



KCS March -April Newsletter



Dates to Remember:



March 8- P/T/S Virtual Conferences 3:45-8:00pm

March 10-K-9 Report Cards

March 17- St Patty's Day P.D.Day No school

March 18- No School

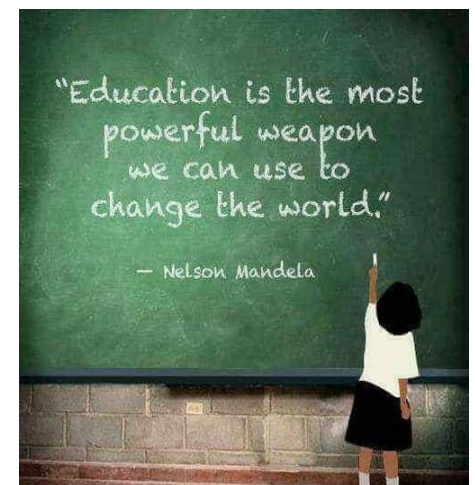
March 20- First Day of Spring

March 28 P.D.Day

April 15- Good Friday

April 18- 22 Easter Break

April 25- Back to school





**Kindergarten
& Grade 1
celebrated
100 days in
school and
Valentines
Day on
February
14th. I believe
100% fun was
had by all!**





Kyle Composite School is so pleased to welcome all the new students starting this new semester, we look forward to getting to know you all!



The staff and students also want to give a 🌟 **BIG THANK YOU** 🌟 to our SCC, for the breakfasts and lunches. Also for keeping the student snack fridge and cupboard stocked💕



Yearbook News

2021 Yearbooks are available for purchase through the office.

Price - \$40, Please call the office if you would like a copy.



Library News

The last 2 months just flew by! Here are some photos of some of the kids working on Valentine's crafts. We had a blast!



Things Upcoming in the next 2 months for the library:

March 2 – Dr. Suess's Birthday – We will have Dr. Suess books out to celebrate this great author.

March 6-12 – Read an eBook Week – We encourage everyone to read a book!

March 14 & 16 – St. Patrick's Day Crafting in the Library. (Pot of gold rainbow, shamrock man and more!)



March 21 – World Poetry Day
We will have some poetry books available in the library.

April 1-30 – D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and READ Month)

April 4 – National School Librarian Day

April 6 & 8 – Easter Crafting in the Library. (Foam painting, making baskets, and more!)

April 22- Earth Day

April 26 & 28 Making Seed Bombs

Amanda Richardson

School Librarian





Mask Friendly School Environment

Effective February 28, 2022 the mask mandate will no longer be in effect. We will be remaining a **mask friendly environment** for any staff/students wishing to continue to wear them.



Hello, Kyle Families

Winter months can be tough on people's mental health when we are forced to stay inside due to the cold temperatures. Here are a few tips to help shake the winter blues:

1. Try to limit the amount of time spent in front of a screen.
2. Eating a healthy food and take your Vitamin D
3. Get regular sleep patterns
4. Stay active even if it's just a few minutes a day, this will help with moods
5. Call a friend just to say hi
6. Get outside even to just let the sun's rays warm your face
7. Read together as a family or play a game together

On top of all the fun that winter brings we are still dealing and living in a pandemic, but Kevin Cameron says it best "This is a mental health wave we must ride for now, but it will settle down! You are not alone"

Just a reminder if your child is struggling make sure you reach out to me at janelle.kapeller@sunwestsd.ca.





BOARD OF EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

The Sun West School Division Board of Education held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at the Sun West Learning Centre in Rosetown. Meeting highlights included:

