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## Principal's Message

### Where Do We Go From Here?

As a parent or the head of a household you may have had occasion(s) to ask yourself this question. If the situation we are dealing with is to move forward it is prudent to look at where we have been, where we are now and where we need to be. This same planning process is also used by your local schools and School Division. Each year a document (Results Review) is prepared in which we examine the data that has been collected over the past year. Surveys completed by parents, students and teachers as well as Provincial exam results are all analysed for strengths and weaknesses. These results then become part of the School Improvement Plan which is our answer to: *Where Do We Go From Here?* As Principal I am pleased with our achievements of the past year and have great confidence in the plans for the next year. \*Both of these documents will be posted on our website shortly.

Part of any schools move forward plan is the Professional Development made available to its' staff. Currently all teachers at SCS are taking part in a series of activities called "Teaching Writing- Structure and Style" as part of our PD sessions. In addition four teachers, three Educational Assistants and several parents are taking a three day program called "JACC Training" (Joint Action for Children Committee) which has them very excited about the many new strategies they can immediately implement with their students/ children.

The School Council is also part of our moving forward plans. Last week three parents and I attended a session presented by the Alberta School Council Association and NGPS. We are all very excited about the take away ideas from this day and have a follow up meeting set to begin implementation. The key point will be to further develop the School Council role of providing advice/ ideas to the Principal on items brought forward to them.

### Christmas Gifts

With Christmas rapidly approaching some parents may be wondering about gift ideas. One item you might want to consider is a chromebook. All of our students are familiar with these devices (so no learning curve) and they are relatively inexpensive (app. \$330.) when compared to a laptop. SCS does provide each student with a device to use during the day but they cannot take them home to continue their work.... Several of our students already have their own device and find it very convenient to be able to take it back and forth. They also take better care of them and make sure they are plugged in properly.

We're on the Web!

[sangudoschool.ca](http://sangudoschool.ca)

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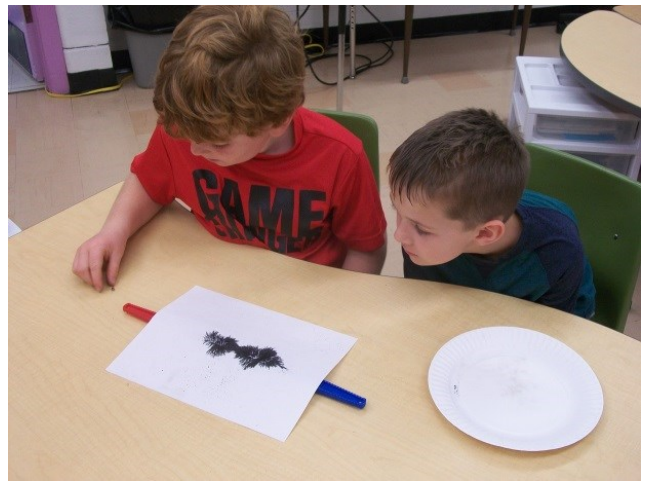
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# Greetings from Grade 2!!!

The grade 2 is on a roll! We are crazy over reading and writing, learning new and exciting math strategies and of course, loving our science units! Our unit on magnets has just wrapped up. Learning how magnets attract, repel and help us to find our way around the playground (using a compass) was awesome. But one of the most amazing things about magnets is the way they can attract other magnets (or other magnetic materials) "at a distance," invisibly, through what we call a **magnetic field**. With the help of a handful of iron filings, a piece of paper and two magnets, the field can to life!



Ta ta for now – Mrs. V. and her tremendous twos!!!!



## Information Station

Tune into XM 105.3 FM radio station to hear the school report at 7:15 am every morning. This report will tell you what is happening at the local schools in our area including Sangudo Community School, as well as any bus cancellations. Just another way to find out what is happening at our school.

# News from your School library:

**The Avengers School Wide Reading Challenge** is in full force. Iron man (**Grade 1**) is in the lead for the second consecutive week, with Thor (**Grade 4/5**) trailing in second place this week.

After careful consideration I have decided to lower our benchmark to 750points. **The first class to reach 750 points will win an Ice Cream Sundae party!**

Not just any Ice Cream Sundae party, but with **sprinkles, mini marshmallows** and Mrs. Wierda's famous **homemade hot chocolate sauce!** We will even be playing music of your choice.

The stakes are high!

So get reading!

Let's go over the rules again:

You can count any minutes read. Minutes your student reads independently and minutes you read together.

Grade 1-2 get one point for every 15 minutes read.

Grade 3-9 get one point for every 30 minutes read.

Happy Reading!

