



Welcome to Fox Creek School January 2020



Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

I would like to extend a warm welcome back and Happy New Year to all families. May this year bring you, and your family great joy, peace and harmony, good health, and prosperity. We thank you for your caring support and partnership in working together with your children.

The New Year is a wonderful time for families to discuss their own family values and how to make a difference in the lives of others. Discussion will set the tone for effective communication throughout the New Year. Families are encouraged to seize the opportunity to celebrate personal achievements and set individual and family goals.

As always, January was a busy at Fox Creek School! As semester 1 comes to an end our high school students have completed final exams to wrap up their learning for semester 1.

On January 31, K - 12 students have a semester break day off. Staff will be engaged in professional learning and preparations for the second half of the school year.

On February 3, students will begin the second half of the school year. Semester II timetables are finalized. High School Students will have until February 11 to make any changes to their second semester timetable.

February will be a busy month with K-6 Hot Dog Day on Feb. 5. Order forms and money are to be turned into the office by February 3. February 6 and 7 will be days off for students so Teachers can attend their Annual Teachers' Convention in Edmonton. The last week of February we will be hosting Trickster Theatre. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to experience a week of Theatre in Residence K to 6. Look forward to more information coming out about this amazing opportunity. Our 7 to 12 students will be on their Annual Ski Trip to Jasper on February 23 and 24. We are pleased that this opportunity is full and we have 40 students who will enjoy two days on the slopes.

Email List:

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



Dates to mark your calendar

Feb. 6 & 7
Teacher
Convention
No School

Feb.17
Family Day

Feb. 23 & 24
Grade 7-12
Ski Trip

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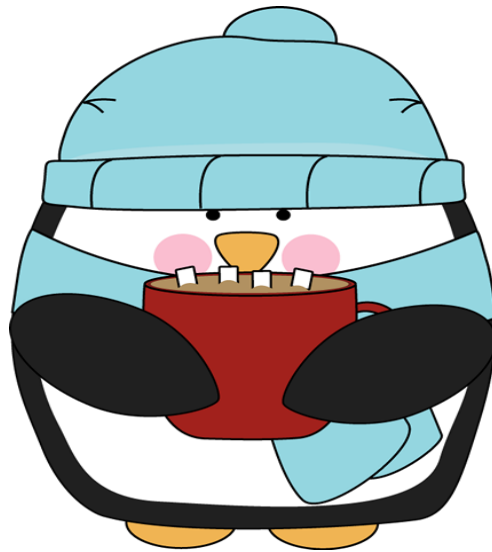
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Just a reminder you can access your child's performance at any time using your PowerSchool Login. If you do not know how to access this program, please contact the school and we can get you set up with a login.

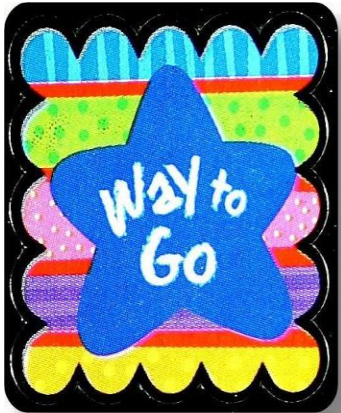
We continue to enjoy working with you, and your children. We invite you to schedule an appointment any time to meet with your child's teachers, or myself, to discuss your child's needs and/or educational program for the remainder of this year and or planning for their next academic 2020-2021 year.

