



Welcome back **Mrs. Peterson!** Thank you **Mrs. Nelson** for sharing your dedication to kids while Mrs. Peterson was away.

Did the power outage catch you off guard the other day? Life certainly throws some little challenges our way every now and then and the manner in which we handle them speaks to the character of those involved. I was away from school on Tuesday at a professional development event with several other principals from around the school division. Any time I am away from the building I feel confident and assured that life at KCS is in good hands and the day of the power outage confirmed my trust in our staff and students. I am very proud of the way everything was handled by all staff here at KCS. **Ms. Rhonda Pilgrim** is our **Acting Principal** and was at the helm for the day. She and I had one phone conversation and a couple of text connections throughout the day to be sure all was fine and, in fact, it was. The seasoned and professional team we have at KCS is a blessing and they managed the day competently. I am very proud of our students as well for their response to the situation. They accepted that this was not in our control and put the distraction aside to continue their learning throughout the day. This is a comment to our families and community who have done a fine job raising children who can manage these little challenges. It certainly helps to prepare them for those that will be more significant down the road. *I feel honoured to be a part of it all here at KCS.*

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers of the figure skating executive who had to make a difficult decision to cancel skating. Had skating not been cancelled we would have been left with a chaotic and potentially dangerous situation for kids at the end of the day trying to manage at the last minute. These sort of decisions do not always sit well with everyone and I would like to affirm my appreciation of the figure skating executive who understand the bigger picture and made a decision that was in the best interest of all.

December has arrived on the calendar at pretty much the same time as it does each year ;-) and the busy pace at school continues as we move toward the giving season. Preparation is underway for our annual celebrations including the Christmas concert, our community dinner and the Christmas activity day.

Before we get to the Christmas information I would like to mention a couple of items that have taken place recently that are intended to reinforce the goals associated with our **School Learning Improvement Plan (LIP)**. First of all we had some visitors from the **Saskatchewan Festival of Words** join us as a support for our student writing goal. **Author, Penny Draper**, shared with our grade 3-6 students a bit of her enthusiasm for writing which had a visible effect on many of our engaged students. Penny grasped students' attention and challenged them to dig into their creative skills when they are completing a writing task. *Ask your kids what they learned from Penny and how they plan to make use of it in the writing.*

Secondly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the folks from **South West Terminal** and the **Swift Current Broncos** for hanging out with our students here at KCS yesterday morning. Our K-4 students had opportunity to meet and receive autographs from Broncos **Ethan O'Rourke, Joel Hofer, Alec Zawatsky, and Garrett Sambrook**. Afterward our grade 5-12 student had the opportunity to play a little floor hockey with and against the visiting Broncos. All in all it was a great morning that contributed to our student well-being goal of improving our sense of *belonging, positive relationships, and feeling safe attending school*. If you happen to see **Brody Loverin** and **Jeff Dash** at SWT please be sure to ask them about their goalie skills. These gentlemen certainly contributed to the fun and enthusiasm the Broncos brought to students here at KCS.

All the best to students and staff who are preparing for the **Christmas concert** which is scheduled for **7:00p.m. Tuesday, December 18th**. Christmas concert is an opportunity for students to be immersed in all strands of the *Arts Education curriculum from visual arts to drama, music and dance*. The concert will have a variety of performances for your enjoyment. I commend staff for their creative approach and for making learning come alive for our students. Thank you in advance to everyone for your hard work and practice to bring all the details of the concert together. We hope family and community are able to join us to help celebrate and accept our students' gift to you.

In another area of Christmas festivity you are invited to join us to celebrate the season at our **30th Annual KCS Community Christmas Dinner from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 20th**. We acknowledge each family's contribution of food and send a thank you your way in anticipation of a successful community gathering. The family food list was sent home with students yesterday **and is also included in this issue of the Connections**. You may be aware that each year we hold a raffle with the proceeds going toward the cost of the hams, ice-cream, and other treats at our Christmas dinner. You are invited to participate in the raffle but please do not feel obligated. Our school family enjoys preparing for this event and is looking forward to breaking bread with our community as we celebrate the season.

KCS students chose a card from our Christmas tree earlier this week in preparation for the **K-12 gift exchange**. The card contains gift tags with the grade and gender of the student they are to provide a gift for as well as a list of suggestions if you need an idea of what interests students at that particular age. Homeroom teachers are keeping track of which gifts have been delivered as we prepare for the Christmas activity day.