See you at the library!

## REMINDER

No school on November  
11, 12 and 13th.

Enjoy the break!

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

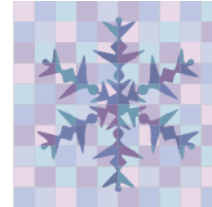
Will be held on **November 10th**  
at **10:45 am** in the gym.  
Everyone welcome to attend.

## Did You Know?

- Our School Council and Parent Council (Parent Association of the Sangudo Storm known as P.A.S.S.) meet each month to help foster the well-being and effectiveness of the school community and to enhance learning
- Members include parents, the principal, teacher(s), our school trustee-Sherry Jeffreys, and community representative(s)
- Three new council positions were filled for the 2015/2016 year! PLEASE WELCOME Dallas Roth (Chairperson), Kristina Vandersteen (Vice Chair) and Sherra Muldoon (Vice Chair). We are still seeking to fill the secretary position. Yvonne Lovich has returned as the Treasurer.
- Our School Council intends to collaboratively continue working on involving more parents/ community members in the school and facilitating/ increasing communication between home and school. We would love to hear your ideas of how the School Council can help with this mission!
- Our Parent Council (P.A.S.S) is eagerly organizing new and popular fundraisers throughout the year and is off to a great start in helping to support school needs. A portion of last year's fundraising combined with our first pizza fundraiser and hot lunch-days to date helped donate a whopping \$2862 towards our SCS athletics program! GO TEAMS! As well, P.A.S.S. is contributing \$300 each to our 3 new teachers to help support any initial classroom enhancements, benefiting the students learning environment! Welcome Mrs. Steiger, Mrs. Erickson and Mr. Tavaroli! Our next upcoming fundraiser is a special School Cookbook with over 194 delicious recipes gathered from students and pre-order forms are now available! A HUGE SHOUT OUT to our amazing volunteers and fundraising supporters!
- P.A.S.S. has a fantastic Facebook Page to help share important school information, news, updates and photos. It's easy to get this information delivered straight to YOUR Facebook news feed. So far we have 84 followers and counting! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parent-Association-of-the-Sangudo-Storm/1489857747906220>.
- We look forward to creating monthly "DID YOU KNOW'S" to help share our council initiatives and facilitate increasing communications

## Change in date:

The November 10th beef on a bun hot lunch will now be on **NOVEMBER 17th**. Order forms will be sent home on November 3rd and will be due back on November 10th.



## Programs running at your library in November:

**Beginner Quilting** classes for Adults Nov 5 and 12<sup>th</sup> Starting at 6:30pm. \$20.00 per class

**Pre-school story time** will be running Nov 6, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. On November 6 we will have Donna Kerr from FCSS/Parent link with us! So come join us for **Snowy Time!**

The library is Bringing **MinecraftEdu** to your neighbourhood!

Minecraft gaming sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 4pm - 5:30pm. There are only four stations, so pre-registration is a must. Each Child will get 30 mins to play MinecraftEdu with their friends. To register your child for a Minecraft gaming session please email at [sangudolibrary@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:sangudolibrary@yrl.ab.ca) or your child can sign up during school.



On November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> we will also be hosting a **games night**. We will be playing LIFE, Yahtzee, Clue, Scrabble, Chess....not a game you want to play? Bring your own from home. Bring a friend and we will provide the comfy atmosphere and snacks!

There will also be a **used book sale** from Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> to Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to come during school hours and public library hours. If you have books and DVDs to donate for the used book sale you are welcome to drop those off at the library, during library hours as well. Come find the Golden Ticket and win prizes!

To keep up with, what is happening at your library follow our **Facebook page**

## Cookbook Orders

PASS is selling cookbooks with the students' and staffs' favourite recipes for \$15 each. Please have orders into the school by **NOVEMBER 5th**. They would make a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. All profits will go to further support bussing for school sports and field trips. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear order forms will be available November 17th. Orders will be processed in time for Christmas.

Items available: jackets, hoodies, T-shirts and shorts. Keep your eyes peeled for order forms and show off your Team Storm pride!

# Kindergarten in October



The month of October has flown by! The students have started Letter of the Week, focusing on letter sound, letter formation and connecting letters with sounds in words.

In Math we have been working on Patterning, using AB patterns to classify and sort object throughout the class.

During Thanksgiving we focused on what we were thankful for and had some fun turkeying around in Art! Our Turkey in Disguise Project was a real success!

In October we explored the world of a pumpkin. The students explored the life cycle of a pumpkin. Our Pumpkin Investigation was a blast! We made predictions and estimations about the different properties of the pumpkin and then we tested to see if they were right. We weighed, measured, rolled, sorted, floated, and raced! Kindergarten is pumpkin crazy!