Ian Baxter - Principal Fox Creek School



NEWS FROM ELEMENTARY

The following students received virtue of “**Fairness**” for the month of January:



K. AM- Parker Donovan
K. PM- Eris Henry
1L- Evangeline Rousselle
½L- Lexine Evangelista
2G- Madelyn Ashmore
3S- Cowen Palmer
4W- Kaylin Desserre
5C- Brooklynn Taylor
5O- Reid Clair
6S- Keegen Erickson

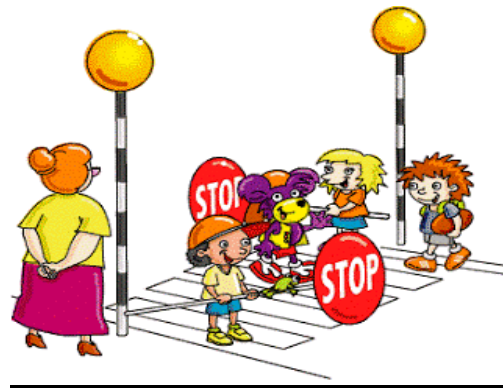
Scholastic Book Winners for January are:



K. AM- Emersyn Dolgos
K. PM- Eris Henry
1- Wyatt Burnett-Wiltse
½- Jaxon MacIntyre
½- Cael Carmichael
2G- Eliza Cutknife
3S- Iris Ammar
4W- Davin O'Malley
5C- Annie Gallinger
5O- Chaz Boden
6S- Briley Coughlin

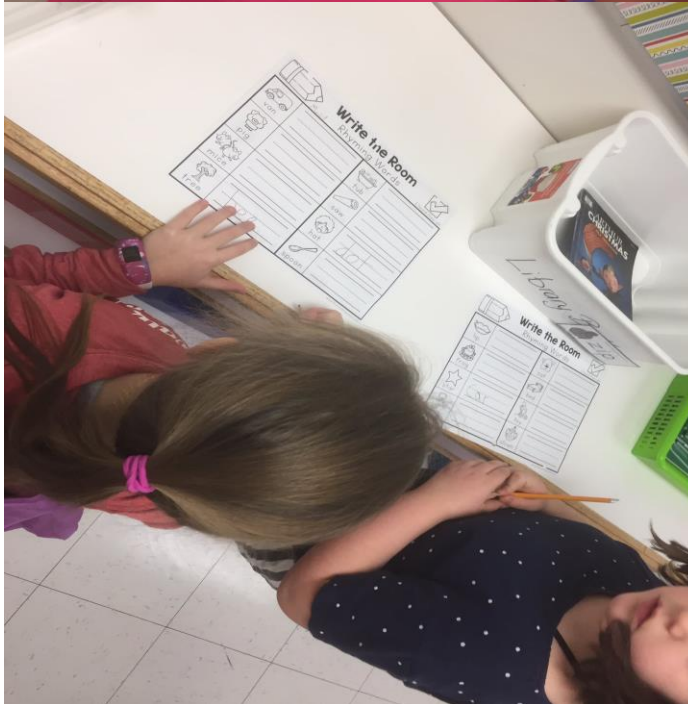
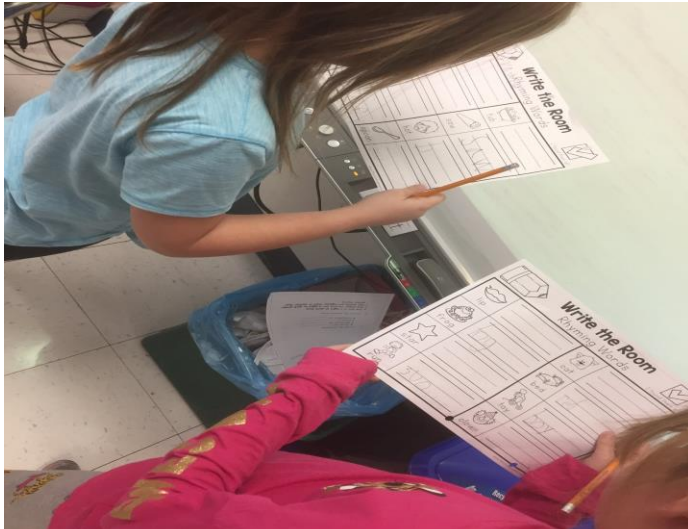
Good job to all of you!!

Virtue of the Month Students



Patroller of the Month of January: Kaleigh Fournier Jack

Miss Langdale's Grade 1 class was very engaged with their "Write the Rhyming Word activity". She even had a couple of students who wanted to do it over recess! If that isn't engagement, I don't know what is.



