



Thank you to our *School Community Council (SCC)* and *other parent volunteers* who invested time and energy to provide a welcome back pancake breakfast our first day to school in January. It was a wonderful way to celebrate and say Happy New Year to our students and staff. On that note, we would like to extend our **Happy New Year** wishes from the students and staff to our entire school community!!! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and have set your sights on the year ahead. May 2019 bring health, happiness, and success to each of you.

We are thrilled to say "welcome back" to **Mrs. Heather Hutton** who has been enjoying her "Mommy time" at home on maternity leave the past few months. It is nice to see your enthusiasm for learning as you return to the classroom, Heather.

Prior to the break we hosted our traditional Christmas celebrations. Congratulations to Elementary and High School performers, stage crew and directors, as well as to KCS staff and also our Community Playschool for an excellent Christmas concert. Thank you to parents and community for joining us to applaud the talents of our youth. We trust everyone enjoyed the evening festivities honouring *Christmas Traditions Around the World*.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for coming together to share in the joy of the season at our annual Christmas Dinner Thursday, December 20th. Students and staff take pride in preparing for this event and appreciate our community sharing with us. This year marked a marvellous milestone with our **30th annual dinner!** We acknowledge each family's contribution of food and thank you for helping to once again make our dinner a resounding success. Congratulations to winners of the raffle: Grasslands Inn Gift Card- **Grant Loverin**; Red Coat Inn Gift Card- **Carmen Lein**; Gingerbread House- **Shawna Pluecks**; Subway Gift Card- **Angel Gionet**, Subway Gift Card- **Shellie Achter**. We appreciate the generosity of **Lisa & Scott (Grasslands Inn)**, **Lois & Garry (Red Coat Inn)**, and **Jeannette Jalbert** for your contribution toward the raffle. The proceeds go toward the cost of the hams, ice cream, and other treats at our Christmas Dinner.

With the beginning of a new calendar year comes the end of our first semester of classes. Students and teachers are busy wrapping up courses and preparing for **semester exams** which **run Wednesday, January 23rd, Friday, January 25th, and Monday, January 28th**. We will have *regular classes on Thursday, January 24th* protecting our PAA Magnet course time. Students in grades 10 to 12 are expected in classes on all non-exam days. The exam schedule is included in this issue of the Connections along with a permission slip which must be signed by parents in order for students to leave the school after they have completed writing their exams. The intent is that students go home in order to study for their next exam.

According to our PSSD calendar the last day of semester one is Monday, January 28th and the first day of semester two will be Wednesday, January 30th. *Please note that Tuesday, January 29th is a non-instructional day set aside for school based organization and teacher preparation.*

The end of the semester means *report cards* will be coming home for students in *grades 9-12 on Monday, February 4th*. All other grades should not expect a report card at this time as we have a three term report for grades K-8. Students in grades K-8 will receive their report cards at the end of term two in mid-March. In the interim if you would like to discuss your child(ren)'s progress please connect with teachers here at school. They would be happy to chat with you.

In extra-curricular life our bantam curling team has been practicing and will be taking part in some exhibition play over the next couple of weeks as they prepare for *playoffs at the beginning of February*. Thank you to coach **Curtise Clement** and **our KCS athletes** for your commitment to the sport. At this point we have a home game booked for after school *Monday, January 28th*. Mark your calendar and come cheer on our Kougars! Thank you to the **Kincaid & District Community Service Club** for their commitment to our curling facilities for our athletes to practice and develop their skills. We appreciate your contribution to our school extra-curricular program.


In the area of fine arts extra-curricular news our **KCS Drama Club** has started to organize and rehearse for their annual production. Students in grades 7-12 are working with **Mrs. Judy Corcoran and Ms. Darrel Welms** in preparation for their performance of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* scheduled to hit the stage **Friday, March 8th**. All the best to our enthusiastic group of stage performers! We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the talents of our KCS Drama Club!

In the meantime our KCS winter enthusiasts are anticipating our *annual ski trip to Elk Water next Friday, January 18th*. Being a non-instructional day students will not be missing any classroom time. This provides more freedom for students to enjoy the day and have opportunity to rest over the weekend before returning to school Monday morning. Thank you to **Mr. Paul Promhouse and Ms. Morgan Spiess** for organizing the trip. We appreciate your efforts planning this outdoor experience. Thank you also to our *volunteer staff and parent chaperones* for helping to manage skiers throughout the day. Without your interest and commitment we would not be able to provide this experience for our students.

With the brisk wind and cold temperatures we have been experiencing the past few days I would like to remind parents and students to dress appropriately for the weather. For the most part our elementary students are well prepared with the necessary mittens, toques, winter coats, snow pants and boots but many of our high school students seem not to be concerned about the cold by wearing runners, light jackets, and no mitts or toque. For safety reasons all bus students should have these items with them on a daily basis. Stay warm and stay safe!

The calendar year 2019 has started in a similar "busy mode" that brought 2018 to a close. We are looking forward to continuing to be "A Great Place To Grow" as we focus on learning and extra-curricular opportunities for our students and staff.