On that topic **Christmas Activity Day** has been set for **Friday, December 21st**. This day is designed for students to enjoy various activities and celebrate the Christmas season as our K-12 family. Buses will be running as normal for the day. We are looking forward to a positive, fun filled day for all students. Thank you in advance to students and staff for contributing to the festivities.

Speaking of festivities our **SRC** is **promoting positive school spirit** the final week before the break with a variety of special dress-up days around the Christmas theme!!! Be on the lookout for the details of each day that will include **Red & Green day, Christmas Hat day, Ugly Christmas Sweater day, Formal day**, and finishing with **Pajama day** on **Friday**. Thank you to all students and staff for contributing to the positive school spirit we treasure here at KCS.

Ms. Spiess has informed me that time is getting short and we have not yet heard from all families for our **Community Spirit Calendar (Birthday Calendar)**. I encourage you to let us know if you want to be included in the calendar **before December 21st**. We truly appreciate your support of this SRC community project.

Thank you to community members, families, businesses, community groups and organizations that have contributed to our KCS leadership activities over the past calendar year. The cooperation and support from each person and organization helps to make KCS "A Great Place To Grow!" Thank you for your commitment to our students and school leadership programs.

One final thank you to students and parents for the holiday cards and treats that are starting to arrive at the staff room. We always enjoy your baking and sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. As we anticipate the holiday break, we at school wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a successful and prosperous New Year in 2019!!! We hope you enjoy some quality family time and relaxation while you keep the home fires burning over the Christmas break. **Classes resume Thursday, January 3rd, 2019.**

KCS EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
December 6 th , 2018	SCC Meeting @ 7 pm
December 10 th , 2018	Early Dismissal/LIT
December 14 th , 2018	No School
December 18 th , 2018	Christmas Concert @ 7 pm
December 20 th , 2018	Christmas Dinner @ 11:45 am
January 3 rd , 2019	First day back from break!
 <i>Next Connections: January 10^h, 2019</i> 	

CONNECTION DATES:

January 10, 2019
 January 31, 2019
 February 28, 2019
 March 21, 2019
 April 11, 2019
 May 9, 2019
 May 30, 2019
 June 20, 2019
 Grad - May, 2019
 Awards - June, 2019

Notice

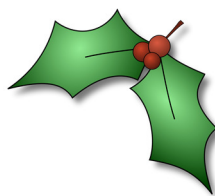
We are excited to announce that effective
 December 3, 2018, **Kristie Loepky, RN(NP)**
 will be taking appointments on *Mondays* at
 Kincaid Health Centre. Our clinic hours are
 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week from
 9:30-3:30.

**KINCAID'S
 ANNUAL
 CHRISTMAS
 CONCERT!**



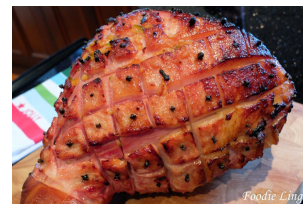
DECEMBER 18TH @ 7 PM

**"CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AROUND
 THE WORLD!!"**



Kincaid
 Central School

invites
 everyone to
 their free
 Christmas dinner on
 Thursday, December 20th.
 11:45 am - 1:00 pm



Student Leadership in Action



Kincaid Central has an eager,
 multi-grade group to plan and initiate
 activities that are provided in a positive
 and inclusive manner. We are very proud of
 our SRC.



Kincaid Lion's Christmas Matinee

**Saturday, December 15th
2:00 p.m.**



Incredibles 2
Free Popcorn and Juice
COME SEE SANTA!



Optimist Family Fun Festival Children's Day



Families with children ages 3-8., come and enjoy some games, books, crafts and other exciting physical activities

Costumes optional (no weapons, please)

Pizza snack provided

Saturday, January 12, 2019 6:00-8:00 pm

YARA

2020 High Street West

Free!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This is an opportunity for parents to play with their children.

This event is sponsored by the Friendly City Optimist Club, the Moose Jaw Literacy Network, the Moose Jaw Public Library and the Early Childhood Coalition

MOOSE JAW TRAINING CENTRE

Courses being offered in 2019!

January

OHS SFA/CPR A, B, C or HCP with AED -
Jan. 3-4, 9-10, 12- 13, 22-23, 31-Feb 1

Babysitting Basics - Jan 19

Pet First Aid - Jan 14

Home Alone - Jan 29

Food Safe - Jan 14

Personal Care Worker - Jan 17-18

The above courses will also be offered in all the rest of the months in 2019.

