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Principal's Message

For Principals the end of September and most of October is a time of reflection and forethought. In completing the annual Results Review we look back on and analyze all that went on in our school over the past year. At the same time we are creating the School Improvement Plan for the current year and preparing the final version of the budget which plays such a key role in what we can and cannot do. Most of you are aware of the amazing transformations that have taken place in our programming at SCS over the past year. The huge strides made in our Fine Arts Program, especially music, and the development of our Maker Space room will certainly play a prominent part in the review of our past year. As this year progresses we will continue to focus on these areas as well as to involve all teachers in an "Excellence in Writing" program that will benefit all students. As of this week our enrollment is confirmed and we are up by seven students over this time last year. Continued growth in our elementary classes bode well for the future.

For a smaller school we continue to host a selection of activities for our students. In September alone ongoing activities included: Running Club, Flag Football, boys and girls Volleyball and Mini-Handball. One of my proudest moments this year was when I was told that officials at the Running Meet in Whitecourt commented on the number of participants from our school and the excellent manners and behavior exhibited by these students. Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who made this possible.

As always the Professional Development put in by staff members pays off in increased learning opportunities for students. Our School Improvement Plan will list many of the activities our staff will engage in "in house". Meanwhile several teachers and E.A.s will be attending three days of learning at a major presentation in Whitecourt as well as other individual sessions over the year. All of the information from these sessions will come back to be shared with colleagues and to be used in the classroom. After all- learning is paramount to all else!

We're on the Web!

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Northern Gateway
Public Schools

We have been busy reading in Grade 1! You might have heard us talking about some exciting news: we have kicked off our Daily 5! Daily 5 is a way of structuring the reading block so every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. This allows the teacher to work with small groups of students on individualized skills appropriate for their development. There are very specific behaviour expectations that go with each Daily 5 component. We have spent our first weeks working on building our reading stamina and learning the behaviours of Daily 5 through Read to Self. The students were very enthusiastic when we reached our stamina goal of 20 minutes! To celebrate our learning, we decided to have an ice cream party.

Ms. Kingdon, Ms. Gorski and the Grade 1



Welcome to the Avengers School wide reading Challenge!

What is it?

It is a program for all the students at the Sangudo Community School to participate in.

Why?

This programs' aim is to encourage reading and some healthy competition between the grades.

How does it work?

Students will spend time reading and log their minutes read on a bookmark that will be given to them. Book marks need to be signed by an adult. When they have completed their book mark, they return it to the library and then the minutes get counted and added to a graph in the hallway across from the library. Minutes will be updated once a week on Thursdays. The class, who first reach 1000 points, wins an:

Ice Cream Sundae Party!

The point system:

K to grade 1: 15mins = 1 point (for student read by themselves or read to by a parent)

Grade 2 – 9: 30mins = 1 Point (independent reading)

Minutes read during class does not count. However, reading in library time counts after story time for the younger grades

In order to engage the students, each class has an **Avengers Mascot**.

Kindergarten – Captain America

Grade 1 – Ironman

Grade 2 – Hulk

Grade 3 – Hawkeye

Grade 4/5 – Thor

Grade 6/7 – Black Widow

Grade 8/9 – Nick Fury



More library news:

The Public Library Cards for the students.

After consideration it was decided that if your student misplaced their card from last year, we will replace it at no cost for the first time. Students will have to be charged \$4.00 if it is lost or broken again.

About the Trac/Public Library card.

This Card is a full blown public library card. You can take this blue card to any library in ALBERTA and check out resources. **It is offered to our students for free!**

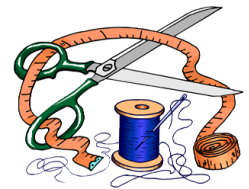
These cards are permanent, and generally do not get replaced. All that needs to happen annually: the membership associated with the card needs to be renewed. Libraries charge to renew memberships, anywhere from \$4.00 to \$20.00 depending on the location of the library. These fees help with operating costs of the library. The student's memberships are still free; we will however charge a \$4.00 fee for replacing cards after the first time.

