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Principal's Message

To Do is To Learn

It has long been an accepted fact that most people learn best from actually doing / building something rather than reading or being told about it. This is, of course, the reasoning behind Alberta schools starting up Makerspace / Learning Commons areas where students can investigate topics that interest them in a variety of 'hands on' ways. On Feb. 8th Mr. Moon, Mrs. Wierda and I will be attending an NGPS sponsored workshop that will share ideas on how to best facilitate student use of these areas.

Currently some students are able to use the Makerspace area during their C.T.F. blocks at the end of the day. Lego robotics are a big item along with programs involving picture book story writing, 3D design, sewing and more. In order to have the Makerspace room available to more students I will be starting to open it one or two noon times a week in the near future. Students will be encouraged to look around at what is available and to plan a project they are interested in working on. In some cases this might involve using materials we do not have on hand or the need of expertise not available at the school. With this in mind community members are asked to look around for any materials you might be able to donate (yarn, fabric, sewing needles, crochet hooks, flat sheets of cardboard or Styrofoam,...). More importantly, if you have a talent you could share (sewing, art, crafts, ...) we would like to hear from you. This would most likely be an hour at the end of the day or during lunch time 12:00- 12:50. Please contact the school if you would like to help. As more student projects start up further requests/ details will follow.

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Greetings from grade 2! We are back into the swing of things and well on our way into term 2. Science is very exciting and we have learned a lot about solids, liquids and gases. The antacid experience was a huge hit. We used our 5 senses to discover the wonderful world of gases. For our next unit, we will experiment with hot and cold temperatures.



Spelling—Grade 2 & 3

As educators, we asked ourselves – “How can we instill the love for spelling in our students?” We struggled with the task of having our students memorize weekly word lists as many of our words are “sight words” and are difficult to spell. This often left our students frustrated and us, at a loss... until now...

“In The Spelling Scholar program children analyze and focus on patterns and rules. Students don't depend on memorization of lists. Rather, they **understand** how words are built and **apply** this knowledge in the program assessments and in their daily writing. Lessons focus on one skill or pattern at a time and progress from basic letter-sound relationships to patterns to meaning chunks. Students discover the spelling pattern or rule under the teacher's guidance and analyze and practice with a large number of words that follow the pattern” (Rosanne Cowan).

The grade 2 and 3 classes are now being taught spelling using this innovative spelling program. They are learning and applying strategies for spelling. Students are given the freedom of choosing personal words that they have difficulty with to study from each week. One of the best components is the weekly multi-level word sorts. Our students are thrilled when it comes to “doing” their spelling work, and are very satisfied with their accomplishments. We both believe this program has helped our students grow as spellers and to become better readers!

Mrs. Vanderwolf and Ms. Myrol 😊

Accountability Pillar

By this time families should have received the Accountability Pillar Survey in the mail. As per an earlier letter, these surveys are a very important source of information for us. Please find the time to fill them out.

Over the next two weeks students will be completing their surveys on line. This will be their chance to share thoughts on the school and the education they are receiving.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents are invited to attend the third Parent Teacher Interview of the 2015 / 16 school year. The date will be Feb. 11th from 4:00 until 7:00. This will be followed by report cards on March 18th with another set of interviews on March 22nd. The pre-report interview is a chance to discuss how your child is doing and what, if any, work they might be missing. Please call the school to schedule an appointment 780-785-3431.

Hot Lunches

Upcoming:

February 2—Free Pizza, one slice per student

February 18—Chilli on a bun

March 1—Perogies & Sausage

March 10—Beef Stew & Biscuits

March 23—Spring Rolls & Chicken Fried Rice

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Contact Kristina Vandersteen at 780-265-5545 or bus10683@yahoo.ca for more information.

Co-op Till Tapes

Hand in your Co-op till tapes to the school or Shelly Starman at the ATB. Every little bit helps support our breakfast program!

Starting The Second Half Of The School Year With Healthy Choices & Healthy Relationships



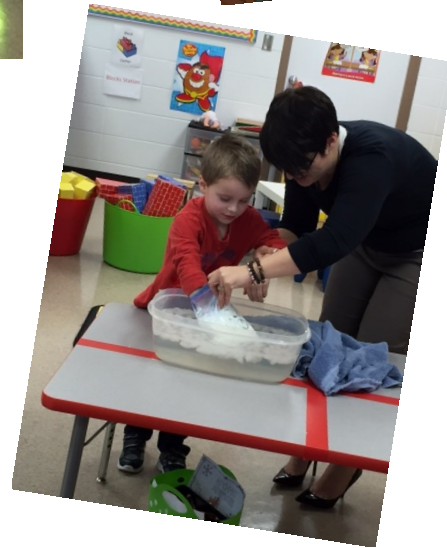
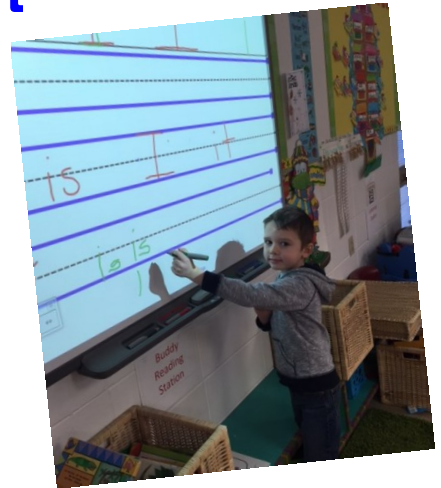
No MATTER
how long the
winter,
SPRING
is sure
to FOLLOW.