KCS EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| January 11 th , 2019 | <i>No School/Kincaid Hockey Day</i> |
| January 14 th , 2019 | <i>LIT/Early Dismissal</i> |
| January 18 th , 2019 | <i>No School/Ski Trip</i> |
| January 23 rd , 25 th , 28 th , 2019 | <i>Exams</i> |
| January 29 th , 2019 | <i>Prep Day/ No Classes</i> |
| January 30 th , 2019 | <i>Semester two begins</i> |
|  <i>Next Connections: January 31st, 2019</i>  | |

CONNECTION DATES:

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

Please try to have your items sent in to Mr. Creasy before the day of publication.

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We would like to thank everyone for joining us for the annual Christmas Concert and Christmas Dinner last month!



HERE IS A LIST OF THE WINNERS FOR THE RAFFLE TICKET DRAW:

Carmen Fein – Red Coat Inn Gift Certificate

Grant Loverin – Grasslands Inn Gift Certificate

Shawna Pluecks – Gingerbread House

Angel Gionet – Subway Gift Card

Shellie Achter – Subway Gift Card

The INCREDIBLE YEARS

SCHOOL-AGE: Parents, teachers and students training series.

Program Description

This 12-week program is designed to support parents of children 6-12 yrs old. *Topics include:* parental attention, social, emotional, and persistence coaching, praise and encouragement, predictable learning routines, clear limit setting, time out, and consequences. Each week will focus on a new topic for the group to discuss, share, and explore, in an effort to support your child's development, behaviour and school success.

REGISTRATION

Parents must call MHAS Intake at 691-6464 and indicate your interest in attending IY in Gravelbourg.

Dates:

12 weeks, 2hr sessions per week beginning January 24, 2019

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Gravelbourg Church of Christ

Childcare:

Provided Free of charge (we will try to make arrangements at both licensed daycare providers for direct billing)

Facilitators:

Krystal Hawkins

Krista Koch

Sponsors:

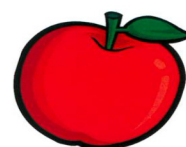
- ♦ Sask Health Authority
- ♦ Church of Christ, Gravelbourg
- ♦ Mom's Florist, Assiniboia

Registration:

Email Krystal Hawkins @ krystal.hawkins@saskhealthauthority.ca for questions.

Please enjoy getting to know the staff at KCS with the posters they shared with the students on opening day!

Mrs. Reid-Ward



My Favorite Colour Is:

Pink

I am

Fifty

One

Years Old

51

4526th day of teaching

I love.....

Coconut Greek Yogurt
with Cinnamon

I can't believe.....

Duron Carter got traded!!



Happy Birthday!

| | Wed, Jan 23 Day 4 | Thurs, Jan 24 Day 5 (Magnet Day) | Fri, Jan 25 Day 6 | Mon, Jan 28 Day 1 |
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| P1 | Gr 12 – ELA – Departmental Exam (8:45) Gr 11 – ELA Exam Gr 10 – ELA Class (RP) | Gr 12 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) Gr 11 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) Gr 10 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) | Gr 12 – Physical Science Exam Gr 11 – Physical Science Exam Gr 10 – ELA Exam | Gr 12 – Math Exam / Project Time Gr 11 – Math Exam / Project Time Gr 10 – Math Exam |
| P2 | Gr 12 – ELA – Departmental Exam Gr 11 – ELA Exam Gr 10 – Math Class (PP) | Gr 12 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) Gr 11 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) Gr 10 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) | Gr 12 – Physical Science Exam Gr 11 – Physical Science Exam Gr 10 – ELA Exam | Gr 12 – Math Exam / Project Time Gr 11 – Math Exam / Project Time Gr 10 – Math Exam |
| P3 | Gr 12 – ELA – Departmental Exam Gr 11 – ELA Exam Gr 10 – PAA Class (SM) | Gr 12 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) Gr 11 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) Gr 10 – Magnet / Online (CC/SO) | Gr 12 – Physical Science Exam Gr 11 – Physical Science Exam Gr 10 – ELA Exam | Gr 12 – Math Exam / Project Time Gr 11 – Math Exam / Project Time Gr 10 – Math Exam |
| P4 | Gr 12 – Gr 11 – Math WA 30 Departmental Exam (12:45) Gr 10 – Wellness Class (CC) | Gr 12 – Physical Sci (PP) Gr 11 – Physical Sci (PP) Gr 10 – History (SO) | ----- ----- ----- | ----- ----- ----- |
| P5 | Gr 12 – Gr 11 – Math WA 30 Departmental Exam Gr 10 – Science Class (PP) | Gr 12 – Math (PP) Gr 11 – Math (PP) Gr 10 – ELA (RP) | ----- ----- ----- | ----- ----- ----- |

