

Sangudo Community School

Box 419, Sangudo, AB
T0E 2A0

780.785.3431

scs@ngps.ca

28

MAY

2015

Principal's Message

Engagement through Makerspaces

For much of May the grade 7-8-9 students have been taking part in a new learning experience. Through the combined efforts of NGPS Learning Services (Mrs. Stephanie Damery) and SCS (Mr. Moon, Mr. Oates) the students were able to use a wide variety of materials and tools to explore areas of learning that had a particular interest to them. Each student had to first design and then build a project that demonstrated what they had learned about their own choice of topic. On the last day a showcase in the gym enabled them to share their learning with the rest of the school and parents.

To say that the students were enthusiastic would be a great understatement. From the first planning steps to the last cleanup after the showcase these students were completely engaged. In fact there were several occasions when students had to be reminded to take a break or eat lunch. Talk about what they were doing was constant with parents coming in to say that this was also the big subject of conversation at home. Skills worked on/ developed included research, writing project proposals, design, presentation, blogging, and the use of tools such as soldering irons, sewing machines and our new 3D printer (a whole world of excitement in itself).

While students are still heard discussing the possibilities for next year staff are looking at how to expand the overall potential of this program. The Science Lab is now (officially according to students) the Makerspace room, 106 is the Learning Commons and the music room will be moved to room 109. In this way all our specialty rooms, including the art trailer, will be located together so that students can relocate easily as they plan, build, decorate.... The 3D printer will be upgraded by the addition of a scanner, 3D pens are on order and building materials are being ordered or requests will be sent out to the community. Next time you are in the school have somebody give you a quick tour of the rooms so that you can join in on the excitement as we anticipate the complete roll out in the fall; and if you have a talent to share be sure to let us know.

We're on the Web!

sangudoschool.ca

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Makerspace	2
Kindergarten News	3
School Library News	
Garden Club	4
Co-op Till Tapes	
Music Club	5
Public Library News	6
Healthy Children	7
Prom 2015	8
Grade 3/4 Class	9
School Supplies	
Drama Performance	10
Hockey Registration	
Calendar	11



In every walk
with nature one
receives far
more than he
seeks.

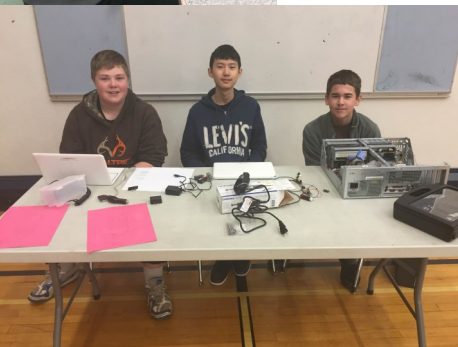
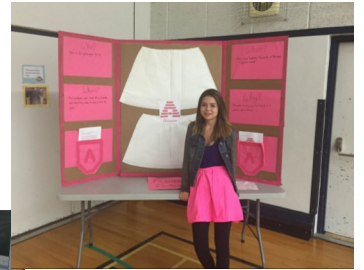
~John Muir

pagingfunmums.com



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

Makerspace In Action



Greetings from Kindergarten! We are so excited because our babies have hatched. Becoming parents has given us a whole new outlook on life! The best part of our experience was holding and cuddling the chicks before they left for their new home at the end of the week.



News from the School Library!

In the Library we are learning what a library has to offer and how to use the resources.

As the school year comes to a close we encourage all families to check those nooks and crannies for library books that are overdue. If your child has public Library Card as well, you are welcome to check out materials during the summer. This card will expire September 2, 2015. And will have to be renewed at that time.

Have a fantastic summer!

Garden Club

On Thursday May 21st a group of volunteers and children ascended upon the David Ovans Garden. They swung their wands (or also known as garden claws), and gave the garden a facelift. New plants such as poppies and mint were introduced to the garden.

And we are looking forward to seeing our garden grow. Thank you to everybody who came out and helped.

The Garden Club is program presented by the Sangudo Public Library for Elementary aged children. Parental involvement is encouraged but not mandatory. The Club takes place at the library on Thursdays from 3:30- 4:30pm. This club runs until June 11th.



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 by June 25th. Reminder that we can now claim Barrhead & Mayerthorpe till tapes.

Sangudo Community School Music Club



This amazing school year is flying by us like a wild snowshoe hare scrambling in a frenzy to get away from a hunger crazed timberwolf! (That was for the benefit of the grade 3/4 class. We're studying descriptive writing, similes and metaphors.) Here it is the end of May and we are closing in fast on June. Summer is peaking its way into the halls of our school and proof of that would be stellar performances by our students for spring events such as "ArtsFest" and "The Olde Tyme Family Dance". The Music Club was joined by the kindergarten class and the grades one and two class to perform two wonderfully uplifting songs. The singers were backed by our contemporary band featuring drums, keys, percussion, orf instruments, and guitars.

