Coronach School Community News Colt Connection – December 2023

Coronach School

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Dear Coronach School Community,

As we approach the end of the year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the incredible journey we've taken together at Coronach School. The past months have been filled with growth, achievements, and moments that have truly defined our school spirit.

I'd like to take this moment to wish Mrs. T. Frisk-Welburn congratulations as she begins her retirement in December. We thank her for her contributions to Coronach School over the past six years and wish her the best as she embarks on the next chapter of her life. I would also like to welcome Mr. L. Pomedli who will be starting at Coronach School at the beginning of January. We as staff and students are excited to welcome you as part of our school community.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we are excited about the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. Our commitment to fostering a nurturing and intellectually stimulating environment remains ongoing. Together, we will continue to inspire and empower our students to the power of possibility.

On behalf of the entire Coronach School team, I want to extend warm wishes for a joyous holiday season. May this festive time bring you moments of happiness, connection, and reflection. As we recharge over the break, let's return in the new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the exciting journey that lies ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable holiday season!

Cheers,

Mr. N. Beselaere



Important Dates

December 01

Holiday - No Students

December 08

Alt Friday - No School

December 21-29

Holiday/Stat - No Students



Stay Connected

Check out our school website or follow us on Facebook for important news and information.



Please ensure that the contact information we have for you and your family is up to date. If there are changes, please contact the school. All notifications will be emailed to parents.

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December Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI		DECEMBER 202	23
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4 2	5 <u>3</u>	6 4	7 5	8			
11 6	12 1	13 <u>2</u>	14 3	15 4			
18 5	19 6	20 1	21	22			
25	26	27	28	29	TD= 12	BD= 12	ID= 12

LEGEND								
First/ Last Day	Stat Holiday	Holiday	School Based Inservice (No Students)	Prep Day (No Students)	Prep/LIT Day (No Students)	Alt Friday No School		

Action for Happiness Calendar: Do Good December

This month we're encouraging you to carry out small acts of kindness!



Click image to enlarge calendar.

Pizza Party Celebration

On Wednesday, December 20, 2023,

K-12 students will not need to pack a lunch. Before the holiday break, the entire school community will be celebrating by having a pizza party. Students in Pre-kindergarten will be having a special lunch before leaving for the end of the day on **Tuesday**, **December 19, 2023**.



Important Dates



December 01-02 Senior Boys Basketball Tournament

December 07

Grade 7-8 Youth Addictions Counsellor Presentation (SHA) Jenn Clarke Grade 8 – Period 2 Grade 7 – Period 3

December 14

Monthly Awards Assembly 9:30 Grade 5-12 Gym Blast 1:00

December 15

Grade 7-12 Mental Health Presentations (RSW) Meena Bolla Grade 11/12 – Period 1 Grade 9/10 – Period 2 Grade 7/8 – Period 3

December 18 Christmas Concert 7:00

December 20 Winter Formal School Dance 6:00-8:00 and 8:00-10:00

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Christmas Concert

'Tis the season to be jolly, and what better way to embrace the festive spirit than by joining us for our much-anticipated School Christmas Concert on Monday December 18, 2023, at **7:00pm**. The entire school community has been hard at work preparing a spectacular



evening filled with joy, laughter, and a heartwarming performance. We encourage you to bring family and friends to share in the festive atmosphere and make lasting memories together. The holiday season is all about coming together, and our School Christmas Concert provides the perfect opportunity to do just that. In the spirit of giving, we will also be having a silver plate collection at the concert. We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the magic of Christmas and the wonderful talents within our school community.

Mental Health Presentations



On Friday, December 15, 2023, Coronach School welcomes Meena Bolla who works as a therapist online and as a Registered Social Worker (RSW)

who is passionate about all thing's mental health. In her presentations which are specifically tailored to various groups, among grade 7-12, students will learn more about the science behind why mental health strategies work and what to do to improve individual outcomes. Students will be given opportunities to engage in hands-on learning and leave with tools to better cope with their stressors.



On Thursday, December 07, 2023, Coronach School welcomes Jenn Clarke a Youth Addiction Counsellor with Saskatchewan Health Authority Services to work with our middle year's students in address topics on youth substance misuse and abuse.





DETERMINING COLD WEATHER BUS CANCELLATIONS



for information: Weather Network Environment Canada

• Weather Channel AccuWeather



When?

5:30 am: Gather temperatures for each community from the four different weather sources 5:45 am: Compare data gathered per Administrative Procedure 553 5:50 am: Cancel routes where temperature (including windchill) is -40 or colder 5:55 am: Post cancelled routes on BusPlanner Web, Social Media, and notify bus drivers



Why?

Administrative Procedure 553 outlines the process for cancelling buses. The decision to cancel afternoon buses shall be made no later than 1:00 pm.



Click on the image above to directly link to Bus Planner Web where you will find all the latest bus alerts for Prairie South Schools.

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School Community Council (SCC) Christmas Books

Once again, our wonderful School Community Council (SCC) is organizing new personalized books to be given out to every student in Coronach School before the holiday season. Books will be delivered on the last day of school. A huge thank you to our community sponsors for supporting this wonderful initiative.

