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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are in the last week of January and that our school year is half over. The recent warmer weather was a welcome change from the cold conditions that we had earlier this month.

We are pleased to welcome Felix Fandoh back to our staff. Felix has been hired as our French Immersion educational assistant. We were fortunate to have him on our staff last year as part of the Odyssey program. His training and experience are a great asset to our program and his support of our students is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank our families for their diligence in utilizing the updating Daily Checklist from the Alberta Government. We are very appreciative of all the phone calls that we have been receiving from families advising us of students that need to be isolated because they have symptoms, they have been a close contact of a positive case or that the student themselves have tested positive. Your assistance in keeping our school community safe and healthy is greatly appreciated. We have recently received the rapid testing kits and masks for our students and they went home with students on Monday. Each student received a two week supply of masks and one box of rapid tests. The supply of masks will allow for students to use two masks a day and the rapid test kit contains five tests. AHS is recommending that the tests are used on students when they have symptoms or can be used every 72 hours if students are asymptomatic.

As indicated in our recent letter home we have had to move two of our classes to remote learning this week. We will continue to monitor the situation with absences and positive cases of our students in the coming weeks and advise our families if changes in our normal routines become necessary.

With cold weather likely to return in the near future, we would like to remind everyone that there is no outdoor supervision in the mornings for our students and that our outside doors do not open until 8:15. Students that are dropped off early, or are walking to school, are asked to meet in their designated areas and to not mingle with students that are outside their class cohorts. Students should be entering the building from their designated entrances unless they are arriving after 8:30. We have several classes that use the main entrance to enter the building in the morning and we need to ensure that we are not congesting this area for the safety of these students. Although we are expecting warm weather over the next few days, we want to ensure that we do not have students waiting outside for long periods of time when the weather changes.

Students and staff are excited for our annual Literacy Week activities happening this week. Plans are underway for our annual Carnival which will take place from February 22nd to 25th. Although some of these activities will be different than we usually participate in, we are looking forward to these very important events taking place this year.

Last Tuesday we held our regular School Council meeting. It was great to meet with our parents and we were very fortunate to have our two board trustees, Patrick McFeely and Doug Algar join us. Patrick and Doug are committed to joining us regularly through the year to help them keep informed on the great things that are happening at our school. During this meeting we discussed that the Alberta Government has made \$500 available to our council as part of the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant. Some examples of how this money could be spent is to host parent workshops or sessions on a variety of topics such as mental health and wellbeing, cyber bullying and healthy living or to offer programs that can support multicultural and Indigenous families. If you have ideas or suggestions on programming for parents that you would like to take place, please forward your ideas to our Parent Council at siftoncouncil@gmail.com. We are still looking for a parent to fill the role of Chairperson for the remainder of the school year. If you are interested in helping support the council in this way, please contact us at the office or contact the school council at the email address provided. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our current Chairperson Janice Niven for her dedication and work as a longtime member of the council. We will miss you!

We have had a few families advise us that they missed watching the Winter Concert video when it was posted during the last week of school in December and over the winter holidays. We will repost this video from January 24th to Feb. 4th to give parents an opportunity to see this production. It will be taken off the website after that time.

A reminder that there are no report cards for our students in January. The next report cards and interviews will take place in April. Parents are encouraged to use the parent portal to check on their son/daughter's progress in PowerSchool throughout the year. Another reminder that Monday, January 31st is Semester Break and all schools in BRSD are closed on that day.

Thank you to all of our families for their continued support as we navigate changes due to COVID and our winter weather conditions. Take care everyone.

Library News

Thank You to Parent Council for helping us to renew our Tumblebooks Subscription. In the last 12 months students and staff accessed over 2,757 books!

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of **e-books** for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading!

There are **over 250** animated, talking picture books! The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, quizzes, and exciting games and puzzles! You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone! All you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads: books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

If your child doesn't remember the school username and password please contact the classroom teacher.

www.tumblebookslibrary.com



Reminder that all students need a clean pair of INDOOR shoes for school. This assists with keeping our halls and rooms clean.



Important Dates

Jan 27 - Dress As Your Favourite Literacy Character

Jan 31 - No School, semester break

Feb 3 - Early Dismissal at 2:15

Feb 17 & 18 - No School, Teacher's Convention

Feb 21 - No School, Family Day

Mar 3 - Early Dismissal at 2:15

Mar 28-Apr 1 No School for Spring Break

Kindergarten /Maternelle Friday's

January 28—Monday/Wednesday Class

February 4—Monday/Wednesday Class

February 11—Tuesday/Thursday Class

February 25—Monday/Wednesday Class

March 4—Tuesday/Thursday Class



**Don't forget your
drink bottle**

Please Remember to send a water bottle to school with your child every day. The drinking fountains are still closed but the water bottle filling stations are open!

One More Winner from November! Sorry we missed your photo last month



Respect
Ownership
Achievement
Responsibility

ROAR Winners from December



We are the Camrose Softball Association, home of the Camrose Crossfire Softball teams! We have age groups from U7 to U19, playing games and practicing in Camrose, as well as travelling to other communities for games or tournaments in our older age divisions

Registration for 2022 is now open so please visit our website to register or to find more information!



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Discovery Kids

Youth Art Classes

Ages 7-12

Tuesday Nights

5pm-7pm

Online or in-person through the Chuck Maclean Art Centre

- Week 1: Intro to Oil Pastels (Jan 25)
- Week 2: Intro to Acrylic Painting (Feb 1)
- Week 3: Intro to the Self Portrait (Feb 8)
- Week 4: Intro to Creating Rooms (Feb 15)
- Week 5: Intro to Art "Borrowing" (Feb 22)

For full descriptions of each class, to meet the Instructor, or register, please visit www.camrose.ca/programs, call 780.672.9949, or email us at recreation@camrose.ca

Please note this program may be canceled due to changes to public health orders.

Discovery Kids

With Jayda

Teen Art Classes

Ages 13-16

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5pm-7pm


Week 1: Intro to Oil Pastels (Jan 24 & 26)

Week 2: Intro to Oil Painting (Jan 31 & Feb 2)

Week 3: Intro to the Self Portrait (Feb 7 & 9)

Week 4: Intro to Interiors (Feb 14 & 16)

Week 5: Intro to Art Appropriation (Feb 21 & 23)

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