



*Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week* is just around the corner (**February 11-15**) and since this will be the last Connections Newsletter prior, *I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the excellent staff of KCS.* Thank you for your sincere interest in helping students to develop their individual talents both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you for your enthusiasm and your energy in the classrooms and halls connecting with students and encouraging them to take risks and expand their learning potential. Thank you for being loving, caring individuals who make a difference for our students! I am truly blessed to be a part of this amazing group of individuals whose hearts are in it for kids and community. Please help me in saying **thank you** to the **AWESOME staff of Kincaid Central School** for their part in making KCS "A Great Place To Grow!"

Speaking of great and awesome people were you listening to **The Eagle 94.1** radio station Tuesday morning? It turns out **Brody Loverin** nominated KCS for the *South West Terminal (SWT) Breakfast Club* and our school won the draw for this month! This means KCS will have \$500 added to our meal program and I am certain the School Community Council (SCC) will put it to good use for all of our students. Thank you SWT for contributing to community. Thank you Brody for nominating our school and thank you to The Eagle 94.1 for sharing this great news.

The first half of the 2018-19 school year is now complete and semester two classes are underway. The end of the semester brings a reporting period for high school which means parents should be on the lookout for report cards coming home on **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 9-12.** All other grades should *not* expect a report card at this time as we have a three term reporting period for K-8 students. These students will receive report cards at the end of their term two in mid-March. In the meantime if you would like to discuss your child's progress please feel free to connect with teachers here at school.

As we move into the second half of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and community members that *my door is always open* if there is an issue that needs to be addressed or a celebration that has been overlooked. We would prefer to hear it directly rather than have it swept under the rug to cause worry or concern on your part. Open communication and problem solving foster a better relationship where ideas, issues, celebrations, and concerns can be shared and addressed in a positive, open manner.

*A reminder that voting for this year's Willow Awards takes place in two short months near the end of March.* Our school has been a supporter of **The Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice - The Willow Awards** since its inception in **2001.** It is a great way to encourage readers of all ages and support the Provincial organization at the same time. You might want to explore this year's Willows by going to the Willow Awards website ([www.willowawards.ca](http://www.willowawards.ca)). This is an excellent way to support your child's reading development as you have a conversation about some of the books they are enjoying.

In the meantime our *grade 3 through 12 students*, under the guidance of their science teachers, **Mrs. Heather Hutton, Ms. Laurissa Jacobson, and Mr. Paul Promhouse,** have been on a learning path of research, experimentation, and data collection preparing to share their findings at our biennial **Science Fair.** It is always exciting to witness students digging deep into the research process to discover new information and ideas that expand their thinking and learning. Our Fair will take place **Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.** The **public** is invited to join us here at the school from **11:00 to 1:30** when students will share their Science Fair projects. We hope you are able to come out to support our students and give them the opportunity to discuss their findings and celebrate their learning with you.

In extra-curricular news the *SW Section Curling Playoffs* take place this weekend with our bantam mixed team (**Kael W., Emily M., Erica B., and Braxton N.**) hitting the ice in **Mankota Friday & Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Thank you to coach **Curtise Clement** and best of luck to our KCS athletes as they head into playoffs! Go Kougars!!! Thank you once again to the Kincaid & District Community Service Club for their commitment to the curling facilities. Our young athletes benefit from community support of our school extra-curricular program.

In other extra-curricular news our *KCS archery club* has recently started practices under the guidance of **Mrs. Suzanne Morgan.** Thank you to our senior archery students for lending their talents to support younger students as they develop their skills. We are looking forward to *two archery events* this spring with *our tournament co-hosted by KCS and Glentworth* as well as for the *provincial event* that will take place in *Moose Jaw* this year. All the best to our Kougars Archers!

Thank you to **Ms. Laurissa Jacobson** and **Mrs. Kathy Peterson** for bringing a *basketball* opportunity to our *grade 3-6* students this school year. Each Day 5 of our timetable these students are invited to take part in some basketball learning and fun during the noon break. It is great to see the enthusiasm on student faces as they enjoy this opportunity.

All the best to our *KCS Drama Club* as they have started to prepare for their annual theatre performance. Thank you to **Mrs. Judy Corcoran and Ms. Dariel Welms** for taking on the roles of director for this year's production. Thank you also to our SCC for stepping up to manage the meal and our grad class for organizing dessert. Mark your calendar for **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** and come out to enjoy the talents of our KCS Drama Club along with a great meal!

Groundhog Day is just around the corner on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a possibility of him seeing his shadow which would mean six more weeks of winter. On the other hand if he does not see his shadow then we will have an early spring. Although this winter has not been a record breaker in terms of prolonged cold spells we have felt the cold bite a little bit recently. Let's cross our fingers and hope for an early spring.

