



# Fox Valley School

## Newsletter

### **December 2023**

December is here — bringing with it the end of the calendar year and a festive energy that makes us want to revel in every moment of winter's charm! It's a month of joyful celebrations, reflective moments, and the warmth of time shared together by the fireside. When I take a look in classrooms, there are so many activities and displays that bring so much joy to learning and 'tis the season!

CoNgRaTuLaTiOnS to our Senior Boys Volleyball team and their coaches for an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place Provincial achievement of 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1A Provincial Volleyball! THANK YOU to everyone involved with coaching, volunteering, organizing, supporting, guiding, driving, and helping in any way possible to make the FVS Volleyball program successful! A special thanks to Renee Glass, Stephen and Candice Kambeitz, Sara Martin, Jessica Steed, Kim Klaudt, Mindy Ternes, Nicole Stephaniuk, Tena Schneider, Tara Schell, Charissa Bosch, Donnie Schmaltz, and Dylan Koch for their enormous commitment, time, and energy to COACHING! Also, to Kelsea Peers, our FVS Athletic Director who ensures our forms are completed, i's are dotted and t's are crossed! You are all AMAZING and we APPRECIATE each and every one of you. Our parents, families, and community members: Thank you for your patience, guidance, support to help the season run smoothly.

November also saw our parent-teacher interviews, progress reports, and learning assessments. The staff are working hard on support student learning through interventions and class-based programming supports. There is a lot of learning still to do and it is important that we continue to support our students at home to complete assignments, projects, and study skills for tests and exams. Reading and writing can be about topics they enjoy and shared with parents and siblings alike. Students can also write some resolutions to ring into 2024! January will be here before we know it!

We look forward to getting into the holiday spirit with the help of our SRC and SCC with spirit days, a visit from the Jolly fella, hot lunches, and other treats. Our school is preparing for our Christmas Concert: *Santa's Online Adventure!* Performances will be held on Wednesday, December 20 1:30pm and Thursday, December 21 7:00pm. Please join us for this event for all to enjoy!

As parents, you are extremely important to your children. This month, make it a goal to spend an evening, day or weekend with them. Remember, bigger is not necessarily better. The time you spend with them may not be at a theme park or fancy resort. It can be reading a book together, playing catch, decorating cookies, or telling stories together. This is the time to provide your child with the memories they will never forget. The holiday season is all about giving, and the quality time you spend together can be better than anything wrapped up in a bow under the tree! The most important things in life are family and friends, so this holiday season make an effort to spend quality time with both.

To all of our Fox Valley Legend families, Merry Christmas, warmest holiday wishes and here's to a healthy, and kinder New Year!

***Mrs. Sawby***



*2023 Provincial 1 'A" Silver Medalists  
Fox Valley Legends*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# After-School Curling Program

Hi, after-school curlers!

After-school curling will start next week (December 7) Thursday, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. We will have one more curling date in December - 14th. In the January newsletter will be the dates for after-school curling in January. See you next week!!  
Curling Fee is \$50 per student to curl (payable to the Fox Valley Rec Board).



***Mrs. C. W-Hellman***



# SRC

## Positions

**President** - Brooklyn Schell

**Vice President** - Grace Bosch

**Treasurer** - Kaylee Schneider

**Secretary** - Joleigh Wood

**Media** - Gracie Ross

**Senior Advertising** - Quinn Schneider

**Junior Advertising** - Gabrielle Bosch & Braeya Eresman

**Inventory** - Carter Wagner

**Members at Large** - Janisa Klautdt, Peyton Jacksteit, & Mitchell Ehnisz

**Staff Advisors** – Tena Schneider, Mrs. Sawby & Miss N

## Spirit Days

- 18th Hawaii Christmas
- 19th Christmas headwear day
- 20th Christmas sweater day
- 21st Red & Green day
- 22nd Pj day (Hot Choc)

## Snow Ball Dance

~ December 15th

- 7-9 during school hours - after lunch: 3:30 - 5:00
- 10-12 will be after school - in the evening: 7:00 - 9:00

## Door Decorating:

~ December 1 door decorating will begin and winners will be determined Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Winner gets Pizza & Pop
- There will be a voting poll on the SCC Facebook page. Along with the poll will be pictures of each door. Families and community members are invited to cast their vote. The SRC will tabulate the votes and announce the winner.



