



Val Marie School Newsletter



Principal's Message,

Spring has sprung at Val Marie School! We have two months left in the school year that are packed full of extra curricular and learning activities. Our school will host Junior Badminton Districts on May 7th in Shaunavon with Joanna Andree competing in the girl's singles event. Recently, Pierce and Hayley represented our school at Senior Districts in Swift Current and played very well. Congratulations to all our players on a great season! Track and Field competitions are fast approaching and the Grade 5-11 classes kick started the season with a full afternoon clinic conducted by Sask Athletics this past week. Grade 6-12 students will compete in sectionals on May 18th in Swift Current, K-5 students will compete in Frontier on June 8th, and Gracie will attend the All Star Track Meet in Swift Current on May 25th! Good luck athletes!

This month students in K-4 are busy building box forts as part of their simple machines unit in science. They will also be helping to sort and distribute plants when they arrive on May 25th. Look for their class lemonade and bake sale stand that day when you come to pick up your plants! The middle years class is busy creating graffiti walls to showcase their independent reading. They recently produced and presented puppet shows in drama, and are practicing their track and field events in preparation for their upcoming meet. The grade 10-12 students are working hard in the Cyber classes which close on June 17th. Pierce is getting the last of his driving hours in so that he can go for his SGI license. Hailey is working hard at Jae's Pharmacy in Shaunavon as part of her Career and work experience hours. Katherine is learning about Nutrition in Health Science and how having a well balanced meal is essential for having well functioning body systems.

We are excited to welcome parents into the school on May 17th for a pancake breakfast, classroom tours and School Community Council AGM. We are always looking for enthusiastic members to join our SCC so if you are interested, I invite you to attend this event. There are so many ways that SCC supports our students and makes a difference in their overall school experience.

I would like to formally welcome Miss Kaycee Duquette to our School team! While Kaycee has been working in our school since November, she recently accepted the Full Time Educational Assistant position and we want to wish her all the best. Kaycee brings a warmth and positivity to the school each day and can often be heard singing with Gracie in the morning as they discuss the day ahead. Congratulations Kaycee!

June also looks to be a full month with classes wrapping up, exams, Awards Day, BBQ lunch, Kindergarten Orientation, and each homeroom class planning a full Field trip. Field trips are made possible through various school fundraising activities such as the Spring Plant Order and the Mom's Pantry order. We appreciate the community support we receive throughout the year that allows our students to take fantastic year end field trips that compliment their academic learning. Thank you for all your support!

~ Mrs. S Legault



Pierce - May 2
Mrs. Beauchamp - May 3
Katherine - May 10
Joanna - June 1
Elizabeth - June 3
Jaxson - June 18
Mikayla - July 11
Flint - July 21
Carmen - July 29
Hailey - August 23

Flower Orders Are Due May 9th
Plants arrive May 25th time to
be announced



Hello Everyone!

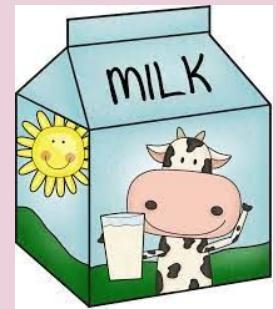
My name is Kaycee Duquette, I was born and raised here in Val Marie. When I'm not at school I'm usually on the ranch helping my dad with the cows or riding horses. I graduated from Val Marie School in 2019 and I'm so happy to be back. I look forward to being a part of the VMS team!

Book Swap



Thank you to all who donated and participated in the book swap. It was a huge success. All books leftover were donated to the SPCA used book store in Swift Current. Special thanks to Joanna for running the book swap for 2 days, and Mikayla and Neko for one day.

Milk Program



Special thanks to Josie Legault for running the milk program throughout the school year!
Milk cards are available for \$20 for 15 milk.

All parents are invited to a **pancake breakfast** on May 17th that will be held in conjunction with our **SCC Annual General Meeting**. Please plan to attend as there will also be short classroom tours that will highlight learning in each homeroom class.

Schedule:

8:00 - 8:45 - Breakfast

8:45 - 9:15 - Classroom Tours

9:30 - SCC AGM

Thank you for supporting our students' education!

Mrs. Legault.



Little Green Sprouts Update

The k-4 class grew their first crop of sprouts in April. From seeds to salad, we thoroughly enjoyed tasting sprouts from radishes, sunflowers, corn, beans, peas, buckwheat and lettuce. We made delicious salads with our favourite toppings.



