



COUGAR NEWS



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Clavet School

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Construction Update

Last month I spoke about some of the vandalism that we were experiencing in our new high school bathrooms. I'm disappointed to have to report that we have now experienced a number of

incidents of graffiti in our new elementary washrooms. If you didn't have the opportunity to speak to your elementary children about respect for property, please use this opportunity to start that conversation.

Now that our construction project has completed a couple of the smaller pieces of the project – the new elementary classroom, the new bathrooms upstairs, and the elementary washroom restructuring – they are preparing to move onto a couple of the bigger parts of the project – the link to the new middle years classrooms and the upgrades to the main entrance/office area. As a result, the two ends of our school are cut off from one another.

Elementary students wanting to access the library need to exit the south elementary doors and enter through the new office entrance directly into the library. Elementary students accessing the small gym need to exit from their boot room and walk around the school to the north entrance directly into the gym. High school students accessing the gym will change in the new gym and walk around outside to get to the direct entrance to the small gym.

In order to accommodate these changes, we have adjusted our elementary gym schedule to one-hour time slots every other day. This provides enough time for changing in and out of outdoor clothing and for traveling outside.

We recognize the challenge of accommodating these construction barriers, but we are looking forward to the upgrades that the project will bring to the school for many years to come. One of the ways that we are planning to recognize the conclusion of the construction project is a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Clavet School. We are tentatively planning for a reunion celebration on the Thanksgiving Day weekend of 2022. If you are interested in helping to plan the event, please contact me at brian.matisz@spiritsd.ca. Feel free to pass this information onto other Clavet grads whom you feel would be interested in helping with the event.



CONTACT INFORMATION



Please remember to keep your family contact information up to date especially as we are heading into the winter weather season. It's extremely important to keep this information updated in the case of an emergency. Parents of students' grades 7-12 can update through PowerSchool anytime. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

REMINDERS FOR ALL BUSSED STUDENTS - (both in-town and rural)



- Students must be at their bus stop by the pre-determined pick up time. At each bus stop, bus drivers will wait for **two minutes** before continuing on their routes. Drivers cannot wait any longer without disrupting other pick up times along their routes.
- At the end of the day, the bus will leave the school **five minutes** after the bell. Students need to make their way directly to the bus.

Thank you to parents and students for their cooperation!

REMINDER - REPORT CARDS FOR GRADES 7-12

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of students and parents who have been accessing progress information online using PowerSchool. We have also noticed a significant decrease in the number of students who are collecting their report cards. After a discussion with our School Community Council, we have decided to print only the final report card of the year. Parents and students will still be able to access marks and comments through PowerSchool on a continuous basis throughout the year and teachers will continue to input comments for the advertised reporting periods. If you have any questions about how to access PowerSchool, please contact Mrs. Cameron in office.

COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES



Clavet has established the following temperatures as a guideline for winter recess times. We would like all students to be **dressed properly** (**jackets, ski- pants, toque, mitts, scarves, boots**) as we go outside as much as possible. Many students ask to go outside even when temperatures dip low. For this reason we have established the Polar Bear Club. Please note, the temperatures are based on Environment Canada for Saskatoon.

- 26 C, combined temperature/wind-chill
 - Outside recess
- 27 C to -39 C, combined temperature/wind-chill
 - All students dress up and run to shack and back
 - Polar Bear Club

❖ **Polar Bear Club – only those dressed properly will have the option to stay outside with teacher supervision.**



SCC - Parent Virtual Reading Contest

Thank you to the SCC for coming up with this brilliant idea to continue to engage our parents in the reading program at the school. The school received a phone call from the provincial government recognizing this innovative project as an exemplar for continuing the learning in the COVID environment in which we are all operating. Thank you also to the parents who participated by taking a bit of a risk and submitting a video of themselves either reading a book or giving a book talk about a favourite book of theirs for the teacher to share with their class. We will be announcing the winning classrooms on Wednesday Dec 8th to the individual classrooms and the SCC will be sending out this information using their regular means of communication. We wanted to make sure to share our appreciation of the efforts that a number of people have put into this project. Even though the contest has concluded, please feel free to continue to engage with your children's learning by submitting videos to your child's homeroom teacher.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Due to the current provincial restrictions on large gatherings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Clavet Composite School is unable to host our traditional Pre K - Grade 6 Christmas Concert. But to keep with the holiday spirit, plans are in place to pivot to have each Pre K - Grade 6 Homeroom Class prepare and pre-record a video and then share it only with their own individual homeroom classrooms via Google Classroom.