We had another visit from Gord Matthews, guitar mentor who spent a day showing us the penatonic scale and other guitar techniques. And June is looking to be a great month with Calvin Volrath (fiddle) and Clinton Pelltier (guitar) joining us on June 2 to mentor us on the fiddle and teach us how to accompany another instrument on guitar. We are so lucky to have Calvin mentor us. He was commissioned to compose five fiddle tunes for the Vancouver Winter Olympics 2010 Opening Ceremonies, representing the various styles of fiddling our country has to offer. He also wrote the theme for the international fiddle convention "Fiddles of the World", held in Halifax NS. In August 2005, Calvin received the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' from The Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championship, in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding contribution to Old Time Fiddling.

June 18th is offering us singer/songwriter Maria Dunn who plays a wonderful accordion and penny flute. Shannon Johnson from the Juno award winning family band "The McDades" will be joining Maria on fiddle. You will recognize two of Maria's songs, because our club performed them for our Christmas Concert. Maria is really looking forward to hearing us sing her songs for her. She is an acclaimed songwriter who pens songs about ordinary Canadians and historical events. She has been nominated for several awards, such as the Canadian Folk Music Awards and the Junos. More information on these artists can be found on the following websites.

<http://artistecard.com/calvinvollrath>

<http://mariadunn.com>

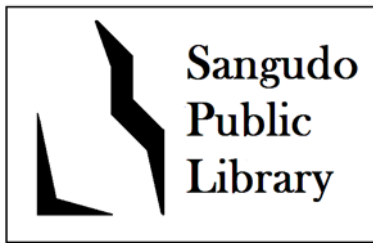
<http://themcdades.com>

<http://thegords.com>

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent."

- Victor Hugo





June 2015 News

Programs Running:

Rainbloom Club: The Rainbow Loom club will be finishing up on June 16th. In the Fall we hope to start an Graphic Novel/Animation club in this time slot (4 - 5 pm)

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 June 12th and will be concluded for this year on June 26th.

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. Garden Club runs until June 11th. Thank you to all those parents and students who came out to help clean up the David Ovans Garden, it is appreciated very much.

Youth Reading Club: The last draw we did Amy Lundstrom in Grade 8 won the iTunes card. In our draw this month we have **Pokemon card game** and an **Animal Jam Membership**. The children are very excited about these prizes and have already entered a bunch of book marks! The draw will be made June 26th.

The summer hours for the library will be Tuesday from 4-7 and Thursdays 5-8, for the months of July and August only.

Picture Orders Due:

June 1 - Kindergarten Grad Pictures Orders Due

June 4 - Spring Photos, if you do not wish to purchase the photos please return them to school by this date as well

Children and Healthy Relationships – What Parents Can Do

Relationships are very important to children and young people. We have different types of relationships throughout our lives including: parents, family, friends, and sexual relationships. Developing healthy relationships helps children feel good about themselves, develops their own identity, and teaches them about the values and ideas of others.

As a parent, you may feel worried about the effect certain friends have on your child. Peer pressure could mean they are doing things they don't really want to, just because certain friends are or because everybody else is doing it. What others think of them is really important in their lives right now. Having a good friend early on and then belonging to a group a bit later are natural and very important relationship steps for children. These connections help them feel like they fit in. Problems in relationships, doing things they don't want to do, and friendship break-ups are a big deal to them. Let them know they can talk to you about anything and you will listen without judgement. Children need to feel secure, valued, and loved; it is the basis for developing trust, positive self-esteem, and confidence. As a parent you can encourage your children, provide steps for decision making, and support them to trust their own feelings and values. This will build emotional and cognitive strengths that will help them throughout life.



Here is an example of a situation you might encounter:

Problem: My daughter is 9, and she had an argument with her best friend.

Think it Through: Her best friend is important to her and offers her support and companionship.

Do: Listen to her. Help her name her emotions. Brainstorm together possible solutions.

Adapted from: http://www.newport.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/leaflets_and_brochures/cont008148.pdf

Tips for Brushing Teeth

Use your tongue to feel your teeth. How do they feel – smooth like glass or fuzzy like they are wearing socks? Clean teeth feel smooth. Teeth feel fuzzy when plaque, a sticky film of germs, grows on them. Plaque grows every day, it even begins to grow right after you brush. The less you brush the longer plaque stays on your teeth and the more harm it does. Germs found in plaque eat sugar and produce acid that cause tooth decay. Plaque can also make your gums red and bleed, this is called gingivitis.

