

# HUSKY HEADLINES



RIDGEVIEW CENTRAL SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL - DAVE GALLANT  
ASST. PRINCIPAL - ERAN CARDINAL & DAVE MACDOUGALL  
TRUSTEES - TIM DRIEDGER & BENJ FRIESEN

## UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE

As we approach December, we want to wish everyone a joyful and festive month ahead! We are all eagerly gearing up for our Christmas concert, which promises to be a highlight of the season. A special thank you to our wonderful Secretary, Mrs. Martens, for her work in decorating the main office—it looks truly festive! Reflecting on November, we had a meaningful Remembrance Day Assembly, a Crazy Hair day, and some spirited House Team Challenges. It was fun to get everyone together. Let's continue to support one another as we celebrate the joys of the season!



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

RIDGEVIEW WILL BE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WIDE LUNCH ON DECEMBER 11, MADE BY THE HOT LUNCH COMMITTEE. ALL STUDENTS STAFF AND BUS DRIVERS ARE INVITED. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE NEEDING A LUNCH THIS DAY.



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## DATES TO REMEMBER!

DECEMBER 3

PICTURE RETAKES & CLASS PHOTOS

DECEMBER 11

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 13

RED GREEN DAY

DECEMBER 17

DRESS REHEARSAL & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 20

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK!



## BUS SAFETY



DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, THIS IS A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT OUR MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR STUDENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PASS SCHOOL BUSES WHEN THEIR LIGHTS ARE FLASHING. THIS RULE IS CRUCIAL FOR PROTECTING OUR STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AS DRIVERS ASSIST WITH THEIR UNLOADING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR OUR COOPERATION IN KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE!

## OCC SHOEBOXES

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT IN SHOEBOXES AND FOR THOSE WHO HELPED OUT WITH THE PACKING PARTY. RIDGEVIEW COLLECTED 2703 SHOE BOXES.



## FOOD DRIVE

RIDGEVIEW WILL ONCE AGAIN BE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS FOR A FOOD DRIVE FROM DECEMBER 2 TO 13 PLEASE CONSIDERING SENDING FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO THOSE IN NEED. WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT SEND EXPIRED ITEMS. THERE IS A LIST OF ITEMS ON THE CALENDAR THAT YOU MAY GIVE BUT IT IS NOT LIMITED TO THOSE.



THE STAFF AT RIDGEVIEW CENTRAL SCHOOL WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS BREAK! SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR

Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PLEASE COME OUT AND WATCH OUR STUDENTS PERFORM!  
DRESS REHEARSAL @ 1PM  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 7PM  
DOORS OPEN @ 6:30PM



## SKATING / BOWLING

### SKATING & BOWLING SCHEDULE FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH

6M - 9:00AM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 8:45)  
6K - 10:00AM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 9:45)  
6T - 11:00AM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 10:45)

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH

4A - 9:00AM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 8:45)  
4M - 10:00AM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 9:45)  
4P/4K - 11:00AM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 10:45)

5D - 12:30PM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 12:15)  
5W - 1:15PM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 1:00)  
5K - 2:00PM (LEAVE SCHOOL AT 1:45)



PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE PEANUT FRIENDLY - ALL NUTS ARE WELCOME!

**School Council Meeting**  
**Nov 18th 2024 7pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to order (Time) 7:04**

**2. In attendance:** Nettie Krahn, Abe Wiebe, Darren Froese, Shauna Dyck, Dave McDougell, Dave Gallant, Martha Neustaeter, Valerie Peters, Dawn Thompson, Fred Kirby, Byron Peters, Tamara Gerbrandt, Melanie Wiebe, Eran Cardinal

**3. Approval of Agenda** – Nettie Krahn

**4. Reading/Approval of last meeting minutes**

- **Shaunamovestoaccepttheminutesaspresented.Carried**

**5. Principal's Report (Dave G) –**

★ **NumeracySpotlight**-withDawnThompson(SchoolNumeracyGoal)

- Dawnsharedofaclasswideinterventionfocusingonfluencyofmathfacts using a variety of strategies.

a. **Slide show / Video** Recap of Oct & Nov school events

b. **Staffing update** - new EA added to staff Mrs. Shannon Wiebe,

c. **Our group's "why" and meeting norms.**

g. **Student Enrollment** update: 266 students with 10 new registrations since our last meeting in October. A steep increase in ESL students.

i. **SGF Financial Statement (print out)**

- Items purchased akitchenislandandthehouseteamjerseys.

