



Welcome to
Fox Creek School
December 2017



Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

It is amazing that it is already the week before Christmas at Fox Creek School and the past four months have been wonderful. Since my arrival in September I have spent a great deal of time getting to know your children better and I am proud of each and every one of them; what wonderful young people they are! Last week, parents, grandparents, friends and I were treated to magnificent Christmas performances by the Elementary Classes. As always, I was amazed by the confidence of the children and their wonderful skills in terms of acting, singing, and narrating, they were absolutely amazing and a credit to you! (I must say a big thank you to all the staff involved in organizing these events; along with the teaching of reading, singing, writing, backdrop creation, and set change to their list of accomplishments!) The Jr. /Sr. High dance is another great holiday event. It is always great to see how mature and respectful our students are at all these public events. Thank you to the parents and staff who supervised the dance. Without your support we could not host these activities. The ugly sweater day hosted by the Student Union was another December event where students and staff went all out with their creations. Although I know the Christmas break is often a very busy time of year for many families, it would be fantastic if you could hear your children read and encourage / help them to do a bit of writing or number work. Thank you for all your support with this, it really does make a difference to the children. A reminder to Jr./Sr. Students & Parents, the Final Exam schedule is included in this newsletter. Please be sure to check when diplomas are being written since these dates are set by Alberta Education and cannot be adjusted. In the New Year please keep an eye out for an Accountability Survey that will be sent home for parents to complete. These surveys are a critical means by which we can collect data on how to improve and maintain the programs we offer at Fox Creek School. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to each of you, the welcome you have given me and my family since we moved to Fox Creek in August has been very much appreciated. I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. My very Best Wishes to you and your families.

Email List:

If you would like to be added to our email list and receive an electronic version of our newsletter, please contact Mrs. Carmichael at the office or amber.carmichael@ngps.ca



Dates to
mark your
calendar

December 22
Last day of
classes

January 8
School resumes

January 11
English 30
Diploma Exam

January 12
Social 30
Diploma Exam

January 31
No School
PD Day

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NEWS FROM ELEMENTARY

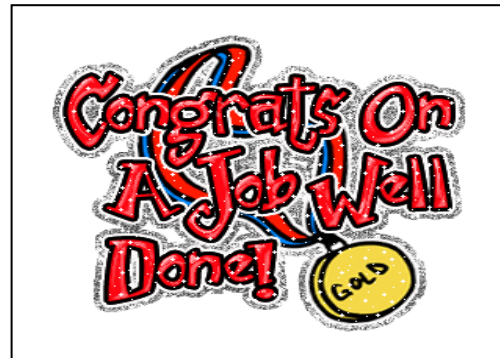
The following students received Virtue of "Compassion" certificates for the month of October:



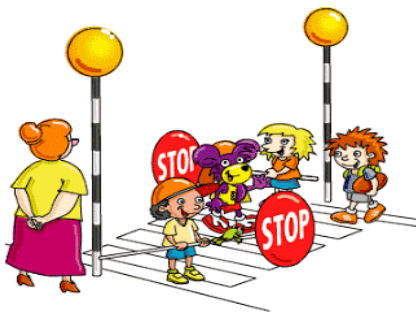
K Lauren Randall
 1D Brooke Bibaud
 1L Marliena King
 2G Makayla McCarthy
 3O Canaan Ewert
 3S Nimrah Ali
 4W Jeremy Bergen
 5C Nicole Molina
 6S Kodee Shepherd

The following students received Virtue of "Perseverance" certificates for the month of November:

1D Kean McKay-Dion
 1L Eva Scobey
 2G Summer Erickson
 3O Grayer Malcolm
 3S Chaz Boden
 4W Savannah Decaire
 5C Skylar Chalifoux
 6S Phillip Fournier-Jack



PATROLLER OF THE MONTH



The recipients of the Patroller of the Month awards for September, October, and November are:



September- Emily Chwok
October – Jade Scobey
November- Taryn Matheson

Great job to all of you!

