## February 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message—Mr. Mark Reiter



Thank you to all of our Cougars and their Families for helping to make our first month of 2020 a successful month, both in academics and building relationships. Our Family Bingo Night was one highlight of January where we could get together as families and friends and foster the Cougar Strong relationships so many of us have formed.

Speaking of families, February brings us Family Day on the 17th—I encourage each one of our Cougar's to spend this day and the rest of the week off with their family and/or friends having fun and spending quality time together.

Also in February, I look forward to hearing about the Grade 8's annual Ski trip to Elkwater and the Middle Years Science Fair taking place on the 13th. Parents are welcome to attend the Science Fair and see first hand the amazing talent our Cougar's have.

I wish you all a Fantastic February - Happy Valentines Day, Happy Family Day and enjoy your February Break!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	<b>3</b> —Day 4	<b>4</b> —Day 5	<b>5</b> —Day 6	<b>6</b> —Day 1	<b>7</b> —Day 2	8
9	10-Day 3	11-Day 4	12-Day 5	13-Day 6	14-Day 1	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	<b>24</b> —Day 2	<b>25</b> —Day 3	26-Day 4	<b>27</b> —Day 5	28-Day 6	29

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DATES TO REMEMBER

6-Grade 8 Ski Trip

7—Hot Meal Day Forms Due

10-Drumming Workshop

10-14-Staff Appreciation Week

13-Science Fair

14-Valentine's Day

17-Family Day-NO SCHOOL

18-21-February Break-NO SCHOOL

26-Bucket Drummers perform at Bronco Game

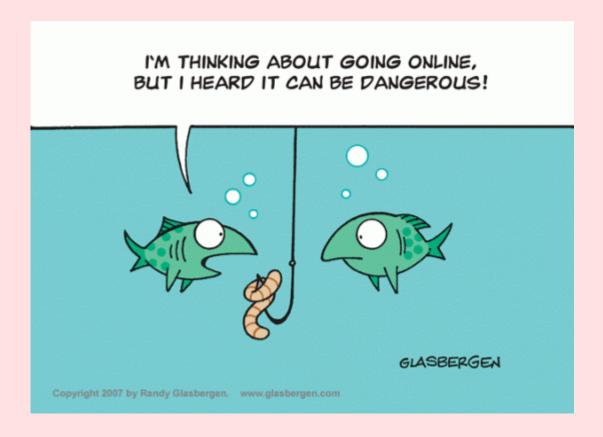
27-Grade 8 Immunizations

28—Hot Meal Day

28-Assembly 2:20

29- Bucket Drummers Bake Sale-SC Mall

Thank you to all of the Community Groups for the generous donations to our Breakfast Club!



### Fish In Schools (FinS)

Central School has been selected to be a part of the FinS Program!

Please continue to check the website for further updates and pictures.

The Fish in Schools (FinS) Program began in Saskatchewan in 2013 as a program of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. The program was adopted from the Alberta Fish in Schools: Raise to Release program. Thanks to the resources provided by the Alberta program, FinS was modified to provide a similar learning experience for students in Saskatchewan. FinS is a vehicle for educators to teach students of all ages about trout and their habitat in both indoor and outdoor classroom settings. Over the course of 4-5 months, students monitor the development of rainbow trout from the egg through the fry stage in an aquarium in their classroom. Students have ample incentive to learn because they soon understand that survival of their fish depends on their ability to maintain a healthy environment in their aquarium. An approved release site is selected with the assistance of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation and Ministry of Environment. The class also participates in the release of their fish to complete the program. Rainbow trout are not native to Saskatchewan but have been introduced to create new fishing opportunities. As such, rainbow trout survive in some of our waters but are not specifically suited to thrive in a Saskatchewan's environment. In most waters in the province, rainbow trout cannot naturally reproduce. All the rainbow trout stocked in Saskatchewan are produced at the Fort Qu'Appelle Fish Culture Station.



The Chinook School Division is very excited to welcome new kindergarten students and their families for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

- Kindergarten eligibility is age 5 by December 31, 2020.
- Please bring proof of your child's date of birth (Birth Certificate) and Sask Health Card.
- Please contact your local Chinook school to register your child.

A common registration night for all Swift Current city schools will be located at Irwin School on Tuesday, March 10th\* starting at 7:00 pm.

This includes: Central, École Centennial, Fairview and Irwin.

\*If you cannot attend March 10, you may register at your local school the week of March 9-13 during school hours (9am-3pm).

#### **Hammerton's Music Hype**

Congratulations to the choir for doing a great job both singing the anthem at the Bronco Game and recording our song about bullying (written with Jeffery Straker in the fall) with CTV Regina. The CTV recording should be on their website once it has been broadcast.

February will be a busy month with the bucket drummers preparing for Telemiracle. On February 26th the bucket drummers will be performing at the Bronco Game. On February 29th they will be having a bake sale in the Swift Current Mall, 11-2pm. The bucket drummers and choir will be performing between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm (details to follow).

Looking ahead to March we will be having a Talent Show on Thursday March 5th, 7:00 pm. The bucket drummers and choir will be performing as well as some student solos and duets and a "one time only, not to be missed" staff performance by "Shake It Up"! All Cougar families are welcome! There will be a raffle table and 50/50 draw to raise money for Telemiracle.

The bucket drummers will be performing on Telemiracle on Sunday March 8th at 3:35 pm. Any donations we take will be matched by Nutrien so if you have family or friends wishing to make a Telemiracle donation they can be sent to school or delivered to the school office. Cheques (made out to Telemiracle) or cash over \$10 will receive a tax receipt as long as a name and address is sent with the donation.

Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are currently learning the recorder in music classes. Please encourage them to practice at home as a little practice goes a long way. Students will be able to earn recorder karate belts as they progress in their recorder skills.

February 10-14 is Chinook Music Week. This involves a clinician coming to present music workshops in some of our Chinook city and rural schools. This year Marlene Hinz from Regina will be presenting some drumming workshops. Marlene will be visiting Central School on February 10th to work with some of our middle school students.

Celia Hammerton

#### **NUT SENSITIVE**

Just a reminder that Central School is a Nut Sensitive Building.

Please do not send any nut products with your Cougar to school.

Thank you.

#### **BELL SCHEDULE**

- 8:50 AM Bell Rings
- 8:55 9:30 AM Period 1
- 9:30-10:00 AM Period 2
- 10:00 10:30 AM Period 3
- 10:30 10:45 AM Recess
- 10:45 11:15 AM Period 4
- 11:15 11:45 AM Period 5
- 11:45 12:05 PM Lunch
- 12:05 12:35 PM Lunch Recess
- 12:35 1:05 PM Period 6
- 1:05 1:35 PM Period 7
- 1:35 2:05 PM Period 8
- 2:05 2:20 PM Recess
- 2:20 2:50 PM Period 9

2:50 - 3:25 PM - Period 10





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#### In Motion Commotion

It can often be difficult to stay active during the cold months, but there are many fun activities to do in the winter, such as: tobogganing, skating, building a snowman, or going for a walk. Also, here are some events going on in Swift Current during the month of February that may help you stay active and have fun!

**Family Fun Week** – February 16-22 with many free, fun, family activities to participate in during the February break, such as: public skating, curling and cross-country skiing. Watch for posters coming home soon.

*Free Swimming* on Tuesdays at the Aquatic Centre for ages 7-11 from 7:15 to 8:30 pm *Toonie Swimming* on Fridays at the Aquatic Centre for all ages from 7:15 to 8:30 pm

Have fun, stay warm and be active!