# *Parent Reminders for the School Year*

- ✓ **Attendance Info...Please remember to call the school office 306-666-2144 or make contact with your child's teacher to let us know if your student(s) will not be at school. Please NOTE: Renee will no longer be accepting parent communication via text. A 24-hour phone answering service has been set up for families to call when students will be absent and for any other school related matters.**
- ✓ Just a reminder that our doors are locked during regular school hours. Please phone the school, 306-666-2144, if you are needing into the building. Anyone entering the building must sign in/sign out. We appreciate your support in this matter as we continue to ensure the SAFETY of our staff and students.
- ✓ Fox Valley School is **PEANUT AWARE**. Please be mindful when packing snacks and a healthy lunch. If this changes, families will be notified.
- ✓ Please make sure your child arrives at school no earlier than 8:35 as our playground is unsupervised until that time.
- ✓ Medication – CSD AP 316: The Chinook School Division recognizes that some students require:
  - Essential oral and/or injectable medication on a regular basis
  - Essential oral and/or injectable medication in an emergency situation
  - Essential procedures.
    - The principal is to ensure that students requiring medication or medical procedures during school hours are identified and appropriate information has been completed and filled by the parent prior to administering medications or procedures. Non-prescribed medications

(Tylenol, Advil, etc.) are not to be administered by Division employees (FVS Staff).

- Medication in an Emergency situation requires that families provide the school with appropriate information and an action plan.
- We ask that no medication be sent to the school unless a plan and communication has been made with the school first.

- ✓ Please watch our Facebook page and the FV SCC Facebook page for news, updates etc.
- ✓ Visit our website  
<http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/foxvalley/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
- ✓ **Please check your email frequently for school emails!!**
- ✓ Students in Grades 8-12 have open campus at noon. Students in Grades 7 need permission to leave at noon. A permission slip for the school year has been sent home. Please return ASAP. K-6 students stay for lunch.
- ✓ If your child has a change of plans for the end-of-the-day, please notify your classroom teacher, Renee, and your bus driver so that we ensure they get to where they are going, safely.

✓ **What To Do when Non-Bus Students Would Like To Ride The Bus OR If A Bus Student Would Like to Ride a Different Bus...**

- **Step 1 – Parent of receiving bus student contacts the bus driver to make sure there is room on the bus.**
- **Step 2 – Both bus student(s) & non-bus student parents contact the school. Mrs. Sawby/Ms. Tibbs/Renee will fill out the appropriate form to be given to the bus driver.**
- ***PLEASE NOTE: This process has to be done everytime!!!***

✓ **MSS Parent Portal Is OPEN - All parents have access to the MySchoolSask Parent Portal. This is how parents will access their child's report card. Parents of students in grade 6 to 12 will also use the parent portal to see their child's gradebook, which is updated frequently by teachers!! Please make sure you are checking the MySchoolSask Parent Portal often to stay up to date on your student's current marks!!! If you are a parent who has never logged into MySchoolSask or have any questions...CALL RENEE!!!!!!**





*Are you interested in participating in sports this winter or spring but it's just not in the family budget? Are you wondering if there is support you can find elsewhere for team fees? The reality is that cost keeps 1 in 3 Canadian kids out of organized sport. KidSport provides grants to help cover*

*those costs to ensure that no kid is ever left watching from the sidelines. The KidSport program starts at one of 166 local or Provincial/Territory chapters that fundraise, accept applications, and distribute grants for its community. This year, KidSport Swift Current is offering up to \$750 dollars in team fee grants for each and for each calendar year. All you and your parent have to do is go online and apply.*

<https://kidsportcanada.ca/saskatchewan/swift-current/apply-for-a-grant/>





# FOX VALLEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**DECEMBER 20TH 1:30PM**



**DECEMBER 21ST 7:00PM**

**SANTA WILL BE VISITING ON  
DECEMBER 20TH**

**THE SCC AND SRC WILL BE  
SERVING HOT CHOCOLATE  
AND TREATS DECEMBER 21ST**



# How to Reduce Holiday Stress in Children



Stick to their usual routine as much as possible



Make sure they get outside



Don't overschedule



Make time for peace and quiet



Remind them the holidays are about gratitude and kindness



Manage sugar intake

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# December Library Notes

In December, students will have the opportunity to read about the scientist Wilson Bentley. Bentley photographed the extraordinary beauty of snowflakes and identified that no two are alike. Students will have the opportunity to make their own unique snowflakes!



## Fox Valley School Yearbook

Mom's Pantry was a huge success!! Thank you to all those from far and near who supported this fundraiser.

The Fox Valley School Yearbook was able to raise **\$1614.73!!!**

THANK YOU  
SNOW  
MUCH!



**MOM'S PANTRY**



# Fox Valley SCC News

## The First of December

It's hard to believe  
It's the first of December.  
Now fall is almost gone  
And it's time to remember.  
I've had good times with friends  
In the shade and the sun.  
We've played lots of games  
And we've had lots of fun!  
I've worked hard in school  
And I've learned quite a lot!  
Those things that were hard...  
Well, now they are not.  
When I think of the year,  
Some things make me sad.  
Then I remember the good things  
So I know it wasn't that bad.  
Just one month to go  
And this year will be done.  
So I'll make sure that December  
Is a month filled with fun!

Author Unknown

“Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Let your heart be light...” December has arrived and as we begin to immerse ourselves in the excitement and spirit of the season, let your heart be light. As trees are trimmed, colored lights captivate us with their magical twinkle and smells of baking entice our senses, take time to enjoy the splendor. As we see the full display of Christmas unfold in our homes and in our communities, the same will be happening within our hallowed Fox Valley Legends halls. Enjoy the wonder and the magic of the season. “It’s the most wonderful time of the year. With the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you be of good cheer, it’s the most wonderful time of the year.”