Kindergarten students are welcome to come to the library with a parent, if they wanted a public library card. Kindergarten students cannot check out more materials during school time, as juggling more than two items and selecting Dvds and other materials will be too much during class time. If your kindergartener wanted a card, a parent is welcome to bring them to the library and help them with their selections.

Programs running at the library in October.

Pre-school Story Time is running Friday morning at 10:30am. It includes a story, snack and craft. This is a FREE drop-in Program.

Beginner Sewing classes for Children and Adults: Sewing classes for Children 8 and up will start on October 8th, we will be doing hand sewing. Cost is \$10.00 a class



The adult class is a beginner quilting class. And will start up on October 22nd. Cost is \$20.00 a class.

Garden Club!

We had an awesome run in the spring. We planted tomatoes and annuals. But it is time to harvest our tomatoes and plant some bulbs for spring. Garden club will have one last hurrah for the year on **October 16th at 3:30pm.**

Come on out and help us prep the David Ovans Garden for winter.

See you there!

If you have **any** questions, concerns or pet peeves about the library, please let me know as I cannot improve something if I am not aware of it.

What's Up in Kindergarten?



Our First month has passed very quickly and the students are beginning to settle into the routine of the classroom and are enjoying their time with friends. We have been focusing on following the rules of our school, printing our name and fine motor skills. We have been exploring the alphabet and the season of Fall; creating beautiful works of art with letters and leaves. Of course we can not forget the introduction of colours with Eric Carl's Brown Bear.

Here is what the Kindergarten students of SCS say when asked what their favourite thing about kindergarten is and what they have learned so far in school!!!

Peyton- I love playing in the kitchen! I am learning about colours and being good.

Brinley- I love the Reading Buddies. I have learned how to make the letter "e"!!!

Eastyn- I love recess and sticky white glue.

Emma- I love doing leaf art. I am learning my ABC's

Terrick- I love snack time and reading books.

Hannah- I love BROWN BEAR. I learned where the office is

Isabelle- I love the IPADS. I learned how to use the IPADS.

Nova- I love Show and Share! I am learning how to listen.

Leighton- I love Kinder Eggs and Mrs. Erickson

Brandan- I love to count! I am learning about the calendar.

Brie- I am learning how to breathe and I am learning my new class job being a "table washer"!

Bentley- I love recess. I have learned about bus safety and how to line up.

Reuben- I love to play! I am learning how to colour
Mrs. Erickson - you can never have enough HAND
SANITIZER

And KINDERGARTEN IS NOT FOR THE WEAK

Music Club

Last year our Music Program, Mentorship Program and Music Club provided our students with an opportunity to be mentored by successful upstanding professional musicians in various specialties such as guitar, lead vocals, harmonies, and performance. The purpose of The Music Mentorship Club was to introduce our students to live music, expanding their sights, giving them hands on experience in the world of artistic creativity; to show them that there is a world out there far removed from texting and tweeting; to put instruments in their hands; and to put music in their hearts. This year our focus will be to explore new music through the use of these great instruments. We will be revving up the ukuleles, dusting the summer break off the guitars, and shining up the drums to get ready for our new songs. We are happy to announce the addition of two bass guitars and a bass amp to the school collection of instruments. There are, needless to say, students interested in learning the bass. We have already started rehearsing songs for the Christmas Concert and the students are putting together a project based performance for Remembrance Day Service. This year's Music Club has so much to offer. We are all looking forward to hearing the musical treasures that our students are getting ready to perform!



Thank You!

Sangudo Community School would like to send out a huge thank you to Sonny Mosher-Hayes, Bill Hayes and Gail Hodges for their generous donation of school supplies. 80 packages of lined paper, crayons and pencil cases were some of the items. These items will all be put to good use by the creative and studious learners at SCS.

