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Principal's Message

AMAZING YEAR COMES TO AN END

As a school year goes 2014-15 has turned into one of tremendous growth and development for Sangudo Community School; so much so that I for one am almost sad to see it come to an end. While it is true we did face some concerns about enrollment, especially at the Jr. High level, things have worked out and we have come through better and stronger than ever. First rate academics have always been a leading feature at SCS along with an excellent selection of options but two new developments at our school are now making Sangudo truly unique. Utilizing funds from an NGPS innovation grant, the school budget, the Parents Association and private donations we have greatly expanded our Fine Arts program and developed a first class Maker Space area.

In the area of Fine Arts we have added some major pieces to our stage, lights and sound system. This enabled us to host the Artfest for the first time, bring in the Alberta Fiddlers for a community dance and to have our own Drama production on a fully equipped stage area. Some of the newer equipment will be used by students next year through their Career and Technology Foundation courses (C.T.F.) Drama was joined by an every expanding music program (all in one year) which now includes acoustic, electric and bass guitars, drums, harmonicas, keyboard and many other instruments. Next year our Fine Arts/ Music/ C.T.F. courses will be planned so that most of our students will have an opportunity to be introduced to an instrument. This work was also supported by a number of very accomplished "music mentors" who spent time sharing their love of playing and writing music with our students.

The same generous sources have also helped us to develop an amazing Learning Commons/ Makerspace area. These rooms will be utilized by students from all grade levels to collaborate on, plan/ design, create and showcase their own areas of interest/ talents and more. The major area is already filling up with tools, kits and materials ready for student use while the floor of my office looks like a very expensive Christmas morning without the tree. Students have been looking over many of these additions with amusement and are quite anxious to get their hands on them, (after a good rest of course).

In all the 2015-16 year looks to be another step forward. With elementary numbers increasing we will have a separate class for Kindergarten and grades one, two and three. Our staff will need to increase by .5 FTE to help with this. In addition SCS will house a pre school program for three and four year old children.

Have a great summer and we will see you in August (31st is the first day back).



We're on the Web!

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Save your Co-op till tapes over the summer and turn them into the school in December 2015!



Drama Production

Congratulations to the Grade 5-9 Drama group for the outstanding performance. With over 100 in attendance the cast and stage crew put on a fantastic performance that entertained and astonished the crowd. The amount of set changes was a perfectly choreographed dance of flats, and the performances of all the cast were terrific. Thank you to all the parents and community members for supporting the program through their attendance, costume and prop creations and beautiful set design. Rumour is Mrs. Moon is already looking at scripts for next year! Have a great summer from Stormin' The Stage!



What's Up for Next Year?

After attending the GCAA meeting in early June, Mrs. Moon has set up a game plan for the Jr High Athletics Program for the upcoming year. Starting the first week back, the Jr Boys and Girls Volleyball teams, as well as the Flag Football Teams will begin practises. The volleyball teams will be back into the GCAA league with their season running until early November and we have put in a request to attend two nearby tournaments one at OHS in September and one in MHS on Halloween Day. Our Flag Football teams will see competition on Saturday, Oct 3 at Percy Baxter School. We are excited about starting a new Cross Country Running Club, which will see at least one race this year on Saturday, September 26 at Rotary Park in Whitecourt. These teams will be run by three parent volunteer coaches and we are so happy with their commitment to the program at SCS. If anyone would like to assist with any of these sports please do not hesitate to email Mrs. Moon at melody.moon@ngps.ca over the summer as there will be conflicts for some of the game dates for our coaches and they would appreciate the assistance with the program and for someone to be able to help commit for those conflicting dates.

Other athletic programs we will be offering will be basketball, team handball, badminton, track and field and possibly golf. If there are any parents or community member that would have an interest in coaching any of these programs please let them know help is always welcome and to simply contact the school in the falls so we can continue to set up the programs for the remainder of the year.

The leadership group is already excitedly planning several new events and activities for the Jr High and Elementary students to take part in next year. Grade 5-8 students were surveyed and asked to give ideas of what and how they would like things to run next year and they are very excited to develop their leadership and event coordinating skills for some fun activities.

Rest up over the summer, as it looks like there will be a fun-filled, jam packed year ahead!





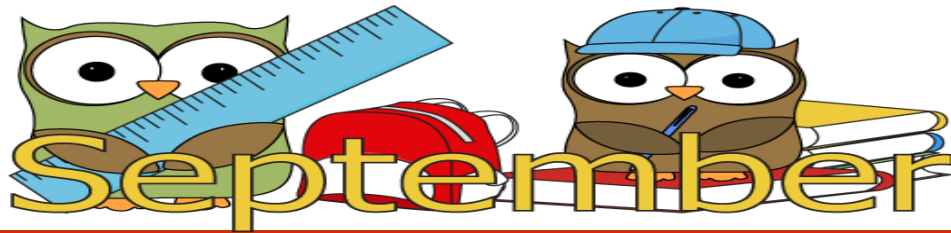
Community Theatre Group!

Stormin' The Stage is looking at expanding and possibly doing some community theatre. If there are any former students in high school who have not been able to take Drama due to timetable issues or if there any past graduates that would like hit the stage again, please contact Mrs. Moon as a couple of community groups have asked for a fundraising opportunity by partnering with our group to do a couple dinner theatres next year. Commitment will vary depending on the play chosen and number of actors and actors availability. If interested please contact Mrs. Moon asap so we can possibly do a fall performance.

Track & Field

Wednesday saw a great day of sportsmanship and competition for the K-Grade 6 students. The Grade 7-9 leadership students helped to organize and run the events for the day as well as were team leaders and took the athletes around to their events. Athletes engaged in a variety of activities that were either a direct track and field event or fun event. The K-3s participated in standing long jump, ball throw, hurdles, javelin (with a lightweight turbo javelin), bean bag toss, soccer kick and frisbee toss. Grade 4-6 participated in standing long jump, ball throw, running long jump, shot put, frisbee toss, javelin, and soccer kick. Points were awarded for reaching a set standard which went towards individual points total as well as points for their houseleague. Individual and houseleague track and field champion will be posted on the website and shared on PASS Facebook page. The houseleague trophy will be awarded on Friday during the awards ceremony at 11:00 am.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUGUST	31	1	2	3	4	5
30	FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS					
6	7 Labour Day NO CLASSES	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 PD DAY NO CLASSES	19
20	21 Parent Council Meeting 5:00	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