Kinder Garden

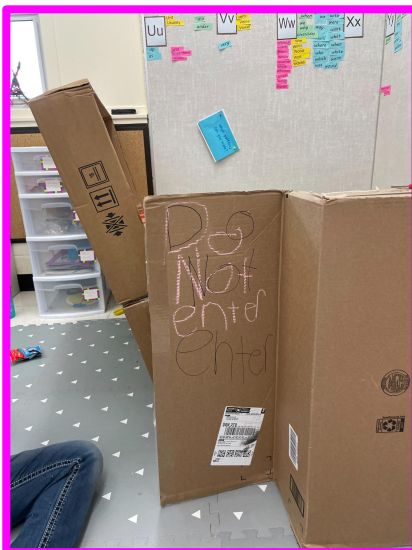
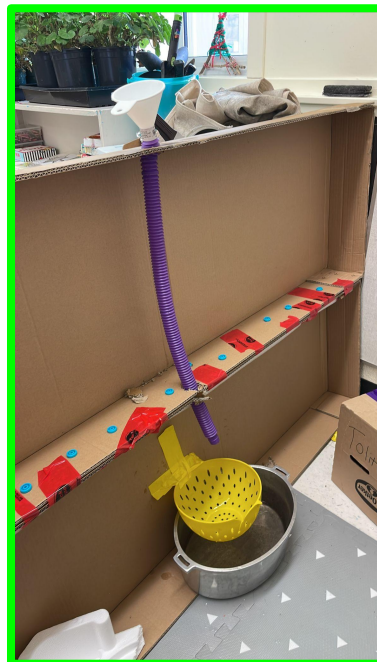
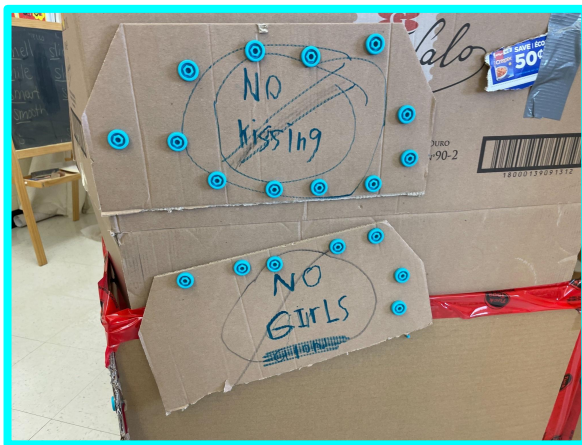
Let's Start Planting!!!

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together" ~Vincent Van Gogh



Fort Box Building

Special thanks to Krista and Nick Cairns for the donation of the Cardboard engineering tools

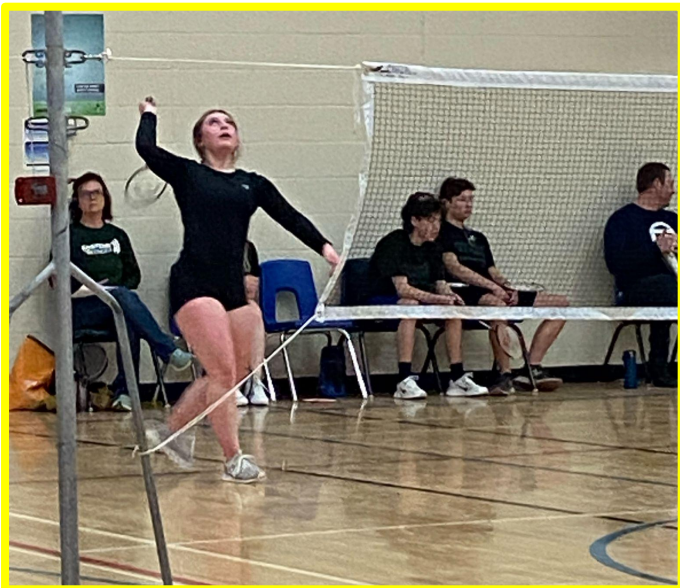




**SASKATCHEWAN
ATHLETICS
TRACK
WORKSHOP**



BADMINTON



SCC Field Trip to Grasslands National Park

On Friday March 18th us students from grades 5-11 got the chance to go to Grasslands National Park and spend the morning learning different survival skills. We started the morning off with a hike that took us along a trail by the Frenchman River. Our hike leader taught us about different plants and animals that are inhabitants of the grasslands of Saskatchewan. The trail led us down to right by the Frenchman River where the hike leader taught us about the different animals that hibernate next to the river. Before we headed out to do our survival skills we played a game of tag, that also helped us learn about the hibernating animals we had just learned about a few minutes ago. After our exhilarating game we were given Tim Hortons muffins thanks to SCC. It was a very fun day, and would not have happened without the SCC, so on behalf of the students, thank you! ~ Joanna Andree

During our class field trip to the park we were introduced to fire starting. We all had to gather wood and kindling to make a fire and keep it going. We got our fire going on the First try with the matches but the second time around we had to use the flint and steel. We sat and waited for the fire to go out so we could start it up again using the flint and steel. After a while of trying to get it started we finally did using the flint and steel. Once the fire was lit we cooked popcorn for the whole group. Thank you to the SCC. ~ Jaxson Waldner