To keep your teeth and gums healthy, follow these tips:

- Brush your teeth two times a day with a soft toothbrush. Be sure to brush before you go to bed because when you sleep you have less saliva to wash away any germs hanging around.
- Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste with fluoride.
- Don't rush your brush. Take at least two minutes to brush your teeth – use a clock, egg timer or even a song to time your brushing.
- Brush gently using small circular movements where the teeth and gums come together. Don't scrub. Brush tongue side, cheek side and chewing surfaces. Finish by brushing your tongue.
- Replace your toothbrush when the bristles have become worn.
- Don't forget that floss cleans where your toothbrush cannot reach so be sure to floss daily.

Schedule regular dental check-ups to help spot oral health problems early when they are less costly to repair.

For more information see: www.MyHealthAlberta.ca and search for "basic dental care".

Prom 2015!!!

On May 8th the Leadership Council, with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Moon, hosted Prom 2015. Over 50 students were in attendance and students were treated to a video dance party from 7-11pm by DJ Moon. This year council met and determined that Queen, King, Princess & Prince would be determined by random draw from all SCS students that attended. Congratulations to Prom Queen Haley Perrin, Prom King Calder Thompson, Prom Princess Lily Gache and Prom Prince Cole McMillan. Students experienced a "Speed Photoshoot" where they could jump in and pose with whomever they wished but all pictured were to be completed in 10 minutes a lot of fun was had, and the students would like to thank the parents who came to supervise and run the concession. Pictures will be shared through the students Google Drive accounts so they can download for themselves and print off if desired.



Grade 3/4 Class

In science we are making bridges. We need to make sure that they are strong enough to hold a book. We can only use special materials. We had to do an internet scavenger hunt to find out about the four types of bridges there are. Then we designed a bridge and are building it. We are having a lot of fun in science. In library we have been doing research on animals. We have been learning how to order our own books online. We can also order movies too. We can play games on the research site. In art we are studying perspective and drew lumberjacks. They have curly hair and a beard. The materials we used are paper, pencil, and oil pastels. The perspective is from the bottom of the paper up. It will make you feel like a worm looking up. In gym we have been practicing for track and field. The grade four class has been working very hard in science, library, art and all of our classes. Just for your information, this is the 2nd last newsletter of the year. Summer is on its way.

By Brook-Lyne Hornberger, Victor Sanders, Annaka Marks and Filip Doskocil

Write-On Stationary

We are once again going to offer parents the opportunity to purchase school supplies from a company called "Write-On Stationary". We are currently finalizing the lists so we can proceed with this initiative. You can find out more information on their website and order all summer long! Their website is:

www.write-on.ca

This is completely optional, as you may still wish to purchase your children's supplies on your own.

Please look for the order forms coming home soon.

Call the school if you have any questions.



Drama Performance

On June 12, 2015 the Drama Club will be hosting a Cold Plate Dinner Theatre. "Stormin' the Stage will be performing Chaos in Fairy Tale Forest and Frogspell. Each one act is suited for family entertainment and is the perfect way to kick off Father's Day weekend! Tickets will go on sale at the office, from Mrs. Moon or at the Pit Stop. Cost is \$20 per adult. Students and Seniors are \$15



Hockey Registration

June 10, 2015

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

At the former David Ovans School

Sangudo Minor Sports Association and the Sangudo District Ag. Society have a joint website. We are encouraging community members to use this site to register your children in all future sports programs being offered.

The website address is <http://sangudominorsports.ramp190.com/default.aspx?p=registrations>. Click on the REGISTER ONLINE to register or if you choose the fill out the paper you may click on the paper registration. If you register online you will be able to receive a onetime **\$25.00 off your registration**. Once you register online you will be able to print your own Child Fitness Tax Certificates anytime you wish.

June

2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Kindergarten Picture Orders Due	2 Music Mentor Hot Lunch Zone Track Meet	3	4 Movie Character Day DeVry Plant Order Pick Up Pic Orders Due	5	6
7	8 Grade 5 to 9 Field Trip Parent Council Meeting 5:00	9	10	11	12 Drama Performance	13
14	15	16 Hot Lunch K to 1 Swim	17 Gr 6 PAT—LA Gr 3 to 6 Swim	18 Gr 6 PAT— Math Music Mentor K to 1 Swim	19 Gr 6 PAT— Science Gr 3 to 6 Swim	20
21 	22 Gr 6 PAT— Social Gr 1 to 4 Field Trip	23 Gr 9 PAT— Science Kindergarten Grad Gr 7 to 9 Swim	24 Gr 9 PAT— Math Elementary Track Meet	25 Gr 9 PAT—LA	26 Gr 9 PAT Social 1:00 Awards Assembly Last Day for Students	27
28	29	30				
	** ALL SWIM TIMES ARE 12:45 TO 3:00					