

February 26, 2021 Newsletter

Message from Principal Pfannmuller

February was a fast month! We have had some extreme weather conditions this month from very cold to very warm!

Just a reminder to parents and guardians that the school day at Sangudo Community School begins at 8:35 am with classes starting at 8:45 am. As there is no outside nor inside supervision prior to 8:35 am, parents are asked to not drop off your child(ren) before 8:35 am. I (or my acting principal) will be outside by 8:35 am to supervise students as they are dropped off either by parents or bus. Thank you in advance for respecting the Sangudo Community School bell schedule.

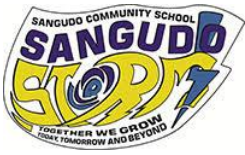
Math teachers are scheduled to work with numeracy consultant, Keith VanDeKeere, to continue to develop their capacity as math teachers. Several days are set aside beginning at the end of February for teams of teachers and then individual teachers to work directly with the consultant to gain his expertise in the area of numeracy. Teachers will work with Mr. VanDeKeere to analyze their student data and identify the 'big ideas' in math to determine next steps for instruction tailored to meet the needs of the individual learner. We are very excited to work together with the teaching staffs of Darwell and Rich Valley schools so that teachers may work with others who have the same grade assignment.

On February 24, 2021, students and staff participated in the annual Pink Shirt Day. The school was a sea of pink as shirts, hats and accessories were worn in the color pink! Students engaged in a variety of activities within their classes around the anti-bullying theme of 'Be Kind, Always'. Students and staff created video clips of how to combat bullying which will be compiled into a SCS Pink Shirt Day video. Watch for it coming out soon!

The students and staff have been enjoying some planned hot lunches. Mr. Tavaroli and Miss Duplessie have completed their safe food handling certification so that we can have special lunches at SCS. Parents have volunteered to pick up the meals and deliver them to the school on lunch days. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible for the students and staff of SCS!

Parent-Teacher conferences have been scheduled for March 24 and 25, 2021 from 3:45-6:45 pm. Conferences will be held in the same format as the fall, using a virtual platform or a telephone call as per parent preference. Please call Mrs. Werenka at (780)785-3431 to schedule an appointment.

We are very excited to be participating in an artist in residence program, Trickster, during the weeks of March 8-12 and March 15-19, 2021. The program will be brought to us virtually, and classes will be filming their presentations in front of a green screen. Watch for more information in the coming weeks!



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Students were extremely excited to have the opportunity to go skating at the Sangudo Arena in February when the Alberta Government announced 'The Path Forward'. The Physical Education curriculum was in motion as students developed their skating skills while enjoying a program emphasizing on active living, with a focus on physical activity that is valued and integrated into daily life. A huge thank you to the Sangudo Ag Society for providing the opportunity for our students to enjoy skating this year!

February has been another busy month! Please continue to feel welcome to contact me for any questions or concerns.

Stay safe and warmest regards,
Principal Pfannmuller

Parent Teacher Conferences

Virtual
March 24 & 25
3:45 to 6:45
Call the school to make an appointment



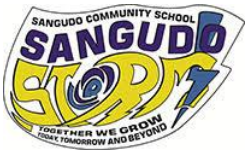
Supervision

Reminder our morning bell goes at 8:35 am (classes begin at 8:45 am). As there is no supervision prior to this time parents are asked to drop students off at 8:35 or later.

Spring / Easter Break

There will be NO Classes from March 29 to April 6
Classes resume on April 7
Enjoy the break!!!

Please refer to the NGPS website at ngps.ca for up-to-date information.



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PLANNING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS – YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Northern Gateway Public Schools seeks your input as we plan for the 2021-22 school year and beyond. Your feedback as students, parents, staff and leaders is an important part of our education planning process.

WATCH YOUR INBOX! We are using a tool called ThoughtExchange to gather your input. You will receive an email in which you will be asked to answer two open-ended questions with as many responses as you like. Then, you will move on to the next step, which is Star. In Star, you will see your thoughts and the thoughts of others and assign stars to each thought (from 1-5) depending on how strongly you agree or disagree with the idea.

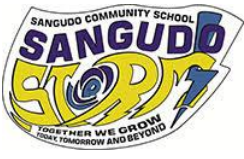
ThoughtExchange ensures your anonymity, keeping confidential who shared each thought and who assigned what ratings. You can rate as many thoughts as you would like, and come back often to rate new ideas.

We're listening! We will review all of the collected thoughts to understand what is important to you in improving student learning. Thank you for taking the time to share your voice! The Exchange will remain open until March 10 at midnight.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



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March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Dr Seuss Theme Day		Pizza Hot Lunch		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Trickster at SCS			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings Time Begins	School Council Meeting, 4:00 pm		St. Patrick's Day	Booster Juice Hot Lunch		First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45 - 6:45	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45 - 6:45		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		Spring/Easter Break - Classes Resume on April 7th				