- The Board received the Graduation Rates report indicating that as of June 2021, 90% or more of Sun West's Grades 10-12 students met their graduation rate goals. The data excluded Sun West Distance Learning Centre Students who were not full-time students. This rate is better than the provincial average, which is 85%.
- The Board received the Student Support Services report that included updates on current staffing assignments for child and youth counsellors, psychologists, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and addictions educators. Among topics discussed were how the Adaptive Dimension used as part of Student Support Services programming fits well with Sun West's Personalized Electronically Blended Learning (PeBL) philosophy and how the COVID-19 pandemic has increased mental health challenges and is resulting in increasing demands on Student Support Services staff.
- An update on activities at the Sun West Distance Learning Centre (DLC) indicated that the DLC has seen a significant increase in enrollment due to COVID-19 and in particular there has been an increase in the number of K-6 students enrolled. The DLC also continues to build very successful partnerships with Saskatchewan Polytechnic in such areas as agriculture and technology. The DLC is considering expanding its offerings in music, sports leadership, financial literacy, and information technology.
- The Board will respond to a letter from the Opposition Education Critic and include the Minister of Advanced Education. The letter will identify areas where students would benefit from increased teacher training in areas such as business education, technology and Practical and Applied Arts.
- In February, March and perhaps into April, Board members will be making presentations to their school's School Community Councils. The purpose of the presentations will be to gather input on potential changes to Sun West's mission statement, vision statement and guiding principles.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 15, 2022. For more information on the Sun West Board of Education:

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They may forget
what you said
but they will
not forget
how you made
them feel.

~Carl Buechner



Athletics Report

Curling

Our winter sports season took us to the curling ice! Our junior curlers include Matt Hughes, Halle Schwaier, and Gunnar Smith. They have been developing their skills throughout the season. Our senior boys curling team is comprised of Avery Hodgins (skip), Brady Davis (third), Brody Ikert (second), Nixon Smith (lead), and Jett Schwaier (lead). They placed 2nd at the West Central District Competition hosted in Kyle on February 4th & 5th. They advanced to regionals will take place on March 4th & 5th in Saskatoon.

The curling team would like to thank Darryl Harbor for pebbling the ice before each practice and thank Craig Van Burskirk, Darryl Harbor, and Dana Evans for serving as ice technicians and officials throughout our district championship.

Badminton

Badminton will begin in the first week of March! Stay tuned for practice times and coach information!

Mrs. Schneider, Athletic Director



KCS School Community Council News

A big *THANK YOU* to the Prairie Centre Credit Union for their generous donation towards our school food program. They sponsored the welcome back breakfast on January 5th, which continued for a few days to catch those who had no bus transportation due to the cold weather that week. The funds keep our Food for Thought fridge full of homemade muffins, fruit, yogurt, and other snacks for our students. The donation is also used to subsidize and top up the lunches students purchase when we hold a hot lunch. Watch for details of our next hot lunches scheduled for March 31st and April 28th.

We appreciate the staff at KCS every day, but it's nice to have a week when we take the time to truly acknowledge them. It takes a team that includes bus drivers, janitor, secretary, educational assistants, teachers, and principal to keep a school operating. February 6 – 12 was staff appreciation week. A special thank you to White Bear Hotel for generously providing lunch for the staff one day that week. And thank you staff for all you do.

Welcome to all our new students and families. The SCC continued the practice of supplying each new student with a water bottle since the water fountains are inaccessible at this time. We are happy to see how many students still are making use of the orange water bottles supplied by the SCC in September 2020. Please make sure students have a bottle or their own cup so we can avoid the use of disposable cups at the refilling station.

The importance of mental health in a person's overall health is now well known, and Sun West School Division has many resources on that topic. We've been asked to highlight two programs. One is Helping Others through Peer Education or H.O.P.E. Learning Centre. They have sessions and courses, free and for a fee, available to anyone. Please see their website <http://www.skhopelearningcentre.ca>

The other highlighted item is through Sun West's Distance Learning Centre. The Managing Our Minds workshop is an online session for parents and students with practical suggestions for relieving stress and practicing gratitude. The workshop includes a keynote session on nutrition and its impact on the brain. The online session is March 24th, 1:30 – 2:45pm. Contact Allison.bokitch@sunwestsd.ca, the SWSD Supervisor of Mental Health, for more information.

Also coming up is the Sun West School Division Annual Public Meeting. It will be held online on March 15, 2022, at 7:00pm. We welcome all community members to tune in to find out the happenings and plans of SWSD.

Please check the school website for the latest SCC minutes. The Kyle SCC has a Facebook page where you can find out about past and upcoming events. If you are on social media, the SWSD also has a presence on Facebook and Twitter you can follow, as well as the KCS Facebook page. Also, don't forget SWSD has a Resource Bank for ideas on many topics. The collections include Family Literacy, Family Fun and Parent Resources. An abundance of ideas and tips to check out!

Deb Peterson SCC Chairperson