Starting the second half of the school year after the Christmas Break can be both exhausting and inspiring! You can help your child have a good start to the second half of the year by implementing some of these healthy tips and ideas!

- Remember to take your child for healthy check-ups (medical, dental, vision and hearing)
- Talk about their experiences from their school day at the dinner table! Healthy food and healthy conversation at the dinner table can teach your child healthy relationships, and show your child that you are interested in their day!
- Be positive! When you show your child a positive attitude, they are more likely to think the same way too!
- Find out the best way to stay in touch with the teachers and support staff!
- Attend school meetings, learning celebrations, and school to see how things are going at the school

**PASS
MEETING
MONDAY
FEBRUARY 8TH
5 PM
SEE YOU THERE**

January in Kindergarten



January has flown by! The students are working hard with Letter of the Week focusing on letter sound, letter formation and connecting letters with sounds in words. In the last month we focused more on our Sight Words and having a great time writing, making sentences and finding them in stories. The Kinders are working hard on rhyming and syllable work as well. Way to go kids!!

In Math we have been working on Numbers 1-10 and all the different ways to represent them!

Pajama Day in Kindergarten was a great event; complete with stuffies and hot chocolate!

In January we explored the world of the arctic. The students learned about many arctic animals and how they survive in the north. Our Blubber Investigation was a blast! We made predictions, graphed our findings and learned a lot about the arctic.

Until next month, so long from our Kinderfamily,

Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. H

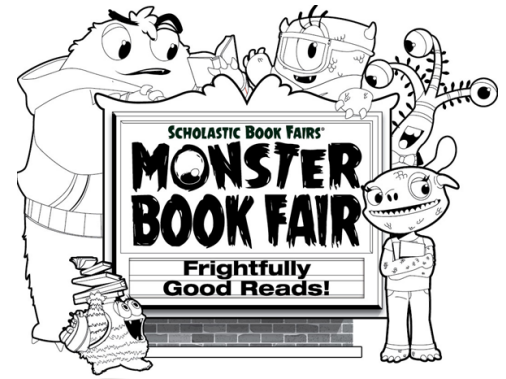
Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

The Scholastic Bookfair will run on Tuesday, February 23, Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 9:30am – 4:00pm. We will need parent volunteers to help with the book fair. Please contact Marica at the library to let her know when you are available during those days to assist.

To kick off our Scholastic Book Fair, we will have a **monster dress –up day** on the 23rd of February. Think about the Cookie Monster from Sesame Street or the Muppets and Monsters University monsters. No gory monsters please.

The best costume will win a \$25.00 for their home-library and \$25 for their classroom-library. So get those creative juices flowing!

Bring on the Monsters!!!



The Sangudo Community School Avengers Reading Challenge

The Challenge was very successful and congratulations to the Grade 6/7 class for winning the first challenge. Grade 8/9 came in second place with the Grade 1 in third place.

Our next Challenge is underway. Each class got to pick their own mascot.

To go over the rules again:

You now need to put the **date on the back of your bookmark** when you have completed it or when you are putting it in the box.

Grade K-2 read 15mins for one point

Grade 3-5 read 30mins for one point

Grade 6-9 read 60mins for one point

What kind of reading can be counted? All free reading minutes. Reading that is not from a text book. If your caregiver/parent reads to you, that can be counted. If you listen to an audio book, that can be counted. DEAR time can be counted. Reading in Library class can be counted.

Who can sign your minutes? Your teacher or parent/caregiver.

There is lots of opportunity to read and earn minutes.

Keep on reading and counting! Maybe your class will be the next winners of an AWESOME, Chocolate Sundae party!!

News from the School Library

A story found in the Sangudo Community School writing book, written by an anonymous writer.

Enjoy!

The Dog Who Had Her Day

There once was a dog, whose name was Meka. She won a lot of "Cutest dog" awards, but one day that all changed!