SLEDDING



During the winter months sledding is permitted on the hill. Being a safe and caring school, if the hill gets too icy, it may be closed. School administration and staff will make this determination. We do have some expectations for our students when sledding.

Students must be wearing proper winter wear including snow pants, mitts/gloves and head wear. Students may bring their own sleds but they must be soft. No hard plastic or wooden sleds are permitted on the hill.

Please note, inside recess is called when the temperature, with wind chill, falls below -20 degrees Celsius. School administration makes the call.

PHONE CALLS

Just a reminder: instructional time with your son or daughter is very valuable. We request that when you make a phone call to the office to speak to your son or daughter you do so during lunch or at the breaks. If you have a message for your child, we request that it be given to the person answering the phone. Messages will be given to students during the breaks or at lunch hour. Our teachers are busy with instruction during the classroom periods and we try to keep the disruption during their lessons to a minimum. There is a phone which students can use to call you at the breaks or lunch as well. Thank you for your co-operation as we try to utilize our instructional time to the fullest.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Hopefully many have been able to take in the recent updates to our awards plaques at the main entrance of the school. Fox Creek School is proud to show off the achievements of our students, both past and present. Special thanks to

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Repsol for sponsorship, to Angie Cadrain and staff from Freelance signs for the hard work and creative help, and Jeff Surtherland from Northern Gateway maintenance staff for the elbow grease. Keep your eyes open for updates to our graduates wall.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Borrowing free digital and audio books.

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, at Fox Creek School are now able to borrow digital books through Overdrive for students. Using their school computer login and password, they may access e-books and audio books on their computer or other device. They can move from one device to another just by logging in and their spot in the book will have been saved. Your school children have been given a bookmark with the web address but here it is for you: **Apssdc.lib.overdrive.com**

From the menu, select Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10 and login using the same login and password used in school to log on to the computers. You may then browse your favorite e-books and audio books. Once you find one, click on “read in your Browser.” If the book is already being borrowed by someone else you can place a hold on it and you will be able to borrow it later. You may even get an email saying it’s ready for you. A limit of 3 items can be borrowed at one time.

January is Family literacy month and we will have our Basket of Books Reading Contest once we are back from Christmas break. Read a book and enter the title and your name to win one of five baskets for preschoolers, Grade 1-2, Grade 4-6, Grade 7-12 and Adults. The baskets will be filled with books and other goodies to help you celebrate your win. E-books and audio books count.

The library will be closed over Christmas break and will reopen on January 8th when school starts again. Have a safe and happy Christmas. Relax and take time to read. See you in 2018!!

UNIVERSITY TOURS

Grades 11 and 12 students are encouraged to participate in a trip to Edmonton to tour both the University of Alberta and NAIT. The date of the trip is January 31, 2018 (PD day) and leaving quite early in the morning. Cost is \$10 per student; affordable due to the generous sponsorship from First Student Canada and Chinook Air.

Grade 22 and 12 students are also able to sign up for another trip to Edmonton to tour Grant MacEwan University and another post-secondary institution. (Possibly Concordia University). The date for this trip is February 16, 2018 with an early departure gain. Cost



is \$10 per student; sponsorship generously donated from 3 Boys Tank/Vac Trucks. Permission slips will be distributed shortly after the Christmas break for both trips.



Christmas Concert 2017



Stay tuned for a survey coming soon.....

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As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grade 4,7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education
- In February, students in grades 4,7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE CRC:

Snowflake Day is January 20th, 2018 10am-3pm

**More information on this great event will be posted in the New Year!
Watch Facebook and the Town website for updates.
FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



TWEEN NIGHT

All children in grades 2 – 6 are welcome to drop in
For some fun and games.

January 26th
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
School gym

All tweens are asked to bring a clean pair of indoor shoes.
(There will be no access to classrooms/hallways.)