

CONNECTIONS

NEWSLETTER

March 2024

We Appreciate You! 

Terry Clements
Mossbank School

The kindergarten always look forward to Library class, and having a story read to them by Mrs. Clements. She's a team player and loves to do extra things to make them feel special.

-Staff Member



Prairie South was excited to celebrate Staff Appreciation Week with our staff. We enjoyed seeing all the social media posts of the wonderful celebrations that took place in our schools. We received over 330 Shout-Outs for our staff! We will be sharing each one we received with the individual staff member in the coming weeks. We shared several on our socials throughout Staff Appreciation Week - here are a few more to enjoy! Thank you for all the work you do to support students each and every day!

Sandy Fiddler
Prince Arthur School

Sandy works hard everyday to bring out the best in the students she works with. Her calm and kind demeanor is very much appreciated!

-Staff Member



- Important Dates**
- March 1: Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Registration Opens
 - March 5: Board Meeting
 - March 6: High School Tours
 - March 8: Prep/LIT Day (No School for Students)
 - March 8: International Women's Day
 - March 17: St. Patrick's Day
 - March 19: Board Planning Meeting
 - March 20: Provincial Budget Day
 - March 21: School-based Administrators' Meeting
 - March 29-April 5: No School

Gary Smith
Riverview Collegiate

He's a dedicated, hard worker and the top head facilities operator in Prairie South. He deserves a Shout Out!

-Community Member



Hanna Hansen
Assiniboia 7th Avenue School

She creates a fun and safe environment for her students! She goes above and beyond for them and is a super awesome teacher!

-Community Member



Michelle Stevenson

Empire School

You're so kind and amazing! Thank you for putting your heart and soul into caring for my son

-Parent/Guardian/Caregiver



Heather Adams

Mortlach School

A huge shout out to Heather for her outstanding contributions to our school! Her tireless work in updating and organizing our library has truly transformed our space. Beyond her organizational prowess, Heather brings joy to the team by keeping us all laughing - her humour is infectious. Additionally, she reads a book better than anyone we know, captivating her audience. Not only is she a book enthusiast, but Heather also extends her support to students in their learning journeys and teachers in their instructional endeavours. Kudos to Heather for being a multi-talented and uplifting presence in our school!

-Staff Member



Troy Hagen

Rockglen School

He is kind and caring and goes to all lengths for the students! He is passionate about his work and for the well being of his students! He is an incredible teacher and deserves recognition!

-Parent/Guardian/Caregiver



Kara Stevens

Transportation Staff

Always goes above and beyond for her drivers!

-Staff Member



Sara Haugen

Bengough School

Sara has embraced her new role as SST and works hard to provide the extra help our little learners need to help them be successful.

-Staff Member



Brooke Roy

Central Collegiate

Thanks to Brooke for jumping right in and supporting the grade 9's with their transition into high school. Brooke is very thoughtful and great at asking questions in order to best support her students.

-Staff Member



Lisa Galbraith

Caronport Elementary School

Lisa is willing to go above and beyond when helping staff members. She has been a great sounding board and freely offered resources and advice with teaching ideas, especially with challenging students. She has fun with her students and works extra hours to provide students with opportunities to connect and enjoy art.

-Staff Member



Mona Edinborough

Mossbank School

Mona and Jack do a great job keeping our school clean and safe. I enjoy our little chats in the mornings and after school.

-Staff Member



Leanne Mann

Ecole Gravelbourg School

Leanne has her finger on the pulse of the whole school. She is a great help to parents and students. I've also been a sub in EGS and she is my go-to person when I need to know something. Thanks for all the extras you do Leanne.

-Parent/Guardian/Caregiver



Lee Behrns

Cornerstone Christian School

Lee has really elevated CCS and brought it to another level. He is so good to his staff and communicates well with his parents. I appreciate his letter he sends out each month and how informed I've felt since he has been hired. Lee cares about his students and that is very clear to them and to us parents.

Thank you, Lee!

-Parent/Guardian/Caregiver



Ms. Lindsay Wiebe

Chaplin School

Thank you for everything you do! I always ask you a million questions and you always have an answer! Thank you!

-Staff Member



Liana Noble

Prince Arthur School

Ms. Noble's cheerful and steadfast presence is our schools' important first impression - the first person people see when they visit our school and the first voice they hear when they answer the phone. She is the heart and centre of all the moving pieces of the school and does it all with a smile on her face and without ever a complaint. She knows the importance of handling documents with precision and kids with grace. She balances creating a welcoming atmosphere in our school with remaining completely calm under pressure. We are very lucky to have Ms. Noble as part of our office team and a wonderful addition to our school community.

-Staff Member



Karyn Stelter

Peacock Collegiate

Karyn is the best person because she is sweet and kind and helps to get food when I have had nothing to eat

-Student



Donna Dyck

Coronach School

Mrs. Dyck does such a great job with her students. She is always singing, dancing and keeping them moving while they learn. They are so lucky to have her.

-Parent/Guardian/Caregiver



Robin Heshka

William Grayson School

I was a new substitute teacher and Robin took the time to show me around the school. I can see how the school culture is affected by her positive and welcoming nature.