**6. Events/updates:**

➤ **TheSocialMediaPresentation**washeldonOct29thleadbySarah

Driedger and Leah Martens. The session focused on children's us of the platform making smart choices around social media.

- Eventwaswelldone,butunfortunatelypoorlyattended.Thereisanother presentation in December.

➤ **ScienceCamptrips**wereheldonOct29thand31stforgrade5withthe

Forest Society. Studentswereprovidedwithanin-depthlookinlocal ecology including plants and wildlife. Also local careers in the forest industry were also discussed. Thanks to the parent volunteers who attended.

➤ **(ConnectivityGoal) OctoberHouseTeamChallengesandSpirit**

**Assembly** was held on Oct 25th. There was lots of excitement as students joined their new house team and were given their "House Team Color Shirts." Students who received "Gotcha! Cards" and Student Husky of the Month awards were recognized and celebrated for all the positive behaviour that was displayed over the month. It was

also great to see some parents attend the event. A school slideshow was also shared. Next House team Challenge is November 29th.

➤ **Remembrance Day Assembly** – was held on Friday, November 8th and included student performances of poems and stories. Laura Wiebe, from grade 4, wrote and read an original poem to the whole school. It's pretty Amazing for a fourth grader to show this leadership & commitment at such a young age.

➤ **Update on Connection Team Programming/ Health Programming**

- Ned's Friends
- Sunshine Circles
- Go-Girls Club
- Tough N' Talking Boys Group
- Health & Hygiene Presentation (girls group and Boys group)
- Career Spotlight: Working in the health field and the risks of vaping presented by Treena Ward (grade 6 students)

→ **Christmas Card Update** - Mikalah Wiebe from Mr. Weller's class was selected to represent our school in the FVSD Christmas Card Contest.

## 7. Upcoming:

→ **Upcoming Book Fair** in the RCS Library Tuesday, Nov 19- Friday, Nov 22. Closes @ noon.

→ **Chess Club** Thursdays 3-4pm

→ **Parent-Teacher Meetings** Monday 25th-Thursday 28th.

→ **Super Saturday Basketball** in HLNov 30th

→ **Christmas Concert Date** – Tuesday, December 17th @ 7pm doors will be open at 6:30 pm

Dress rehearsal is planned for that afternoon of the 17th @ 1pm

- Parent council encouraged to help set up the stage on December 12th

- **Student / Staff Christmas dinner** – it is being organized by hot lunch committee on December 11th.
- **Suggestions on a speaker** for the Christmas dinner? Ken Wiebe will be the speaker.

**9. Next meeting:** Monday, January 20th, 7 pm

**10. Meeting adjourned** at: 8:09 pm

# Parent Information Night: Mental Health in Teens

Presented by members of the FVSD Connection Team  
Leah Martens, R . P s y c h & Sarah Driedger, R.S.W

December 3, 2024  
@ 7:00PM

La Crete Public  
School  
(there will be signs  
in the building to  
which classroom)

## TOPICS OF PRESENTATION:

Anxiety in Children & Youth

- What it is, how it works and what you can do to help

Self Harm & Suicide

- Warning signs and how to help

Strategies for Coping

## THE CONNECTION TEAM

Our connection team provides mental health and wellness services to students across the school division. We provide support through classroom programming, small groups, individual services and family support. For more information see [Our Connection Team](#). For referrals, visit the [FVSD website](#).

# Circle of Security Parenting



At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

## Learning Objectives of the Program:

- Build a stronger relationship for your child's long term success
- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

**For who:** This parenting program is for all types of caregivers (parents, KIN foster parents, ect) who are parenting children and youth from 0-17.

**Facilitated by:** Sarah Driedger, Family Liaison Worker with the FVSD Connection Team

**Dates:** December 11th, 18th  
January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
February 5th and 12th

**Times:** 7:00 PM -8:30 PM

In order to gain the benefits of this program it is encouraged that each session is attended as they build upon each other.

**Location:** Sandhills Elementary School

**How to Register:** Contact Sarah Driedger at [sarahd@fvsd.ab.ca](mailto:sarahd@fvsd.ab.ca) or 780 926 0859 by December 6th



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