



COUGAR NEWS



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Clavet School

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Respect, Integrity, Perseverance, Happiness

Quite a few years ago, we did some work as a school community to come up with four school values for Clavet: Respect, Integrity, Perseverance, and Happiness. This past month we have asked our staff to revisit the concept of respect with their classes. This is primarily in response to some incidents of vandalism within the school – especially those incidents that defaced our new high school washrooms. It appears this may have been in response to a recent TikTok challenge which encourages students to vandalize or steal something from their school, and then post it. This is an alarming new trend on social media. The trend started in a very positive way in 2014 with the ice bucket challenge for ALS, but it has taken a very dangerous turn. Most have heard of the blackout challenge that allegedly led to the death of a Saskatoon youth, but there are many other dangerous social media trends in circulation.

We will never know all of the trends as they happen, but we are asking you to take this opportunity to have conversations with your children about respect and integrity. At the school, we talk about respect for self, others, and property. The topic also allows for conversations about integrity. Taking pride in one's actions is a key component of integrity and extends to one's actions as a bystander to events that do not represent the values of the community. One of the examples of graffiti was particularly alarming by the way that it demeaned and objectified females. Please take this opportunity to talk to your children about their responsibility as members of the collective Clavet community to uphold the values that we would like to see in our community.

The value of perseverance was highlighted in many of the interview conversations that took place recently. Thank you to all the parents who reached out to the teachers to support the learning plans of their children. Our hope is that you were able to hear both positive messages about learning behaviours that we have witnessed so far, and make plans for how the students can continue to improve and challenge their learning over the next term. If you missed the opportunity to connect with a teacher, please reach out by email to ask any questions that you may have.

We had several conversations about including the value of happiness in our school's original core list of values. With the recent emphasis on mental health and wellbeing, happiness would appear to be a natural focus of our work. We have a school committee that is connected to the division work that supports the provincial emphasis on mental health and wellbeing. We recognize that the pandemic has placed a lot of stresses on families and individuals, and we appreciate the work of all of these people to address these needs.

Thank you for having ongoing conversations with your children to support the values that we still feel are an important part of the work we are doing as a school.

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM

If your child will be away from school for a period of 5 days or longer, an Extended Period of Absence Form must be filled out. Teachers will fill out the form with homework, exams, and assignments that will be missed. The form is then signed by a parent and returned to the office.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



We are not able to have a formal Remembrance Day ceremony this year but will hand out poppies and collect monies for the Legion.

WINTER RECESS GUIDELINES

Clavet School has established the following temperatures as a guideline for winter recess time. We would like all students to be dressed properly (winter jacket, ski-pants, toque, mitts, boots etc.) as we try to go outside as much as possible. Many students ask to go outside even when temperatures dip low. The temperatures (including the windchill) are based on Environment Canada's temperature of Saskatoon.

- -26 °C and warmer – everyone outside
- -27 °C to -39°C – All students dress up and run to shack and back or be a part of Polar Bear Club
- Polar Bear Club - only those dressed properly will have the option to stay outside with teacher supervision
- - 40 °C and colder – everyone is to be indoors



Sleds: need to be soft foam and they usually have a thin layer of plastic on the bottom. No hard plastic will be allowed for student safety.

Summative Assessments

Please note that although the last two dates of each quarter have been reserved as summative assessment dates on the division calendar, our grade 10 students will continue to have their regularly scheduled classes. Summative assessments for the grade 10 students will take place during their class times. There will be no cancelled classes to study for grade 10 exams.

Grade 11 and 12 morning classes will have their final assessments administered on the morning of Tuesday, November 9th during their regular class time. Students requiring additional time may have the break to complete their exams. These students will then proceed to their period 3 semestered classes. Period 3 teachers will avoid assessments and homework for these days, but will continue with normal instruction. Students will then attend their afternoon classes for a final opportunity for review/instruction before their Wednesday exam.

On Wednesday, November 10th, students may attend their morning classes as a location to study for their afternoon exam, or they may study from home. Students should be aware that their afternoon teachers will not be available to help them with study during that morning time. Attendance will not be taken during this period. Students will attend their period 3 semestered classes as usual. Teachers will avoid assessments and homework for these days, but will continue with normal instruction. Following period 3, students will have their lunch break to prepare for their afternoon assessment.

Students will have their final assessments administered during their afternoon scheduled class time. If teachers would like to provide additional time for students to complete their final assessments, they may begin their final assessments at 12:50. Students must be able to complete their final assessments prior to the bus departure time.

Clavet School Twitter Account: @ClavetSchool

SLC Instagram Page: clavetcompositeslc

DATES TO NOTE

NOV. 5	PREPARATION TIME – NO CLASSES
NOV. 8	K-YELLOW & RETAKES PICTURES
NOV. 9&10	SUMMATIVE EVIDENCE COLLECTION - GR.10-12
NOV. 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY - NO CLASSES
NOV. 12	SCHOOL HOLIDAY – NO CLASSES
NOV.15	QUARTER 2 BEGINS
NOV. 17	GRADE 10 - 12 REPORT CARDS
NOV.22-DEC.3	VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR
DEC. 1	K - GRADE 9 REPORT CARDS

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Clavet Village office has COVID test kits available to pick up during office hours.

We are now accepting applications for **SUBSTITUTE CARETAKING help**. In order to maintain our school building to the highest possible standard, we require substitute caretaking help in our school. If you are interested in working on a casual basis, please contact Brian Matisz, Principal at 306-933-1022 as soon as possible for more information. Students, parents and community members are welcome to apply!!



SPARE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Spare Bus Drivers are needed in your school community.

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community

For more information about this flexible opportunity, please contact the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496 or go to spiritsd.ca/careers

PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION



VIRTUAL READING CONTEST

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR GLAVET SCHOOL'S
VIRTUAL BOOK READING COMPETITION FOR K TO GRADE 6!**

When: November 1 to November 30, 2021

What: Virtual Reading: record yourself reading a book (K to Gr. 3), or talking about a book and reading and excerpt (Gr. 4 to 6)

Upload your video to your child's Google Classroom for the teacher to share virtually with the class

Who: Parents, grandparents, relatives; one entry per family

Prizes: Each K to Gr. 6 class that has at least 10 families enter will win \$200 to go towards the purchase of books for their classroom library

Bonus: Earn an extra \$20 for your class library for each submission past 10

Pizza: One pizza party for the K to Gr. 3 class with the most submissions and one pizza party for the Gr. 4 to 6 class with the most submissions

Please see the examples from last year posted on the SGG webpage under the [Virtual Book Reading tab](#).
Need help uploading to Google Classroom or have questions, please contact yolandabeuchert@zohomail.com
Thank you for your time and participation.



Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place on **Monday November 22nd to Friday December 3rd**.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166277>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Also follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up-to-date on all Book Fair information

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Happy reading!