

"Take Care of Each Other"
**Gateway Elementary School
Newsletter**



February 2019



Principal's Message

We had both mild and cold days of weather during the month of January. On some of the days there were buses that did not run. On several occasions, the temperature (including windchill) dipped to a balmy, tropical -40 degrees Celsius or colder. We had several calls from parents asking if the school was closed that day. We never close the school for cold weather and the teachers will be here just in case some students brave the elements and decide to walk to school.

It is important to phone and let us know if you are keeping your child at home, unless he or she is a rural bus student. If the rural buses don't run then we won't be looking for the children of the cancelled bus routes. If a non-bus or city bus student does not show up we will phone you to see if you have sent them off to school. It is important to get notification from parents as soon as possible just in case a student has gone missing on the way to school in the frigid weather conditions.

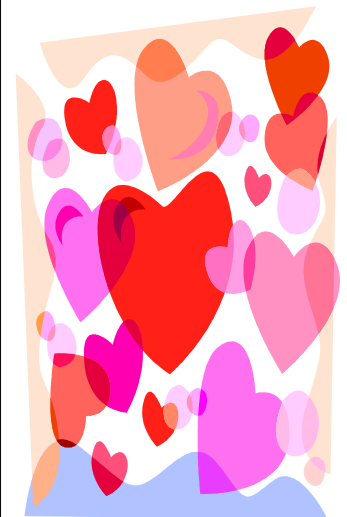
In regards to busing, the individual bus drivers will decide if their bus will run and they will phone all of the parents on their route to inform them that their route is cancelled for that day. Students, if your bus brings you to school then the bus will pick you up. If your bus doesn't come but you get to school anyway, the bus will not be picking you up after school, even if the weather warms up. Parents, if your child does get to school on these days they will benefit greatly from a low pupil/teacher ratio.

Our Family Dance will take place on Thursday, February 7th. The SCC will be selling popcorn, candy apples and water at the concession. They will also be running rocks and rings and lollipop pull contests for two awesome mystery prizes. Students can purchase bucket buster tickets for \$3. All proceeds will go towards SCC family engagement events, staff and parent volunteer appreciation. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's Family Dance!

February is I Love to Read Month. Several contests will be running at Gateway throughout the month and we look forward to seeing students excited about reading and entering the draws that will take place each day. Curl up and enjoy a book because, in my opinion, a good book is better than a great movie!

Upcoming Events

- *Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition*
Feb. 4, 5, 6, 7 (noon)
- *Book Fair*
Feb. 5, 6, 7
- *SCC Meeting*
Wed., Feb. 6
7:00 pm
- *SCC Family Dance*
Thurs., Feb 7
7:00 pm
- *White Hatter Cyberbullying and Online Safety Presentation at Gateway School*
Tues., Feb. 12
9:45 am
- *White Hatter Cyberbullying and Online Safety Parent Presentation at Jonas Samson Junior High Theatre*
Tues., Feb. 12
7:00 pm
- *Griffin Slam Basketball Tournament*
Thurs., Feb. 14
3:30 pm.
- *Red Cross Day of Pink*
Wed., Feb. 27



Basketball



Basketball season is in full swing. All players will participate in six practices and the Griffin Slam Annual Basketball Tournament which will take place on Thursday, February 14th. All parents are invited to come and watch the Griffin Slam. Volunteers are needed to help run the fundraising food booth (proceeds to the student fund). Please contact Mrs. Robertson or Mrs. Hamilton to volunteer.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition



The Knights of Columbus will be coming to Gateway to run their annual free throw competition on February 4 - 7 during noon hours. Each participant will take 15 shots from the foul line. The Knights are sponsoring prizes and the students with the highest scores will advance to a regional competition. All students are invited to participate in this competition.



February 4 - Grade 6 Girls
February 5 - Grade 5 Girls

February 6 - Grade 5 Boys
February 7 - Grade 6 Boys



Candy Grams



During the noon hours of February 11 - 13, we will be selling candygrams in the commons area. Students can purchase a candygram to send to another student for \$1.00. Candygrams will be delivered to students on Friday, February 15th. All proceeds will be donated to Telemiracle.



Spring Musical



It's time once again to begin practicing for our Spring Concert! This year, our school will be performing the musical performance of "Aladdin". Our practices will start in early February. Any student that is interested in being a part of the performance is welcome to attend! We are excited to see all of the great talent that our Gateway students have to offer! A spring musical calendar will be sent home with practice and performance times and dates.



Family Dance



This year's Gateway SCC Family Dance will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gateway Gymnasium. Gateway's teachers have been teaching students old-time and modern dances. To celebrate their learning, students are invited to bring their whole family to the dance. We are requesting donations of new toys and other prizes from parents for the 'Bucket Buster' prizes. If you are interested in donating these items please send them to the school as soon as possible.



For Activities and Bus Safety Information

Check out the KIDS ZONE on our web-site...www.nwsd.ca

Click on Departments/Transportation
A few reminders...

- If your child/children will not be on the bus, please let your driver know.
- In the event of an emergency, rural families should have in-town billets in place.



Grade 6 Ski Trips



Monday, March 4 - 6A, 6D, 6E Classes

Monday, March 11 - 6B, 6C, 6F Classes

Students should be advised to dress warmly; denim is strongly discouraged. Dressing in layers is the best way to achieve warmth. As the temperature rises throughout the day, the under-layers may be removed to prevent sweating. Alternately, if the temperature falls, more layers may be added. Please ensure that all students have ski pants, toques and mittens/gloves. We are in need of parent chaperones. If you are interested in volunteering to be a chaperone, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Red Cross Day of Pink



On Wednesday, February 27, Gateway students will be celebrating Day of Pink. Throughout the day, a number of classroom activities will focus on the topics of bullying and cyberbullying. The following presentation will take place on February 12th as a lead-in to Red Cross Day of Pink:

The White Hatter Presentation: Tuesday, February 12th 9:45-11:45 am.

There will also be a White Hatter Parent Night at Jonas Samson Junior High on Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm.



We will be selling pink ice cream at noon hour for \$1.00 a cone. Any parents who are available to scoop ice cream at 12:00 would be greatly appreciated.

Children's Safety



A reminder to parents to please drop your children off on the Gateway side of the street so they do not have to cross the road.

Student Supplies

Parents please check with your children if they are in need of any more supplies as we are halfway through the school year.

AR Results

1. Reese Schneider - 846.7
2. Maggie Chow - 470.7
3. Noah Cappelle - 325.6
4. Sophie Wolff - 304.9
5. Allandrex Crawford - 290.7
6. Olamide Smith - 283.1
7. Nate Dallyn - 210.7
8. Avery Sinclair - 209.5
9. Nikolas Snodgrass - 200.6
10. Shafaq Ahmed - 185.9
11. Caleb Pockrant - 167.1
12. Brooke Pchelnyk - 160.7
13. Jireh Madrid - 159.7
14. Kaidance Schwingenschloegl - 155.1
15. Kyree Mirasty - 146.7
16. Aislinn Petz - 144.7
17. Callee Timmer - 143.9
18. Cash Drager - 139.5
19. Baine Marzan - 123.3
20. Owen Sinclair - 122.1

