

CANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

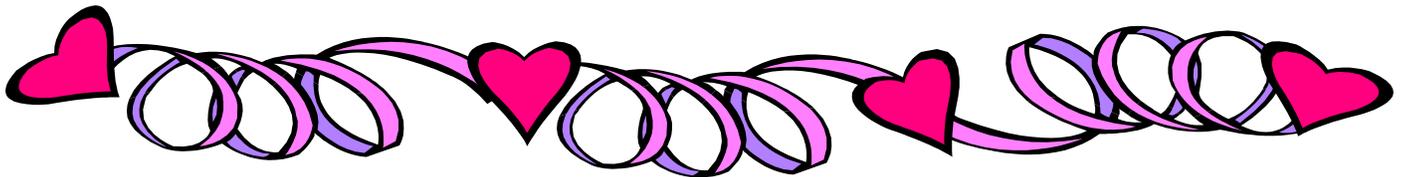
We have made it to the midpoint of the school year. In a year like no other, one constant is just how fast the school year is flying by. I love this time of year as this is the time I really notice the days getting longer. I am very grateful for the warm weather we have had up until just recently. The recent cold snap is doubly frustrating shutting down busses and making in person school a challenge. Following the period of remote learning, it can feel like we just cannot catch a break to get students in the building. However, I am an optimistic person; with the days getting longer, I feel we are turning a corner. With continued adherence to our COVID protocols and a little help from Mother Nature I am looking forward to a second semester with minimal disruptions.

This is the time of the year talk of graduation turns to full on planning. Our grad committee will be meeting with this year's graduating class to start putting pen to paper. It is impossible to know what COVID restrictions will be, come June, so the initial planning will be focusing on what we know is allowed.

You can support our focus on reading, by reading and talking with your children. Having your young child read aloud to you helps lock in the words and sounds into your child's mind. This 'mapping' of words and sounds helps build fluency. Talking with older children about the meaning and nuances of what they are reading aids in building deeper understandings of what they are reading.

Thank you for your continued support this year whether it is coaching your child to wear their masks properly and wash their hands regularly or supporting your child during remote learning. Your hard work and commitment to your child's education is very much appreciated. I regularly include a safety message in the morning announcements, so I will finish with one here. There is only one bad time to check what is in your *emergency winter roadside kit* and that is when you are stuck in the ditch just out of cell service. During a break down is not the time to remember you borrowed the blanket for a camping trip and ate the emergency snacks last month when you had a craving for chocolate. Stay safe out there, and as always let's be kind to each other.

-Best Regards, Mr. Brian Linn & Mr. Richard Schwehr



UPCOMING EVENTS

Report Cards - Grade 9 to Grade 12 report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, February 5.

February Break - Monday, February 15 to Friday, February 19. The school will be closed.



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2021 SCC NATURAL PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The Canwood SCC is in the early planning stages of our Natural Playground Project. Our hope is to get this playground built with the help of the residents of the Village of Canwood. The idea is to keep costs to a minimum. Grant funding will be applied to cover some of the necessary costs involved in ensuring this playground meets all SRPSD safety standards.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Required Items: boulders, logs, stumps, large fence posts (teepee structure) and woodchips.

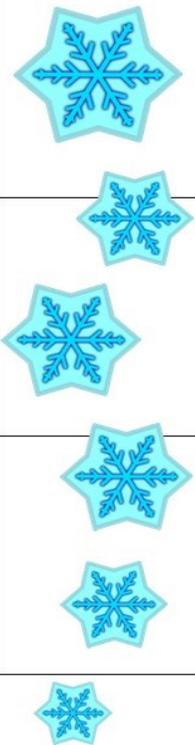
Since the pandemic, our elementary grades have been segregated for their safety in the school yard, meaning not all students have access to the existing playground equipment. This natural playground will greatly expand the playing space for students during the pandemic and for years to come.

The SCC welcomes all donations and design ideas to make this a safe and fun playground for our K-6 students.

If you have any questions please contact the SCC Chair Heather Sten at 306-468-4005.



February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Mrs. Kaley Spigott, Social Worker, will be at Canwood School on February 2, 9 & 23</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p>	<p>Family Day No Classes</p>	<p>FEBRUARY BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED</p>			<p>Grade 9-12 Report Cards</p>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	PreK	K	PreK	K	No PreK	
28	PreK	K	PreK	K	No PreK	



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Mr. Brian Linn, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At **Canwood Public School**, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

Our **new, more efficient** student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival** is now working with our new MSS information system. **SafeArrival** reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-309-1241 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system (automated call-out) to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please try to use **SafeArrival** to report absences instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Staff will be using the **SafeArrival** notifications (automated call-out) to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).

Thank you,

Mr. Brian Linn
Principal