When we went on our field trip to grasslands we learned to build traps for survival. We were given 3 sticks with slotted places then we would put them together so all the slotted places lined up so that it would stand and we would put a heavy board on top of the peak to hold it there. How this trap works is you put a bait on the stick under the rock. and when the animal tries to eat the bait and moves the stick the trap falls apart and the animal gets crushed. I think this trap would work well on gophers or small squirrels. Overall building the trap and learning how it works was pretty fun. Thank you scc for bringing food and planning the trip.~ Kristian Mything



Resolving Conflict Skills

PROBLEM SOLVING

HOW TO SOLVE A PROBLEM:*

1. Take a few deep breaths to calm down. *Breathe in while counting to three, hold for three, and breathe out for three.*
2. What is the problem?
3. Think of some possible solutions.
4. Pick a solution and think about: What would happen if I solve the problem this way?...Would it be safe?...Would it be fair?...How would everyone feel?
5. Decide on a solution and give it a try!

*Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations
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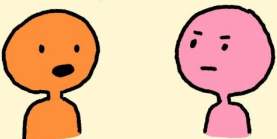
TATTLING VS TELLING/REPORTING:

TATTLING	TELLING/REPORTING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to get someone in trouble. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to help someone.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids can resolve conflict without an adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids need adult help to resolve conflict.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour is harmless. No one is hurt or in danger. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour is harmful or dangerous to someone or something.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The kid who is tattling may have something to gain: attention, desire to control others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The kids who are telling have tried to solve the problem and it has not stopped.

HOW TO APOLOGIZE

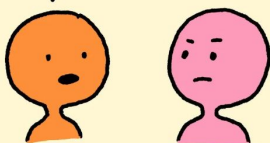
1 Express your remorse.

I'm sorry.
or
I apologize.



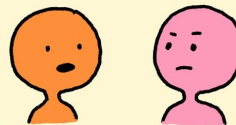
2 Take responsibility: Name the thing you did wrong.

I didn't do my part of the team project.



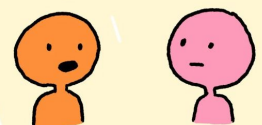
3 Show that you understand how your actions affected the other person.

It must have been frustrating to do everything on your own.



4 Promise to try to change your behavior or offer to help fix the problem you caused.

I will work harder in the future. What can I do to help today?



It's hard to admit that we were wrong. It takes courage but you'll feel better afterwards.

MY POSITIVE STATEMENTS

I can CHANGE my MINDSET with my Words ★

INSTEAD OF:

I CAN SAY:

I GIVE UP

I CAN DO THIS AS LONG AS I KEEP TRYING

I AM NOT SMART

I GROW MY BRAIN BY LEARNING NEW THINGS

I WILL FAIL

IF I FAIL I WILL KEEP TRYING TILL I GET IT

THIS IS TOO HARD

EVERYTHING NEEDS EFFORT

I AM NOT GOOD AT THIS

I AM NOT GOOD AT IT YET. WITH PRACTICE I WILL BE GREAT



WE ARE HIRING

Casual Positions

BUS DRIVERS

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

CUSTODIANS

SECRETARIES

- No certifications required to apply! Willing to train the right individuals.
- Flexible positions that fill short-term staffing vacancies on an as needed (call-in) basis.
- Great opportunity for casual work, extra hours to support another income, or exploring a new career.
- Bus drivers will be supported in getting "S" endorsement.

www.chinooksd.ca/employment

APPLY NOW



LOOKING FOR FULL, PART TIME & CASUAL STAFF!

Join our fun and dynamic team!

- Kitchen & Housecleaning Helper: Cook meals, clean up, check/refill supplies, wash/fold laundry, etc. 3 hours/day, 2-5 days per week (negotiable).
- Early childhood educator (FT, PT, Casual): Educating children through free play, crafts, guided activities, and themed programming.

We are willing to work with your interests and availability!

Please reach out to us today to discuss options!

Required Qualifications

- Open to anyone aged 16 to 100+
- Relocation/Retention bonuses available
- Criminal Record Check required if over 18
- First Aid / CPR an asset but not essential
- Food Safe Training required for kitchen helper position, optional for others



Please forward applications to:
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Important Dates

May 17 - Pancake Breakfast & SCC AGM

May 18 - Track in Swift Current

May 20 - Hot Lunch Menu TBA

May 23 - No School Victoria Day

May 25- Gracies' All Star Track

May 25- District Track, Swift Current

May 25- Plants Arrive

June 9 - Elementary Track Day- Frontier

June 17 - DL Classes Close

June 23 - Exams Start

June 28 - Last Day of Classes

June 29 - Report Cards