Our next KCS Connections will be published after the *February break* which runs from *Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.* Students return to classes Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

# KCS EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
February 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019	<i>Sr. Curling Playoffs</i>
February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	<i>No School</i>
February 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	<i>Bantam Curling Playoffs</i>
February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	<i>LIT/Early Dismissal</i>
February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	<i>Science Fair</i>
February 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	<i>No School</i>
 <i>Next Connections: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019</i> 	

## CONNECTION DATES:

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.  
[creasy.arden@prairiesouth.ca](mailto:creasy.arden@prairiesouth.ca)



## ACTIVE PARENTING 5-12 Years

6 Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm  
 February 5—March 12, 2019

Strong Start Family Centre  
 679 Hall Street West

*Childcare & Transportation available*  
 There is no cost to attend

**PLEASE REGISTER**

Michelle @ 306-631-4402

## Why the importance of reducing screen time in young children?

There is no doubt that human interaction has a strong influence on language development. **Language development and vocabulary growth in young children are directly related to the amount of time parents spend speaking to them.** Too much screen time can interfere with language development because parents spend less time interacting with and talking to their child. Also, *children who have certain types of language delays by age 5 are at risk for social and emotional delays in adulthood.*

Research shows that for every hour of television watched, children hear 500 to 1000 fewer words. *In addition, children who are regularly exposed to 2 hours of screen time per day are 3 to 5 times more likely to develop a language delay.* The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends no screen time for children 18-24 months and a maximum of 1 hour per day of high quality screen time for children ages 2 to 5 because of the potential harm to the developing brain.



*Moose Jaw Literacy Network*



## *Congratulations*

to **KINCAID CENTRAL SCHOOL Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2, Mrs. Judy Corcoran and Ms. Dariel Welms** who are the winners of **\$500** for their breakfast program from SWT and thanks to **Brody Loverin** for nominating them!



# Mrs. Judy Corcoran



My Favorite Colour Is:  
**Purple**

*I am*

**37**

*Years Old*

*1,187 days of teaching*



**I love.....  
popcorn!**

*I can't believe.....  
I taught Mr. Clement when  
he was in Grade 9!*

## 2018/2019 Lifesaving Society Advanced Courses

### Lifesaving Society Bronze Medallion

18-20 hrs.

This is the first class to take in the process of becoming a lifeguard.

Pre-requisite: Minimum 13 years of age or Bronze Star

Material Required: Canadian Lifesaving Manual

Next Step: Bronze Cross

Jan 18 - 20, 2019

**\$175.00 (Books and exam fees included)**

### Lifesaving Society Bronze Cross

18-20 hrs.

This is the second class to take in the process of becoming a lifeguard.

Pre-requisite: Bronze Medallion

Materials Required: Canadian Lifesaving Manual

Next Step: Aquatic Emergency Care (AEC)

Feb 8 - 10, 2019

**\$175.00 (Books and exam fees included) Recertification for Bronze Cross \$75.00**

### Lifesaving Society Aquatic Emergency Care (AEC)

15-20 hrs.

Pre-requisite: None. Prior training in Bronze Medallion is recommended.

Materials Required: Standard First Aid Manual

Next Step: National Lifeguard (NL)

March 1 - 3, 2019

**\$175.00 (Books and exam fees included) Recertification for AEC \$84.00**

### Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard

40 hrs.

National Lifeguard training is designed to develop the basic life guarding skills, principles and decision making processes, which will assist the lifeguard in evaluating and adapting to different aquatic facilities and emergencies.

Pre-requisite: Minimum 16 years of age, Bronze Cross, AEC or Standard First Aid

Materials Required: Canadian Lifesaving Manual, First Aid Manual, Alert Manual

April 20 - 24, 2019

**\$368.00 (Books and exam fees included) Recertification for NLS \$116.00**

### Lifesaving Society Swim Instructor/Exam Standards (LSI)

40-44 hrs.

Certifies you to teach the Lifesaving Learn to Swim Program, Canadian Swim Patrol and the Bronze Awards. Successful completion of this course allows you to apprentice exams for the Bronze awards to become a Lifesaving Examiner.

Pre-requisite: Minimum 16 years of age, Bronze Cross

Material Required: Canadian Lifesaving Manual, Lifesaving Leadership binder

Feb 19 - 23, 2019

**\$400.00 (Books and exam fees included)**

## Courses being offered at the Aquatic Centre in Swift Current

**\*\*Must have Bronze Medallion & Bronze Cross (minimum) as well as First Aid & CPR C\*\***



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## SCHOOL BUS DRIVER



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## BABYSITTING COURSE

### To: Parents

One day Babysitting Courses for youth 11 years and older will be offered over the February break. . The cost is \$ 40.00 and is available on two different dates: Tuesday February 19 **OR** Thursday February 21, 2019. The class will be held at Riverview Collegiate and is completed in one day, from 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

To register please email at [carolynrk@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynrk@hotmail.com) or call Carolyn at 306-693-2466. Once registered, payment must be made via Schoolcash to reserve your spot. Instructions on reverse.

*Remember to bring:*

- A doll or teddy bear that can be used for diapering and infant care

- A nut-free lunch;  
and drink if desired

Be prepared to and have



**Canadian Red Cross**

bag  
snack

learn  
fun!

Respectfully,  
Carolyn Korte, Youth Leader  
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Phone 693-2466