Miss Landgale's Grade 1 class and Miss Slocum's Grade 3 class paired up for some fun in the music room!!





Ms. White's Grade 4 class participated in ERA's (Electronic Recycling Association) Poster Contest to promote the use of electronic waste and the negative impact it has on our environment. Each student was asked to draw a poster and create their best waste reduction ideas and to incorporate ERA's mission of reducing unnecessary electronic waste. One student from Ms. White's class was awarded the prize of a refurbished laptop and this year's winner was Khayzen De Guzman.

The Electronic Recycling Association (ERA) is a non-profit organization that has been reducing unnecessary electronic waste since 2004. We reduce adverse environmental contribution through electronic recycling, re-purposing and through the donation of electronics and other IT Equipment. With a number of drop off locations around Canada based primarily out of Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Saskatoon, Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg, and an electronic pickup service, the ERA provides a meaningful way for organizations and individuals to deal with their old computer equipment in a safe and secure manner that matches or exceeds government standards.

Grade six class building hovercrafts for the Air and Aerodynamics unit in science.





Parents of students in Grades 4,7, and 10 will have an Accountability Pillar survey mailed to them. Please fill out the form by mail or online. We appreciate your cooperation in this.



Your Voice Matters.

Alberta Education needs your opinion to help ensure every child is prepared for success.

The Accountability Pillar Survey gives your school, your school authority and your provincial government important information about the quality of education your child is receiving. Results are used to find out what's working and identify areas for improvement.

Accountability is a key element in the success of the education system. I believe that assessing the progress of schools helps us ensure the best possible outcomes for every child.

Completing the survey enables you to help shape the future of education throughout the province. We are committed to working with you and many other stakeholders to educate the next generation of Albertans.

Thank you for helping us strengthen the education system.

Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education



Dear Parents:

As a result of the cuts to funding for the education sector of the province, we as a school have made the following changes to how we are doing some of our business:

1. In order to cut costs on our phone bill, we have decided to reduce the number of lines coming into the school. We now only have one phone line coming in. We apologize if you can't get through on the first try. You can either phone back later or leave a message. Mrs. Hailes' voicemail extension is 202. As she is here all day the message will be retrieved in a timely manner. If you are trying to contact the school at 8:45 A.M. no one will answer the phone as we are playing O'Canada at that time. A reminder that we will not transfer calls to a teacher's classroom while classes are in session.
2. As the cost of postage is going up in the new year we will be sending most of our correspondence to parents by e-mail (if we have your e-mail address). Some information will still be going by Canada Post, but most will be coming by e-mail.

If you have any question about these changes, please feel free to contact Mr. Baxter at the school 780-622-3742

EXAM BANK

Practice tests for all grade levels are available on this site.

1. Log onto alberta.exambank.com
2. On the left hand side choose a grade level
3. Choose which exam you want to write and click on the start exam button
4. username: foxcreek
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Dear Parent & Guardians,

With the school year now entering the second term, it's more important than ever that our students be in class **every day** ready to learn. Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly as we work to increase our attendance rate by 5% from the previous school year.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health challenges or other circumstances but, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!!

Clearly going to school regularly matters!

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ian.baxter@ngps.ca or 780-622-9290 **Get to school, you can make it**



March 20, 2020 trip to MacEwan University and Nait for grades 10 - 12 students. Forms will come out at end of February.

thank
you!

A huge Thank-you to school council parents, families and school staff who took their personal time to help prepare the materials for our new literacy resources

A big **Thank You** to Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc. for the \$2000 donation that will be used for the Student Leadership hot dog machine and for the Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Teaching Kits to add to our resource library to focus on literacy skills. The continued support of our corporate community members is greatly appreciated and extends the supplies, programming, and opportunities that our school can provide.