DATES TO NOTE

DEC. 7	GRADE 10-12 INTERVIEWS
DEC. 14	VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DEC. 17	LAST DAY OF CLASSES
DEC. 20-JAN. 3	CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO CLASSES
JAN. 4	CLASSES RESUME



Thank you to everyone who supported our school and bought books at our Online Book Fair!!

Your library earned \$198.62 of free books.

Also, a huge congratulations to Sully I. for winning the Virtual Book Fair Bookface Contest!!

Well done to all those who entered!



"This Moose Belongs to Me" by Oliver Jeffers.

Sully is in Mrs. Fitzsimmons yellow Kindergarten class. He says "it's about a boy and a moose. The old lady thought the moose was her pet. And then a different old man thought it was his pet. but it was nobody's pet - it was just wild!"

Submitted by Sully I.



"Frosty the Snowman"

Karen made a snowman with her friends, Hocus Pocus put a hat on the snowman and the snowman came to life! That snowman's name is Frosty.

Submitted by Aubrie J.
Grade 2M



"Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook" by Barbara Park

Junie leaves her new mittens by a tree and when she comes back, they are gone. She then finds a fancy pen and decides if someone took her mittens, then she could take the pen.

Submitted by Paige J.
Grade 4R



"Stuck in the Mud" by Jane Clarke and Garry Parsons

It is a good book because the hen thinks the chick is stuck in the mud, but the chick is not really stuck he is just playing. So the moral of the story is to think before do.

Submitted by Samatha W.
Grade 4R

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 or Amy Sawyer, Operations Assistant at 306-683-2918, as soon as possible for more information. **Students**, parents and community members are welcome to apply.



Spare Bus Drivers needed in your community

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Follows the school calendar

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



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This December - give the gift of learning:

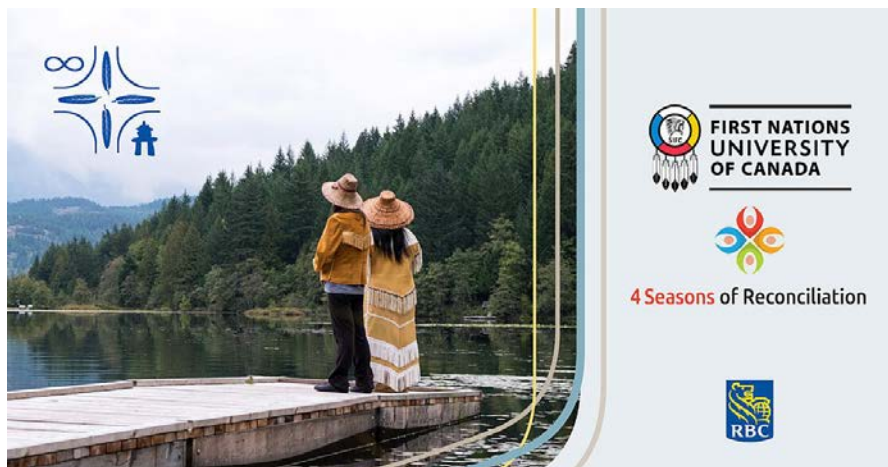
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your family, friends and colleagues.**

Free seats in our online truth and reconciliation course from Reconciliation Education and First Nations University of Canada are available now until December 31st.

Share '4 Seasons of Reconciliation':

forward this email or share this [link](#)



Invitation to Learn: 4 Seasons of Reconciliation

RBC is honoured to partner with **First Nations University of Canada** and **Reconciliation Education** to welcome and invite you to learn from the various Indigenous contributors involved in the creation of 4 Seasons of Reconciliation. This self-paced online program offers 10 modules on truth and reconciliation, which is available to all Canadians. Upon completion of the online course, you will be awarded a "Certificate of Completion" issued by First Nations University of Canada. These resources are the result of many years of work and much careful thought – *ayâkwâmsiwîn* (In Cree).

RBC extends its gratitude to the Kêhtê-ayak Elders (Elder Council) and to all the contributors.

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