Let's not forget Halloween! If you see a kindergarten student in your travels, ask them to share with you their pumpkin poem! You will not be disappointed!

Until next month, so long from our Kinderfamily



Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. H



# The Music Club

The Music Club was buzzing with excitement this month because of a visit from our Music Mentor “Chad Melchert”. You may remember Chad from last year’s visit. He plays the drums for “Gord Bamford” and “Brett Kissel”. Chad just got back from performing on the Canadian Country Music Association’s Award show. (You would have seen him on TV if you watched the awards). He was awarded the Best Drummer of the Year in country music by his peers. The students and staff are extremely proud of our mentor Chad.

He spent the afternoon teaching the drums and showing the students how to read drum tablature, but he also had a surprise for the school. Chad has become particularly fond of the students at SCS because of their enthusiasm and love for music. Because of this he bought and gave a set of drums to the school. It was especially exciting because at the end of the day we had an official unveiling ceremony in the gym and he presented us with the drums. He also talked about how music has brought him all kinds of wonderful experiences in his life, including a recent tour in Afghanistan where usually only soldiers are allowed to go. It was a wonderful afternoon for all.



## Grade 3 News

The time is flying by so unbelievably fast that it seems like the months have literally sprung wings, and once again we find the month of October resting quietly behind us for another year. You will find the grade three class behind the red door in full operational mode, pencils in hand, drafting outlines and creating wonderful stories using the “4 Square Method of Writing”. They are enjoying every chapter in their novel “The Boxcar Children” and wait eagerly for the next reading to find out what the four orphaned children will do next. Each grade three student is working hard every day at learning and applying spelling rules. They are definitely learning that the English language has its share of exception to the rules. In numeracy the students are well into place value, expanded numbers and are sharpening their math wits with many strategies in math fluency. They are wrapping up a unit in rocks and had a great time building volcanoes in the playground and painting their pet rocks. Yes, you will find lots of activity behind the red door. The grade three students have a refreshing thirst for learning and are working very hard at their studies everyday.

Ms. Myrol, Mrs. Cass and the wonderful Grade 3 class

# House Leagues

For the last month the house league activity has been Beach Volleyball for the Grade 3 to 5 students and Volleyball for the Grade 6 to 9 students. There was great participation and fun was had by all! Thank you to our Leadership Council for organizing. The results are as follows:

Grade 3—5 Beach Volleyball: 1st Dust Devils, 2nd Lightning, 3rd Freeze

Grade 6—9 Volleyball: 1st Dust Devils, 2nd Lightning, 3rd Freeze

## Junior High Flag Football

Congratulations to our two teams that attended the GCAA tournament that was held on October 14th in Whitecourt.

Blue Team—Participated in the recreational division and made it to the finals but lost in a close game to Percy Baxter to bring home second place. Well done team!!!!

White Team—Participated in the competitive division, where they battled hard losing in the semi final and placed third.

An impressive effort by all athletes and coaches, you were great representatives of our school!

A huge thank you to Kirk Wildman with his assistant Shawn Lallier for running the practices and attending the GCAA tournament. Without these dedicated volunteers we would not have teams to participate in the tournament, so thank you again!

## Shoe Boxes

Once again Sangudo Community School will be collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes. Pick up will be on November 20th. Please drop off your shoe boxes to the school prior to the 20th. If you wish you can send in single items by November 19th The Leadership Council will have a shoe box building party at noon on November 19th to make boxes with all the items sent in. Please remember to place a cheque or cash donation in an envelope to help cover the \$7 cost of shipping.





# Halloween 2015!!!



# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings change your clocks!!	2	3 VB Practice— Boys only	4 Picture orders due VB—GCAA Finals at St Joes, Boys only Mini Handball Practice	5 VB Practice— Girls only Cookbook orders due	6	7 Volleyball GCAA Finals at St Joes, Girls only
8	9 Mini Handball Practice	10 Hot Lunch Orders Due Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 am	11 NO CLASSES Remembrance Day	12 NO CLASSES	13 NO CLASSES	14
15	16 Mini Handball Practice Parent Council Meeting 5:00	17 Beef on a bun hot lunch Picture Retakes	18 Mini Handball Practice	19 Report Cards	20 Shoe Boxes Due	21 Mini Handball Provincials for Gr 3/4
22	23	24 Flu Immunizations at SCS (tentative) Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 to 7:30	25	26 Hot Dog & Milk Day	27 NO CLASSES	28
29	30					