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Principal's Message

School Improvement Plan 15-16

As many of you are aware each year the principal, staff and parents of a school produce a School Improvement Plan. This is the guiding document that sets the direction for some of the staff Professional Development Sessions, plays a role in some budgeting decisions and, of course, addresses the overall community need to see our school improve with each passing year. As such the document must be shared and worked on over the year and sometimes adjustments need to be made. With the year well advanced I thought this would be a good time to share the advances we have made on the outcomes we set this year. **The entire "School Improvement Plan" can be found on the school website.*

1. Desired Outcome One: **Excellence in Writing**

The ability to write **well** is a skill that will be of great value throughout a person's life. Writing skills must therefore be a major focus of education. In support of this outcome our teachers have been working through a program called "Teaching Writing Structure and Style" on our PD days. I am very happy to say that I have routinely seen these strategies being employed in our classrooms during my walkthroughs and that writing is a regular part of the day at every grade level.

2. Desired Outcome Two: **Enhanced use of and access to : makerspace, learning commons... resources**

Sangudo Community School has an incredibly well equipped Makerspace room which is being added to on a regular basis. In addition to the hour long block at the end of the day I am now opening the room to students several noon times a week. Earlier this month some of our older students worked with the grade two class to familiarize them with the room and to teach them a little bit about making jewellery, building and programming robots, creating your own story book, and more. We used this teaching learning session to demonstrate the room and its' resources to the School Board Trustees during their annual tour. The older students enjoyed demonstrating some of the resources to the trustees and even tried getting them involved in the learning. Continued on page 2....

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3. Desired Outcome Three: ***Continued opportunity to develop musical and theatrical interests and appreciation***

Our music program continues to grow with many active participants. In addition to the many students who focus on singing we have students playing piano, drums, guitar and bass. Thanks to the Stan Jeffreys Bursary we now have a brand new set of ukuleles which Ms. Myrol and Mrs. Vanderwolf are extremely happy with. The grade two class gave them a test run and were delighted.

4. Desired Outcome Four: ***a specific project sponsored by School Council focused around wellness (nutrition, active living and positive mental health)***

With these factors playing such a major role in the health, well being and even the performance of our students, this outcome has taken on a life and sense of importance all of its' own. Some of the action items planned or carried out include:

- Two of our teachers, along with our trustee, attended the Shaping the Future Conference in Kananaskis this year. The teachers will be sharing information with the rest of the staff during this week's PD session,
- two others chose to attend a workshop on Power 2B Me (the new Jr. High Health curriculum) during teacher conference,
- a Yoga Instructor will attend this week's PD session to share ideas for classroom "yoga breaks" to help students reduce anxiety, regulate energy levels and improve focus and concentration, followed by a visit where she will work with individual classes
- Jr. High will be attending Empowered Me Workshops on building positive self esteem as well as attending two anti--bullying presentations at Mayerthorpe High.

Funding for most of the related expenses has come through grants secured through the efforts of our School Council members.



Winter Walk 2016

Check the website for more pictures!



Greetings from Grade 2!

Well our school year is half over, and we had a blast celebrating the 100th day with classroom activities. With a partner, we had to write 100 numbers in expanded notation. Everybody had to bring in a collection of 100 items in which to share with the class. Check out the pics of all the different things we brought in! Mrs. V.'s 100 Beanie Babies were also a big hit!



Cool Camp 2016

Information Meeting For
Grade 8 Parents

March 16, 2016, 7:00 pm

Mayerthorpe High School Library

What a Fun Filled Month February was in Kindergarten:

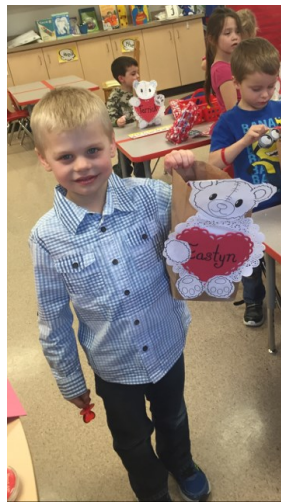
Valentine's Day Party

Winter Walk

Swimming Field Trip to the Allan and Jean Millar Center. Thank you to ALL parents that volunteered their time to make this trip a huge success!! It was greatly appreciated!!! **Special thanks goes to PASS for donating the fees for bussing and swimming!**

100 Day Celebration with our House League Teams - Read 100 Books, made puzzles, crafted hats, and much more! We had a blast working together as a team!

Monster Day was a hit! Great participation, and fun was had by all!



Mini Handball Jamboree

Once again Grade 3-6 students have been invited to attend the Jamboree in Mayerthorpe on April 9th. It is a great way for students to meet other students from across NGPS and enjoy a day of sport, sportsmanship and friendship building activities. Deadline for registering is March 3. Please make sure the paperwork and money is in to the office by this date. There are no after school practices as it will be reviewed in gym class and at lunch hour closer to the event.

