangudo Community School are participating in their annual Community clean up on Thursday, May 7th (May 8th rain date). Why not pick this day too? Support the students and spruce up your property for spring!

**May 7th**

**MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, RAIN DATE**

## **COMMUNITY PITCH IN SPRING CLEANUP**

Do you have large items that need to go to the transfer station?

Need help getting them there?

Members of the Sangudo Beautification Committee will pick up large items from your back alley on May 7th.

Call Shelly at 305 8785 by May 6<sup>th</sup>, to make arrangements.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Soccer Windup	6 Cool Camp for Grade 8's	7 Clean up the Community 2:00	8 Prom for Grade 5 to 9 Time: 7-11 pm	9
10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	11 Grade 9 PAT Parent Council Meeting 5:00	12	13 Grade 6 PAT Kindergarten Grad Photos Spring Photos	14 NO CLASSES	15 NO CLASSES	16
17	18 NO CLASSES	19 Super Hero Day	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Smoothie & Wrap Hot Lunch	29	30
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