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Principal's Message

... and visions of sugar plums danced... wait a minute- we are probably two weeks early on that one.

... and visions of Christmas concert with poems and songs and stage design... danced through their heads. That is more the reality at the present time. All our staff and students are busily involved (in one way or another) in preparing for the Christmas concert. Stages, sound equipment and lights are setting up, decorations coloured and hung, musical pieces rehearsed and lines memorized. I am not sure what your child would put on a Christmas wish list but for most of my staff there would be: rest, lack of stress (as always they are striving for excellence) and possibly a set of earplugs for next time (the drum rehearsals can be loud). In short, everyone is having a great time and cannot wait until Concert Day. We cannot wait to see you there and watch your faces as you enjoy your child's, and everyone else's, presentations.

Despite the hectic pace of the season the regular classroom routines continue. Teachers are still instructing and students are still learning. The recent reviews of our schools performance on Provincial PAT exams as well as teacher, student and parent comments on surveys paint a very positive picture of a school that is more than meeting the needs of its community in almost every category. As shown in our School Improvement Plan (now on our website) we have already put actions into place to further improve our school in several different areas. If you have questions or comments about any of these please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school or plan to attend the School Council meetings where all such matters are discussed and the parents given the opportunity to contribute their thoughts and ideas to school generated initiatives.

We're on the Web!
sangudoschool.ca

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Christmas joy warms the heart



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It's starting! We can definitely feel the excitement in the air. The Christmas Season is here and it is teasing us with holiday music-filled TV commercials, coloured lights, and wonderful imaginative scenes filling the store windows. It's all reminding us that it's time to start revving up for the fun. The grade three classroom is no exception. We are busy preparing our song for the Christmas Concert. Beautiful sounds (and sometimes, not so beautiful sounds) of *Silent Night* on the orff instruments filter through the air as we practice. We are also doing challenging Holiday math addition and subtraction sheets on Santa shaped paper; and the room is slowly starting to look very seasonal with the sudden appearance of a little tree and shiny, pretty things. The most exciting part is that "Snowflake", Santa's *Elf on the Shelf* friend is visiting us daily, reporting our activities to Santa personally. So the children are doing their best to make sure they complete all their assignments and stay focused on schoolwork such as our new *Hearing and Sound* science unit, and learning how to outline paragraphs for research writing. It's not difficult to get wrapped up in our new novel, *The Hoboken Chicken Emergency* and even though we are reading every day in Daily Five and DEAR, I continue to encourage parents to make sure your children are reading at home nightly, too. The students had the opportunity to enjoy hot Stone Soup last week after reading the fable, *Stone Soup* and we are looking forward to learning about how different cultures celebrate Christmas in social class. So, as we approach the Holiday Season and 2016, the Grade Three Class wish to extend our warmest and safest wishes to each family in our school. We are working hard in our daily studies, moving toward the end of 2015.

Best Wishes to all!
Grade 3



Christmas Dinner

School Council will once again be preparing a free hot lunch (a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings) for staff and students. This will happen on the last day of school before Christmas break – Friday, December 18th. A note will be coming home soon with more details, including how you can help out. This year's Christmas dinner coordinators are Donna Kerr and Tanya Vanderwell – feel free to contact one of them if you require more information. Thank you!

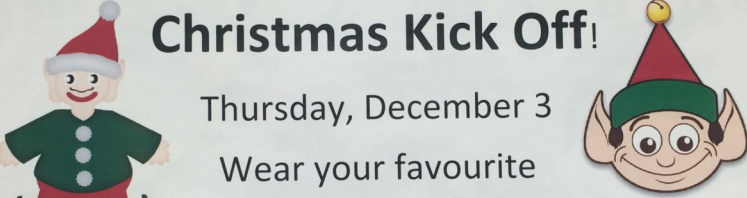
Jolly Jingle Shop

We are happy to announce the Jolly Jingle Shop will take place at school on **Thursday, December 3rd**. This is an opportunity for your child /children to purchase secret Christmas gifts for family and friends in a safe and friendly environment. "Your Dollar Store with More" from Barrhead will be offering items priced from \$1.00 - \$10.00. If your child would like to shop, please send the amount (cash) you would like them to spend. A list of family members they are shopping for, and dollar amount to be spent on each member, would be very helpful.

WE REQUIRE AT LEAST 8 PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT

If you are able to volunteer, or have questions please contact Deanne Harapchuk at 780.305.1016 or Kristine Roth at 780.305.3536

Donations of gift bags or wrapping paper will be gratefully accepted for this event.

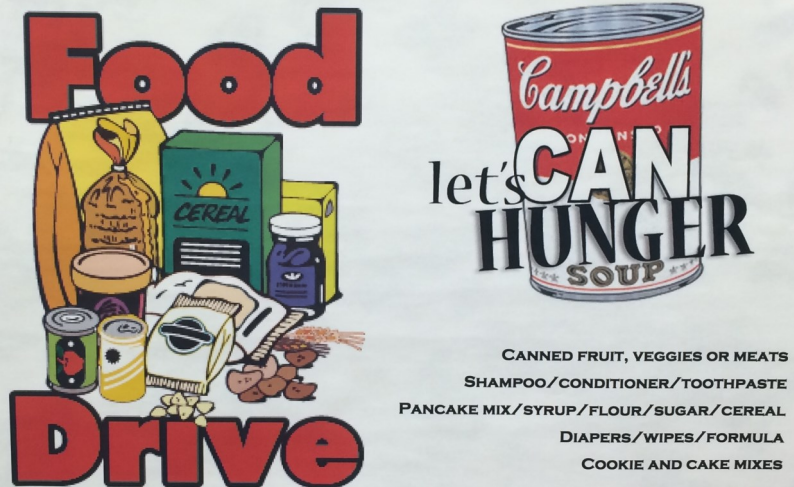


Christmas Kick Off!