Indoor Soccer

With the great success of last season we have decided to continue with the program once again. The Grade 3-5 program will run on Mondays and the K to Grade 2 Program will run on Wednesdays. End time is 5:00 pm and it is important that your child is picked up on time. As well ensure that your child's bus driver is aware of this commitment. A list will be provided to the office of those registered, but please help streamline the process by notifying the bus driver as well, and if changes are necessary ensure up to date arrangements are made via note to the office and driver as well. Mrs. Moon is excited to welcome back the leadership students as well as Miss Kingdon and Mrs. Erickson as Program Coordinators. Wind up will be May 9th and 11th respectively for each group and practices start Monday, February 29 and March 2.

Jr High Badminton

Jr High tryouts are starting next week and practices will run Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you wish to join the team and can only attend one practice day, please discuss with Mrs. Moon and arrangements can be made. Mr. Moon and Mr. Tavaroli are making strong practice plans and training schedule to bring home the banner this year for Team Storm! Get ready to work hard and have fun! Practice ends between 5:00 - 5:15 depending on whether games are still in progress or not. Those finished playing will be allowed to leave at 5. Please ensure your child has a ride available by 5:15.

100 Day Celebration

On February 16 in the afternoon all students took part in a 100 Day Activity Challenge. Activities strengthened math, science, and art skills and allowed the Jr High Leadership Team the chance to bolster their leadership skills by helping coordinate and complete the challenges. Check out the bulletin board displays of all the fun activities completed in the main hallway.

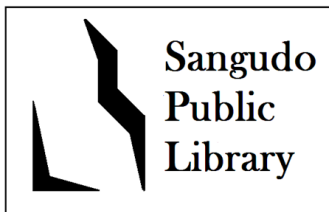


School wide reading challenge

The Grade 3 class, Picka-chu is in the lead with the Grade 2s, T-rex and Grade 4/5 class Dobby short on their tales!

Scholastic Bookfair

A big THANK YOU to all of you who supported the Scholastic Bookfair in all shapes, sizes and monsters. The scholastic book fair generates funds to update the school library collection. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help. All your efforts were appreciated.



Wishing you all a Happy Easter! Our library will be closed for the Easter break from March 24 to April 1st inclusive.



Programs running:

MinecraftEDU:

MinecraftEDU runs on Tuesday afternoons after school. There are four stations. So please contact the library to add your name to a gaming session. NEW! The MinecraftEDU program now also has LEGO Minecraft for more Minecraft fun! Now you can play with the LEGO while you wait for your gaming session.



Photography Workshop By Picture us There photography.

On April 7th at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Contact Marika at 780 717 1202 to register for this workshop. We can do an Advanced DSLR or a Beginners DSLR, so please let us know what you are interested in.



Preschool Story Time

On April 8th Preschool Story will be running at 11am on Friday Mornings. This is a free drop in program for all preschoolers, their siblings and parents. Come join us for a time of crafts, story and snack. English as Second Language families are welcome to attend.



Behind the Red Door—Grade 3




Wow! The second month in 2016 has been a fun-filled, fantabulous, fully functional, fearless February! It's been an "all in" month to say the least. The grade three class has gone swimming; taken part in a school-wide bullying awareness afternoon; celebrated 100 Days of School; had a Valentine's Party and dressed up for "Monster Dress Up Day". On top of all that, we are well on our way to learning the multiplication and division tables in math. In social studies, we have been studying world culture through our own heritages and we have been busy building bridges and "leprechaun sized" leprechaun houses out of recycled materials for science. Literacy has brought us super projects such as writing letters and persuading those around us that our newly elected Prime Minister Trudeau should not ban video games (purely fictional of course). Overall, it's hard to believe that we have passed the 100 Day milestone for this year and we are now definitely feeling spring snap at our heels. So, once again, we will be keeping a close watch on what happens in March. The children behind the red door will soon find out if the old saying is true for 2016, "In like a lion, out like a lamb". . . or rather - what magical, amazing, moments the next month's minute machine will "March" in our direction.

Happy Spring Sangudo Community School!



March

2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Perogies & Sausage Hot Lunch Badminton Tryouts Jr High 3:45 to 5:15	2 K to 2 Soccer 3:45 –5:00	3 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip Gr 4-9	4 NO CLASSES PD Day	5
6	7 Gr 3-5 Soccer 3:45-5:00	8 Jr High Bullying Prevention at MHS 10:00 Badminton Tryouts Jr High 3:45 to 5:15	9 K to 2 Soccer 3:45 –5:00	10 Badminton Tryouts Jr High 3:45 to 5:15	11	12
13	14 Gr 3-5 Soccer 3:45-5:00	15 Beef Stew Hot Lunch Badminton Jr High Practice 3:45 to 5:15	16 Kinders start 3 days a week Field trip for K to Gr 3 K to 2 Soccer 3:45 –5:00 Cool Camp Mtg at MHS 7:00 pm	17 Badminton Jr High Practice 3:45 to 5:15 	18 Report Cards	19
20	21 School Council Meeting 5:00pm Gr 3-5 Soccer 3:45-5:00	22 PTI 4:00 to 7:00 Badminton Jr High Practice 3:45 to 5:15	23 Music Mentors K to 2 Soccer 3:45 –5:00	24	25 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Easter Break</div>	26
27	28	29	30	<div style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <p><i>Life</i> is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving. — Albert Einstein</p>  </div>		
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