Bussing Change

If a parent wants their child to ride on a bus other than their regular one the request must come through the principal's office. Bus drivers cannot accept phone calls or texts as authorization to transport children not on their regular route. Please use the request form found on the SCS website to make such request.

Grade 3 Report

What an awesome September! It's great to be back at Sangudo Community School for another year. Students in the grade three class are very happy to be here. We started the year off bursting with enthusiasm right from the very first sound of the school bell. The children were excited to return and to see their friends again. Teachers and students walked through the doors with loads of energy; a summer's worth of laughter; new stories to share; and a desire to learn!

The grade three class spent the first week with "Getting to Know You" activities and learning about each other. Since then, we have filled our days with familiarizing ourselves with new routines, workbooks and activities. We have dug right into grade three curriculum right from the get go. So far, Science and Phys. Ed seem to be the top two subjects. The grade three's have been introduced to the proper care and feeding of Chromebooks which was something everyone was really looking forward to. Chromebook time is definitely a favourite part of our day! We are almost finished the Alberta wide Student Learning Assessments and the students are diving into new routines and activities with loads of enthusiasm.

We have a month under our belts now and are getting ready for fall activities and "The Halloween Month". October has peeked its head around the corner, and the glorious fall colours and the fresh crisp air start our days off with a feeling of, "Wow! It's really GREAT to be back at school!"

Inclement Weather

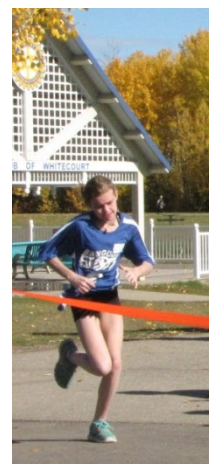
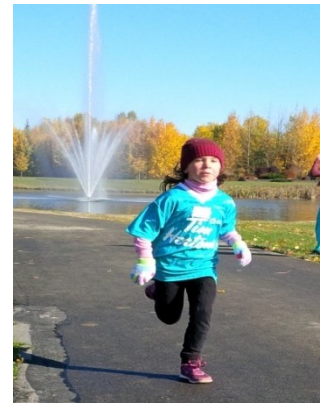
In the event of bad roads or severe weather NGPS does, on occasion, have to cancel bus service. Such notices will be posted on both the NGPS and the SCS websites, broadcast on XM 105.3, and your driver should call with the cancellation. Schools do remain open for those students who come in.

P.A.S.S.

Not a member of Parent Council but would like to be informed or volunteer? If you would like to receive school council meeting minutes or PASS information such as requests for volunteer help, please notify Dallas Roth, Kristina Vandersteen, Sherra Muldoon or Shelly Starman. They would be happy to add you to the email list to ensure that you receive all the information.



Team Storm @ GCAA Cross Country Run Whitecourt AB
September 28, 2015



SCS is so proud of all our participants! Can't wait for next year!

October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VB Practice— Boys only	2	3 Flag Football Tourney in Whitecourt
4	5 VB Game SCS at Onoway, Girls only	6 VB Practice— Girls only	7 Mini Handball Practice	8 Fire Safety Presentation & Hot Dog Day VB Practice— Boys only	9 NO CLASSES PD Day	10
11 	12 NO CLASSES	13 VB Practice— Girls only Dental Varnish for K to 2	14 VB Game, Fox Creek @ SCS—Girls only	15 Pizza Kits Delivered VB Practice— Boys only	16	17
18	19 VB Game, SCS at Hilltop Girls only	20 Picture Day VB Practice— Girls only	21 Mini Handball Practice	22 Hot Lunch Taco in a Bag VB Practice— Boys only	23	24 Mini Handball Tourney at Mayerthorpe
25	26 VB Game St Joes at SCS	27 VB Practice— Girls only	28 VB Game Only at SCS—Girls only	29 VB Practice— Boys only	30 NO CLASSES at SCS only VB Tourney at Mayerthorpe	31  VB Tourney at Mayerthorpe
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