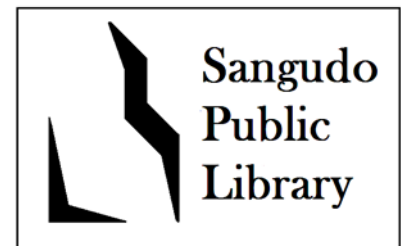
She was getting ready for a Cute contest. She was brushing her coat. When suddenly they heard a big, BIG BANG! Meka's ears perked up. Sharon, also known as the owner of Meka, ran out the door to the back yard. She did not see anything but just then she heard the front door close. SLAM!!!

And when she came back, Meka was gone, then she heard a car and she saw the car drive away. But it was too late. The poor sheltie puppy was gone.

News from your Public Library

Minecraft

There will be NO MINECRAFT on Tuesday, February 23rd because of the book fair, but will be running all the other Tuesdays at 4pm.



Games night

Games night on Thursday evenings is still running for the month of February. Come join us for night of fun and games!

Pre-school Story time

Is a free drop-in program for kids 0-5yrs. Come join us for a story, snack, crafts and songs. Friday mornings at 10:30am

Drawing 101

Also, be sure to register for the Drawing 101 class offered on March 3 and 10th, by Marika. \$20.00 per class. We will be looking at quality of line, positive and negative space and value. Register by calling 780 717 1202 or 780 785 3431.



Grade 3 - Behind the Red Door

The grade three class will be writing the articles about our class for the school newsletter. This is their chance to publish their writing and share what we are doing behind the Red Door. They are very excited about having the opportunity and welcome it with open arms.

In math class we are learning what the compliments are for 10. They are numbers that add up to 10, like $7+3$. Mental math is a new for us. We are using a program called Math Tutor. It has a lot of compliment videos. The whole grade 3 class knows how to subtract multi-digit numbers from 100, 1,000, 100,000 and up using mental math. We have learned a good strategy to do this. We can also add 3 rows of two digit numbers using mental math. The grade 3 class has started multiplication. We know the 0, 1 and 10x table now.

In science we are learning about hearing and sound. Hearing happens in a part of your eardrum. I like science. We are also learning about decibels and how sound is measured. We are going on a site called, "How Loud is too Loud?" Vibration happens when air particles bump into each other and that makes sound. Vibrations are related to sound by the way they move the air particles and bump into each other to make sound. We are going to do our new unit soon called "Building". It is going to be fun to do the building unit. We will be building shoebox guitars and Leprechaun Houses.

Heritage means how your history made you who you are today. Culture is how your country celebrates events and holidays in different ways. Your history didn't make you who you are today alone. Your ancestors helped. They did lots of things to help along the way to pass on your culture, so respect your ancestors. In grade 3 we are also learning about the four countries of India, Peru, Tunisia and Ukraine. We will be learning about Canadian Culture and Global Citizenship soon.

By Tara Mutton, Amy Erickson and Grace Craft

This is a picture of the Agricultural Safety Presentation. The grade 1 to 6 classes got to go.



The administration and staff at Sangudo Community School are excited to announce that we can provide you and your student with access via the internet to their attendance and grades. To access this information you will need to follow these steps:

1. Open the internet browser on your computer.
2. Type <http://ps.ngps.ca/> into the address bar.
3. Click create account. Complete all fields including creating your own unique username and password. It is advisable that you keep your username and password secure and not share it with anyone else.
4. In the Link to Students Account field, type your Access ID and Access Password for each of your children exactly as they are printed below (both are case sensitive). You will receive a separate letter for each child. You and your student have separate accounts.
5. View the information.
6. Remember to log off when you are finished.

Either you or your student may track attendance and progress from any location that has internet access. If you do not have internet access, the public library has computers open to access your child's records. Please keep your passwords confidential so only you can access the information. Your account will remain available for as long as your child is enrolled in Northern Gateway Public Schools. The Grades and Attendance tab will allow you to check assignments and scores (if applicable) by clicking on the blue grade across from a class. You can click the blue number under Absences to see the details of the dates your child has missed. To email the teacher a question or concern, please click the blue teacher's name link. The Grades History tab will show you the grades your child received in previous grading periods. The Teacher Comments tab is used to access current teacher comments for your student and the School Bulletin tab has current announcements for our school. If you have any questions regarding the use of PowerSchool please contact the school office at 780-785-3431.

Arrival Time

All parents are reminded that the school doors do not open until 8:35 am. For their own safety town students who walk to school or parents who are driving their child should not plan to arrive before this time. We do not have supervisors available earlier than this. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

February

2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 Free pizza hot lunch one slice per student	3	4 Teachers' Convention No Classes	5 Teachers' Convention No Classes	6	
7	8 School Council Meeting 5:00 pm	9	10	11 PTI 4:00-7:00	12	13	
14 Valentine's Day 	15 FAMILY DAY No Classes	16 100 Day Celebration	17	18 Chili Hot Lunch	19	20	
21	22	23 Anti-Bullying	24	25 Jr High Bullying Presentation at MHS 1:00	26	27	
28	29						