March 25 & 26

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EMPATHY IN GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY

January 2020

A simple glance at the news headlines shows a world that is scary, angry and negative. Scrolling through social media, there are similar messages. Reading all of this leaves me feeling bitter and pessimistic. I wonder how my kids feel, with fewer life experiences, they have a more innocent perspectives and are naive global topics. In times like this, I want to build a wall around my home to keep the pain away, keep my children safely tucked under my wing like a mother hen protecting her chicks. While we can't stop the presence of anger, hatred and judgment on the news, in music, on television, social media, even in our communities, we can make a conscious decision to limit the time and energy we give to it. In turn, we can decide to spread kindness and lift each other up instead.

Pink Shirt Day is a movement celebrated across the globe to spread kindness and symbolize intolerance to bullying. At Northern Gateway Public Schools, we work to create an environment of tolerance, kindness and acceptance all year, and we set aside February 27, 2020 to wear **PINK**.

Kind (adjective) 1. *A good or benevolent nature or disposition; 2. Indulgent, considerate or helpful; humane.*

Empathy (noun) 1. *The psychological identification with or vicarious experiencing of the feelings, thoughts, or attitudes of another.*

Like many attributes, *kindness* and *empathy* are traits first learned at home. How to ensure you are teaching kindness? If a child is treated as though they are kind and empathetic, they will live up to those expectations...and the opposite is also true.

- Let your children catch you being considerate to those around you, such as the elderly neighbor, the server at the restaurant, the secretary at school, the custodian at the mall.
- Be respectful to your child, look at them when they are speaking to you. Listen to what they are saying and answer graciously.
- Point out attributes in others that represent kindness and empathy such as a welcoming smile, a contagious laugh and a thoughtful act.
- Demonstrate to your child how to give back to others through actions like donating outgrown toys or clothes, visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home, or bringing a meal to a family going through a difficult time.



"It is not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It is our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless." ~ L.R. Knost

We are not helpless amidst the negative news around us. We **can** make a difference in our homes, schools and communities. How? By **being** the change: focus on the good, look for the helpers, be the heroes, recognize the beauty and gentleness, model humanity.

Each time you open your arms, pick your battles, breathe through the meltdowns, spot the silver lining, carry the weight though it feels too heavy to be carried: You are being the change - You are making a difference.

Leave your child with a kind word before they go to school and ask them to look for the beauty today. After school, ask them what they saw that was beautiful, what made them laugh, and how they made someone smile. Start and end each day with words of gratitude.

Not every day is a good day, but there is always something good in every day. Seek it out like a treasure in the sand.

I recently read this phrase that resonated with me (author unknown):

As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery store lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at a passerby.

WHY?

Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less.

And Remember to Wear Pink on February 27!

This article was submitted by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School's Student Support Facilitator. She advocates for students and parents, providing a link to other supports within the community. Tammy has been a social worker for over 20 years and is a mother of 4 teenagers



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Call 780-622-3758 to Register

**March 31
5:30-7:00 PM
CRC Offices**

Bring the family for pizza dinner, child mind available after supper while parents take part in learning. Enter your name in the draw for door prizes

Register by March 25th




FAMILY DAY

February 17, 2020 | FCG Multiplex

Family PJ Skate 2:00-3:00

Activities 2:00-5:00

- Craft
- Escape Rooms
- Fieldhouse Activities
- Board Games
- Science Experiments

Fox Creek Community Hall

Dinner 5:00-6:30

Dance 6:00-8:00

Please pick up tickets for the dinner and dance portion at the CRC before Feb. 14 at 1:00
No tickets will be available after Feb. 14

 **EVERYONE WELCOME!** 

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BOTTLE DRIVE

Saturday, February 29th @9am

Fox Creek Grad Class is doing another bottle drive. Door to door or text 780-622-9157 to have your address listed ahead of time!

Thank you all for the support

For more info text 780-622-9157 or email sarah.norman@ngps.ca

BOTTLE DRIVE GRAD CLASS OF 2020

Saturday May 2, 2020 at 9am

WE WILL BE GOING DOOR TO DOOR
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