Thursday, December 3

Wear your favourite
Christmas hats and sweaters!

Anyone wishing to wear a Non-Christmas Hat
must pay \$1 to the Food Bank
or provide a Food Bank Donation!

Food

let's **CAN**
HUNGER

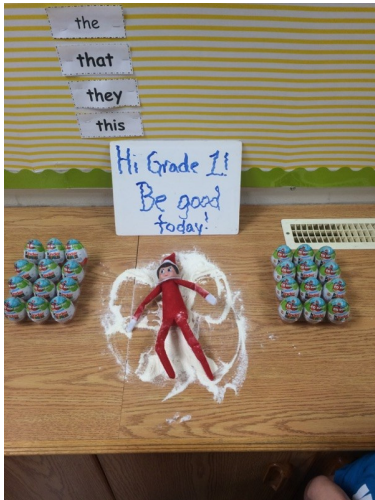
SOUP

CAMPBELL'S

CANNED FRUIT, VEGGIES OR MEATS
SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/TOOTHPASTE
PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP/FLOUR/SUGAR/CEREAL
DIAPERS/WIPES/FORMULA
COOKIE AND CAKE MIXES

Drive

The Grade 1's are very excited that our Elf on the Shelf appeared! We decided to name her Trixie and she brought us each a magical Kinder Surprise from our friend Santa Clause! Each day we are going to journal about the silly ways we find her. We can hardly wait to see all the fun things she does in December!



Co-op Till Tapes

PASS is collecting Co-op till tapes. PASS will receive 1% of the total sales. The collection periods are June 16, 2015 to December 15, 2015 & December 16, 2015 to June 15, 2016. Please bring (send) them into the school or drop them off to Shelly Starman at the ATB in Sangudo by **December 15th**. Reminder that we can now claim Barrhead & Mayerthorpe till tapes.

Proceeds from the till tape program go towards the fruit bowl and breakfasts for the students!

Greetings from Grade 2!

Term two is in full gear. We are learning how to plan stories and write rough drafts from graphic organizers. From there, we edit and fix our work using an editing chart. The final stage is to re-write our stories using our best printing. We also include quality adjectives and strong verbs in our writing!



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

The Music Club

It's that time of the year! Practicing for Remembrance Day is only slightly behind us, and the students are hard at it rehearsing and learning to play instruments and sing for the SCS Christmas Concert. We have students dedicating extra time every day to learn how to sing the songs and play instruments such as the drums, the bass guitars, keyboards, and acoustic guitars. Holiday music and the excitement that goes with it is filling our school once again. We are all inspired by the song *Imagine* from Remembrance Day and are putting in hours to be a part of the Christmas festivities now. We are looking forward to hearing all of the performances that day as the whole school puts together one of the finest nights of the year. We will also be excited to see your shining smiles in the audience as we perform for you. See you December 15.

Library News:



The **Avengers School Wide Reading challenge** is in full force.
Currently the points are as follows:

K - 125

Grade 1 - 243

Grade 2 - 111

Grade 3 - 56

Grade 4/5 - 103

Grade 6/7 - 143

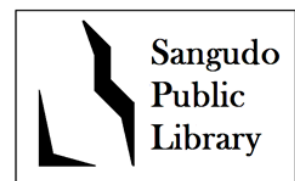
Grade 8/9 - 89

Grade one is still in the lead with 6/7 coming up from the bottom! Keep reading and every minute counts! This will continue after the Christmas break.

Wishing you a **Merry Christmas** and a prosperous **2016** from the Friends of the Sangudo Public Library Society and the staff of the Sangudo Public library.

Christmas closure will be from Dec 23rd until Jan 3rd.

Games night will be on Dec 10th and 17th.



Christmas Concert

December 15th

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Come and enjoy!

Cash donations will be accepted for the Christmas dinner for the students happening on December 18th.

We will also be collecting donations for the Food Bank as well.

Casino

The Parents Association of the Sangudo Storm is looking for volunteers to help with their casino on Sunday, February 14th and Monday (Family Day) February 15th, 2016. A few volunteers have signed up - thank you! But we still need many others to volunteer their time for this opportunity to raise some big money for our students and school. Volunteering at a casino is fun and you do not need to have any special skills. Our advisor will be there to lead us through the steps. The completed paperwork needs to go into AGLC very soon, so please let Shelly Starman know if you are available for a shift asap. As well, please feel free to share this information with anyone who is willing to sign up!

Thank you

November in Kindergarten



**Kindergarten and Grade 1 Song
A Wish for Peace**

Remembrance Ceremony

Kindergarten Poem - Little Poppy



Literacy Enrichment Workshop with Cara Landreth

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3 Christmas Kick Off Jolly Jingle Shop	4	5	
6	7	8 Retake picture orders due	9	10 Pizza Day	11	12	
13	14 School Council Meeting 5:00	15 Christmas Concert 1:00 & 7:00	16	17	18 Christmas Dinner	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p><i>Happy Holidays</i> Classes resume January 4, 2016</p> </div>				1 Happy New Year's!! January 2016	2
3	4 Back to classes	5	6	7	8	9	