PERMISSION FORM

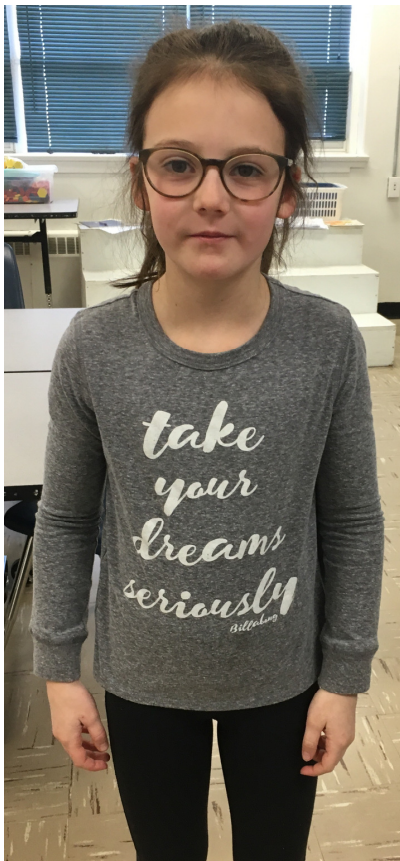
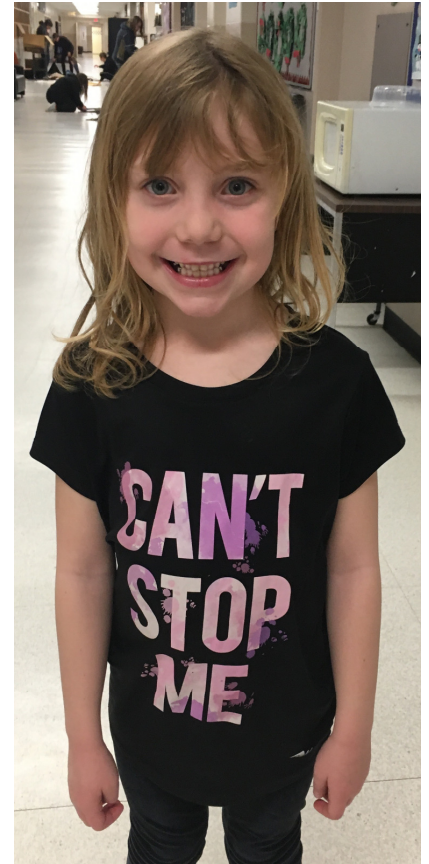
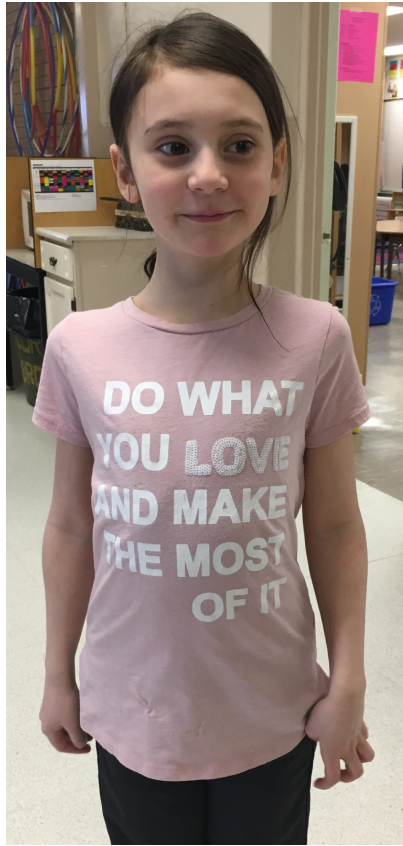
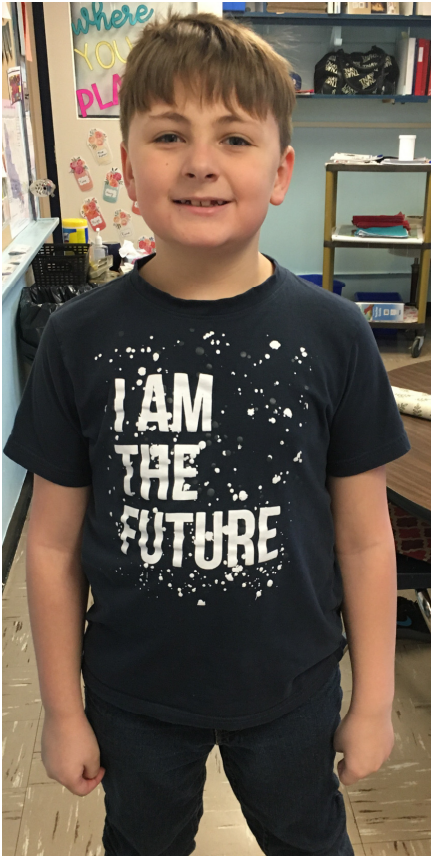
For Grade 10 – 12 students to go home after EXAMS

I give permission for
(insert student(s) name(s) and grade(s):

_____ to go home after the exams. I understand that the purpose of this is for my child to go HOME to study for exams. Students who do not return a permission slip will be expected to stay at the school until the buses arrive. Please fill in this form and return it to your home room teacher or to the office.
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



POSITIVE SELF TALK BY OUR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!



These young people understand that anything is possible and are proudly owning it! Way to go!