Sask Power Poplar River Pharmacy Big Muddy Auto Deb's Country Kitchen May-B Sew Stitchery Coronach Agencies Marv's Tire and Auto Glass Coronach Mini Mart Rustic Tavern Westmoreland Mining Town of Coronach Rural Municipality of Hart Butte #11 Hart Butte Community Farms



Gym Blast



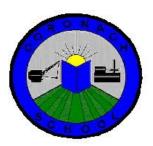
On **Thursday**, **December 14**, **2023**, after our monthly school wide assembly, Coronach School will be inviting GYMBLAST, a high energy, fun-filled, two-hour afternoon assembly for our Grade 5-12 student body. This event will bring incredible energy to our school and hype to our overall school spirit. The group of facilitators will be working with the student leadership team of our school to help develop them a leaders.

"PLAY HARD ... PLAY FAIR ... PLAY SAFE"











Learning Together



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Last Day of School

On the last day of school before the holiday break, **Wednesday**, **December 20, 2023**, all students will have the opportunity to go skating at the arena. Permission forms for students will be coming home with students closer to the date. We are asking parents (especially those of children in primary elementary classes), that are able and interested, to please join us and help chaperone students.

Grade K-3	9:00-10:30		
Grade 4-6	10:30-12:00		
Grade 7-8	1:00-2:30		
Grade 9-12	2:30-3:26/4:00		



Cross Country & Volleyball

Congratulations to all our players for their commitment in this year's cross country and volleyball athletics programs. In addition, a huge thank you to our dedicated coaches for all the time and effort you put into this season.



Junior Girls Volleyball 1



Junior Girls Volleyball 2

Junior Boys Volleyball

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Senior Girls Volleyball



Senior Boys Volleyball



Cross Country









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Thrivers

THRIVERS: Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine

This month as parents/guardians we challenge you to:

Redefine "success" as a GAIN. Stress that success doesn't happen overnight but with small gains over past performance due to personal effort. "Last week you were at 75%; today you're at 79%. That's a GAIN!", p 207.

Teach 1:2 breathing. "Take a slow, deep breath (inhale) your tummy and slowly exhale twice as long as inhale helps you relax. Pretend to sniff a flower (inhale) and then blow out a candle (exhale). Keep practicing, *p* 123.

This month as a school community we will be focusing on the first character strength of **SELF CONTROL.**

"Thrivers can think straight, and self regulate"

Self-Control: Managing stress and strong emotions, delaying gratification, and stretching focus to develop mental strength and improve mental health.

Three abilities that nurture self-control: 1. Attentive Focus 2. Self-Management 3. Healthy Decision Making

Trait 3 - Self-Control

Summary

- Managing stress and strong emotions, delaying gratification, and stretching focus to develop mental strength and improve mental health.
- Thrivers can think straight and put the brakes on impulses.
- The best lessons on self control are a minute a day every day.

Why it matters

- This year vs. last year:
 - Over Pandemic:
 5 11 year olds going
 - 5-11 year olds going to ER for anxiety increased 25%
 12-17 year old visits to ER
- for anxiety. Increased 81% Rise in suicide and
- depression: unprecedented students are lacking coping skills.

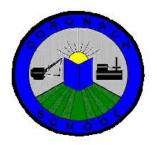


Abilities to Teach Youth

Attentive Focus Self-Management Healthy Decision-Making

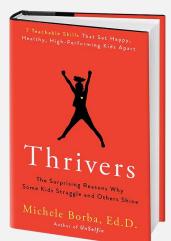
Parents click the video link below and watch to learn more about developing **Self-Control** in your child(ren).

<u>Self-Control: The 7 Traits That Help Kids Become Thrivers (3 of 7) -</u> <u>YouTube</u>



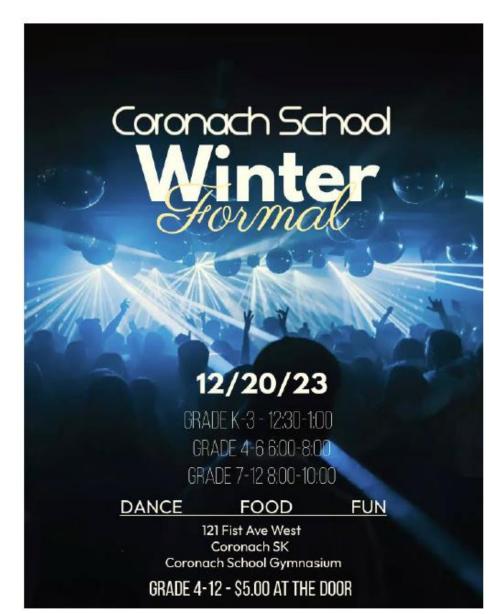
Thrivers

The Surprising Reason Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine





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You will need to fill out a **Student Guest Form** if you are inviting a student that is not registered at Coronach School. Forms will be located at the office (if needed). If you are a parent/guardian that is able/willing to chaperone, please contact the school at 306-267-2210.





The Power of Possibility









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