

April 29, 2021 Newsletter

Message from Principal Pfannmuller

We have had another very busy month at SCS!

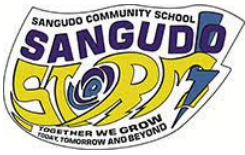
Once again I would like to remind parents and guardians that the school day at Sangudo Community School begins at 8:35 am with classes starting at 8:45. As there is no outside nor inside supervision prior to 8:35 am, parents are asked to not drop off your child(ren) before 8:35 am. I (or my acting principal) 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.

The Parent Association of the Sangudo Storm (PASS) is in the process of building a greenhouse for the students and staff to enjoy. We are all so excited to get the opportunity to grow our own vegetables in the greenhouse! All students planted a seed on April 22, 2021 provided by PASS to celebrate Earth Day. The plants will be transferred to the greenhouse once it is ready! PASS has also purchased a pop-up tent for classes to use as a sun shade during outdoor classes. We cannot wait for the weather to warm up so we can start having some classes outside. Thank you PASS for all that you do to support our students and school!

For five weeks, we have had the pleasure of getting to know Miss Laura Falkenstein. Miss Falkenstein was a student teacher with mentor teacher Mrs. Cindy Zambak in the Kindergarten/Grade 1 Class. Students have enjoyed learning from Miss Falkenstein as she develops her craft. We wish her all the best in her future educational endeavors!

Math teachers worked with numeracy consultant, Keith VanDeKeere for two days, to continue to develop their capacity as math teachers. On the first day, teachers worked with Mr. VanDeKeere to analyze recent assessments and determine next steps. A lesson was then devised and Mr. VanDeKeere virtually gave the appropriate lesson to all classes in grades K-6 with the teacher observing and facilitating the lesson. On the second day, teachers debriefed the lesson with Mr. VanDeKeere, discussed what they observed with their students and planned next steps. Several days are set aside in May for math teachers and classes to work again with Mr. V! We are very excited to work once again with Mr. V and the students always enjoy his engaging math lessons, while teachers develop their capacity as math teachers.

Several students performed virtually in the Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival during the month of March. Students were given the opportunity to perform vocal solos as well as individual speech arts for the festival. Mrs. Vanderwolf's Grade 4/5 Ukulele Ensemble performed a song in the School String Ensemble Class of the festival and did very well! Students received their certificates and adjudications at a virtual assembly held on April 27, 2021. Congratulations to all performers and a huge thank you to all staff who helped students prepare for this experience in the arts!



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Students are beginning to prepare for the annual 'SCS Has Talent' show. Due to the inability to meet in large group assemblies, the talent show will be held virtually, with students recording their performances. Parents and students please refer to the letter sent home on April 30, 2021 for more details. Recordings must be completed by the end of May so that staff have time to compile the performances into a presentation for all to enjoy!

Mr. Tavaroli and Miss Duplessie have completed several professional development opportunities including Mental Health First Aid For Educators, Race Based Traumatic Stress, How Do Discipline in an Emotional Healthy Way, The Predator that Lurks: Keeping Children Safe Online, Fostering Emotional Regulation: Navigating Big Feelings, Childhood Anxiety: Helping Children Heal, and Childhood Trauma: Finding a Way Through. All of these courses have a focus on Mental Health Wellness. We appreciate Mr. Tavaroli and Miss Duplessie for completing these courses and they will share their expertise with the SCS staff in order to build our capacities so we are all able to support our students' needs.

We were very excited to participate in Telus World of Science online programming. The grade appropriate programs were brought to us virtually! A huge thank you to the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant for sponsoring these programs for all the students at Sangudo Community School.

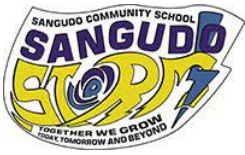
It is hard to believe that there are only two months left in this school year. I encourage students to continue to work hard as we push through these last few weeks of learning. Please continue to feel welcome to contact me for any questions or concerns.

Happy Spring!

Principal Sherry Pfannmuller

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





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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.



Sunscreen & Bug Spray

Just a reminder, as the weather gets warmer, students are welcome to bring and apply their own sunscreen and/or bug spray for their personal use.

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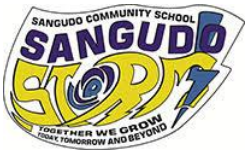
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students will be able to login. Before logging in using their NGPS username and password, they will need to choose Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10 as their school and then they can input their username (firstname.lastname) and password (school password).

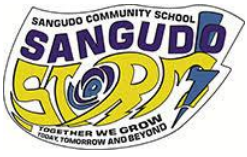
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