“On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me...” two opportunities to see the Fox Valley School Christmas Concert presentation of Christmas Around the World.

Wednesday December 20th, 2023, 1:30pm

Thursday December 21st, 2023, 7:00pm

“Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town”. Santa will be making an appearance at the school on the afternoon of Wednesday December 20th, 2023. Jolly Old St. Nicholas will be handing out treat bags, provided by the SCC, for all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students AND all community children who attend the Christmas concert. These treat bags will be handed out following the afternoon Fox Valley School Christmas concert. The SCC wish to thank the RM of Fox Valley No. 171, Village of Fox Valley, Fox Valley Recreation Board, RM of Enterprise No. 142 (Richmond) and RM of Big Stick No. 141 (Golden Prairie) for their monetary donations towards the treat bags for the students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

“What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight, oh”. It certainly will be a spectacular night on Thursday December 21st, 2023, when our school will have an encore, evening performance of the Fox Valley School Christmas concert. Everyone is welcome to join the SCC and the SRC after the show for complimentary cookies and hot chocolate.

## Santa Claus

Santa Claus is coming!

I can feel it in the air!

And, maybe you don't know it,

But his elves are everywhere:

Hiding in the corners,

Peeking out with twinkly eyes.

Will they see you being nice,

Or being OTHER-wise?

I would like a present –

Maybe even TWO!

Anyone can see I'm good,

Hmmm... are you?

Author Unknown



“Silent Night”. Not quite, as B-I-N-G-O will echo through the halls in the new year. More details will be unveiled in the January and February newsletters, but for now, please save the date of Wednesday February 28th, 2024. The SCC will be hosting a family bingo night at the school with some spectacular prizes to be won.

As an SCC, part of our mandate is to be a seamless liaison between the school, its students, and the community. Our team is extremely excited about the year and the active role we are playing. Whether it is a commitment within the school or a task behind the scenes, your SCC will be fully engaged to support staff and students in whatever capacity that is asked of us.

Some of the highlights from our November meeting are as follows:

- The SCC will continue with the fruit program. Please encourage your child(ren) to enjoy a piece of fruit, courtesy of the SCC. Thank you to the Richmond Lions Club who will be sponsoring the fruit program for the month of January 2024.



- “Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful”. So are the pizza buns!! December 13th, 2023 will see our third noon lunch and on the menu... PIZZA BUNS. We will no longer be sending home forms for the students to pre-order. If you wish to have your child(ren) partake, please send money to school with your child(ren) on pizza bun lunch day. The SCC will deliver the pizza buns to the kindergarten to grade 5 classrooms. Grade 6 – Grade 12 students, please come to the kitchen to purchase and pick up your pizza buns. The proceeds from these monthly lunches help support

a variety of programs within the school for our students.

1 bun with a juice box will be \$4.00. 2 buns with a juice box will be \$6.00.

- The SCC conducts various fundraisers through the year. All proceeds of these fundraisers go back into the school enriching a variety of programs. Currently, we have

a Mabel's Labels Fundraiser underway. If you wish to participate, proceed to [www.mabelslabels.ca](http://www.mabelslabels.ca). As a fun side note, the SCC will keep the fundraiser open all year. You may order at any time. As well, to those moms and dads who crave neat and tidy workspaces, Mabel's Labels offers easy ways to label your pantry or shop tools. Whether you need something for home, travel, camping or birthday parties, check out their selection of time saving, eye catching stock.



mabel's labels



• Literacy is paramount for a student's success. The SCC, for several years, has worked with the elementary grades to reward avid readers. The SCC will continue with their work for the 2023/2024 school year by maintaining the reading prize box.

We are always looking for moms and dads of our school age kids to join the SCC.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, at 6:00pm. We will meet at the Fox Valley School library. If you are interested in joining, contact our president, Megan Schmaltz at I-306-661-9262.

As an SCC, "we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin". We wish to thank all our teachers, students, support staff, administrative staff, custodians and bus drivers for all your commitment, enthusiasm and spirit in 2023. May you all usher in the new year with a fresh canvas on which to paint the most colorful of your hopes, dreams and wishes for 2024 and beyond.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

"May all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year!"



# Dates to Remember

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Booster Juice

December 7<sup>th</sup> – After School Curling

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Drivers Ed. Class 10pm-12pm

December 13<sup>th</sup> – SCC Noon Lunch

December 14<sup>th</sup> – After School Curling

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Drivers Ed. Class 12pm-2pm

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Hawaii Christmas Day

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Headwear Day

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Sweater Day

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert @ 1:30 p.m.

December 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Concert @ 7 p.m.

December 21<sup>st</sup> – Red & Green Day

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – PJ and Hot Chocolate Day

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Subway

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup> –

Winter Break