The cost ranges from \$30 to \$170.

If you are interested in any of them please contact the

Moose Jaw Training Centre,

Unit 2, 15 Lancaster Road

Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1M8

Tel: 306-692-1600

Email: moosejaw@sk.sja.ca

KINSMEN SPORTSPLEX

855 MacDonald St. W. Phone 306-694-4483

****NEW**Red Cross Psychological First Aid**

Learn how to prepare yourself and help others during a crisis.

***Online portion is completed before attending classroom*

Red Cross Standard First Aid & CPR AED

***Blended Learning format - must complete online component before attending classroom portion!*

Red Cross Standard First Aid & CPR AED

*** Full classroom session - no online work required*

Red Cross Standard First Aid & CPR AED Recert

***Must have current SFA or full course must be taken (CPR AED Recert only - \$50)*

Red Cross First Aid Instructor (pre-requisites: Red Cross SFA & CPR-C)

\$250.00

\$250.00

Red Cross First Aid Instructor Recert

April 10

Lifesaving Instructor (LSI)

(pre-requisites: 16 years, Bronze Cross or National Lifeguard)

Sat/Sun 9am - 7pm

Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard Award

9am - 7pm

(pre-requisites: 16 years, Bronze Cross, current SFA & CPR-C)

May 10-12 & May 17-19

Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard Recertification

February 16

June 9 11am - 4pm

KINSMEN SPORTSPLEX 855 MacDonald St. W. Phone 306-694-4483

2019 MID-WINTER & SPRING ADVANCED SWIMMING COURSES:

\$150.00 \$120.00 April 5-7 & April 12-14 \$75.00

Fundamentals of Instruction \$300.00 \$175.00

(pre-requisites: 15 years, Emergency/Standard First Aid, Red Cross Assistant Lifeguard or Bronze Cross)

\$275.00

Want to become a Red Cross Lifeguard or Lifeguard Instructor??

Join us at the Sportsplex for this exciting training opportunity!

Transfer as a National Lifeguard March 30 & 31,

and become a Red Cross Assistant/Lifeguard Instructor April 26-28.

Visit: www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/course-descriptions/swimming-and-water-safety-courses/lifeguarding for more information, and visit the front desk for course details!



Some people paint, others dance or make music. **Penny Draper's** world has always been framed by story. She began to tell stories orally, working for many years as a professional storyteller. She has shared tales at schools, libraries, conferences, festivals,

on radio and television, even in an Arabian harem and from inside a bear's belly.

Her first book, *Terror at Turtle Mountain* (an account of Canada's deadliest rock slide) grew out of an oral tale. The idea was sparked by a student, who insisted that Canadian history was boring. She proved it wasn't!

We had the pleasure of hearing Penny first hand on November 26th, 2018. What an engaging experience. The children were focused and enthused to hear her speak and eagerly asked to read her books that we had in our library.



Hazenmore & Community Christmas Potluck and Bingo

Where: Hazenmore Hall

When: Sunday, Dec. 16th

Time: 5 p.m.

Kitchen prep & Hall set up – Sat. Dec. 15th @ 9:30 am

7th Annual Street Hockey Tournament

WHEN: Sat Dec 29/18 - Starting @ 11am

WHERE : Main St., Hazenmore

\$20/PLAYER · SUPPER INCLUDED

Refreshments start @ noon

CONTACT:

Larry Wall: 264-7649 or 264-5111

Entry Deadline **Dec 28/18**

ALL AGES EVENT

ENTRY

\$20/ player

Enter individually OR As a team

AT THE DOOR

\$10/meal for non-players

Refreshments are located in hall

SUPPER

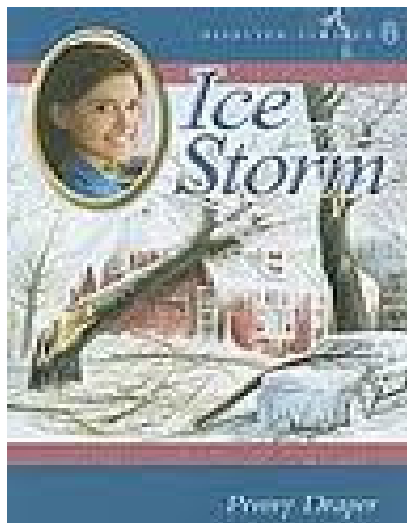
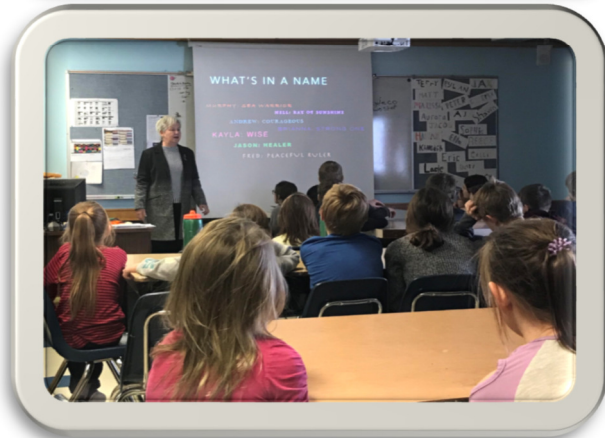
Beef on a bun meal

TIP!

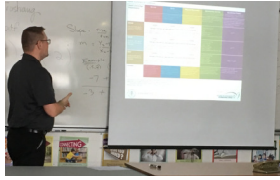
More teams playing, the Bigger the winning 50% Cash payout will be!

This event is a fundraiser...All proceeds go towards Hazenmore Community Hall.

Thank you



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD



Thanks to **Nicholas Hanes**, Awards Officer for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, for sharing program information with our grade

9/10 students. Parents or students wanting further information can find it online at www.dukeofed.org

"The **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award** is an internationally recognized program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development."



Kincaid Central School had the happy experience of hosting some of the **Swift Current Broncos'** hockey players on Dec. 5th, 2018. The students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 got to meet the young men, get some autographs and even played some floor hockey. What an experience!! We would like to thank The **Southwest Terminal** represented by **Brody Loverin** and **Jeff Dash** for bringing these great athletes and all-around nice people to our school for this wonderful encounter!

The Broncos that were at our school were **Ethan O'Rourke**, **Joel Hofer**, **Alec Zawatsky**, and **Garrett Sambrook**!



Merry Christmas **Kincaid Central School CHRISTMAS DINNER 2018**

Dear KCS Parents,

The staff and students of Kincaid Central School are planning our **30th Annual Christmas Dinner** for **Thursday, December 20th from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We would like to take this opportunity to introduce families new to our school to our Christmas dinner tradition. It is remarkable how a small donation of food from each child and their family can be combined to make a beautiful meal bountiful enough to feed the students, parents, staff and community members. You will find it is a wonderful opportunity to mix and mingle with students, parents, alumni and community members.

We are requesting that each student bring some item(s) for dinner. The list is as follows:

Kindergarten	Bacon Bits – 1 large pack or 2 small packs each
Grade 1	3 cans niblet corn each
Grade 2	1 cabbage, 5 carrots, 1 onion (shredded) each OR 3 – 397g (small) packages of shredded cabbage + a large bottle of coleslaw dressing each– we will mix it at the school
Grade 3	3 cans niblet corn each
Grade 4	12 potatoes each (washed and wrapped in foil ready for baking)
Grade 5	1 dozen dinner buns each
Grade 6	12 potatoes each (washed and wrapped in foil ready for baking)
Grade 7	2 jars pickles each
Grade 8	1 frozen orange juice and 1-2 litre bottle Ginger Ale
Grade 9	1 – 750 ml container sour cream each
Grade 10	907g container Margarine each
Grade 11	1-1.5 litre jug of cranberry juice & 1-1 litre container of Pineapple Juice each
Grade 12	2 dozen dinner buns each

Please send all items to school *no later than Monday, December 17th at 12:00 p.m.* with the exception of the coleslaw and buns which you may send the morning of the dinner. If you are unable to donate the items as listed, please notify the school as soon as possible at 264-3933 in order for other arrangements to be made.

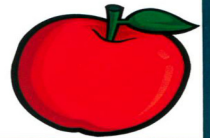
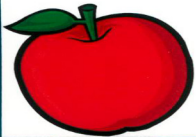
Thank you for your co-operation.

See you on the 20th!

Kincaid Central School Staff



Ms. Welms



My Favorite Colour Is:

Red

I am

??????????????

Years Old

691th day of teaching



I love.....

**Cherries and
Reading**

I can't believe.....

That I am still using a cane