-Staff Member



Nicole Hallborg

Central Butte School

Mrs. Hallborg is such a fun Kindergarten teacher - she genuinely gets to know and connect with each individual student. She's patient and passionate about learning through play and these two things together make her classroom a fantastic place to be! My daughter absolutely loves her!! Thanks for all you do, it doesn't go unnoticed!

-Parent/Guardian/Caregiver



Meet Our Staff



Sharon Duncan is originally from Toronto, but she considers Moose Jaw her hometown. She grew up on South Hill and attended Riverview Collegiate. Following high school, she attended the University of Regina where she received her Bachelor of Human Justice degree, then SIAST where she earned a Diploma in Carpentry and her Level 1 ECE Certificate. Sharon currently lives in Briercrest with her husband Grant and their two boys, Grayson and Malcolm. She works at Avonlea school as an Educational Assistant and Library Associate. Sharon is also the Palliser Regional Library Briercrest Branch Librarian. In her spare time, she takes her boys to various sports, depending on the season. She enjoys reading a good book or crafting something usually out of wood. She also volunteers on three different boards in her community and is a Village of Briercrest councillor. Her favorite food is Pizza, and she is a diehard Toronto Blue Jays fan, a passion she shares with her son Grayson. Her advice to her younger self: Listen more, speak less. Be more thoughtful, be more kind and be more empathetic. The reward you get from being that person who listens and cares is beyond measure.

Christa Elder grew up in Carlyle, Saskatchewan and has spent most of her adult life in Coronach. She moved to Thomson Lake in the fall of 2021. She is married to Cam, and they have four children and five grandchildren. Christa's teaching career started in Willow Bunch back in 1997 but the bulk of her teaching career has been in Coronach. She then started teaching for the Prairie South Virtual School and she now teaches in Lafleche Central School. Her first two years of Education were taken at Medicine Hat College, and she finished her degree at the University of Regina. In her spare time, Christa enjoys spending time outside at Thomson Lake Regional Park, where you'll find her walking or running the trails, golfing, fishing, or reading. She also enjoys spending time with her kids and grandkids. Her favourite food is Ballpark Nachos, and her favourite vacation was in 2023 watching the St. Louis Cardinals play the Toronto Blue Jays at Opening Day at Busch Stadium! Christa wanted to be a Middle Years teacher because little kids scared her ... she's been teaching Grade 1 and 2 for almost 20 years now! Her life advice: When life offers you a mulligan, take it!



Marie Charron grew up in Moose Jaw, where she still lives today. She has been with her partner Scott for 15 years and they have two boys, ages 5 and 10 who currently attend Ecole Palliser Heights in the French Immersion program. Marie was hired in August 2022 as an Educational Assistant and she loves it! Marie attended St. Margaret's School and Vanier Collegiate. She finished her Grade 12 at Phoenix then did night classes and online classes at SIAST to get her ECE Level 1. Marie is an active female angler who loves to get out on the water and catch a variety of species of fish. She also enjoys board games and card games. Her favourite food is pickles and her favourite vacation was when she visited old Quebec City. Marie is fully bilingual in English and French and she enjoys learning new languages to connect with the kiddos at school. Her advice: Don't quit your dreams just because you are afraid to fail.



Caronport Elementary School



On February 5-8, Caronport Elementary School was consumed with BOOK JOY as community members, families, students, and school staff came together in a celebration that put literature on centre stage. The library was transformed into an inviting bookstore...so many books to touch, so much delight in cracking open and breathing in that new book aroma, and so much excitement as students discovered works that would fuel their imaginations. The fair also served as an important fundraiser for CES, providing funds that enable us to continue to build our collection. And already our students are looking forward in anticipation:

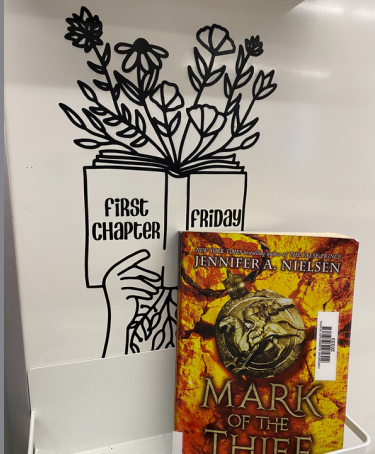


"I can't wait until the book fair next year!"



CES staff felt cared for and appreciated during Staff Appreciation Week, when a couple of the SCC members and their little side-kicks treated us to specialty drinks and treats this week!

The Grade 6/7 students have been exploring the fascinating world of technology and art. They've been using AI to generate vivid images from their descriptions of story characters and settings, bringing their creative writing to life in a visually stunning way. In their art classes, they've delved into the traditional technique of printmaking, using carving blocks to create unique prints. Additionally, they've established a weekly tradition called "First Chapter Friday," where they read the first chapter of a new book and then hold a draw to decide which student gets to read the rest of the book. This blend of technology, art, and literature has made for an engaging and enriching learning experience.



The grade 2/3 class got the chance to make their own talking sticks with the 3 Kohkums earlier in the school year.



The grade 2/3 class traveled around the world to celebrate Christmas in different countries in the weeks leading up to Christmas break.



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Cornerstone Christian School



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