January/February 2021

## Val Marie School Newsletter





#### Principal's Message

Welcome to Semester 2! With a new semester brings a few changes in our school. First, I will be stepping in as the acting principal for the remainder of the school year. Myself, along with the entire staff wish Angie and Blaine all the best in the coming months ahead. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to June Evenson, who has been hired on a temporary contract until the end of the school year. Mrs. Evenson brings a wealth of knowledge and an array of talent into our school. As June has been a substitute for the past few years, she has formed connections with our students and has hit the ground running. Read on further in the newsletter to learn more about June.

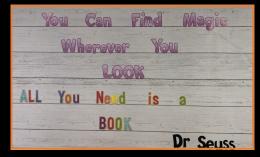
K-12 report cards were sent out at the end of January and while semester 2 only began last week, our classes are well underway. High school students are working diligently in their online classes. They are a group of self-motivated and focused young adults!

The elementary classes are busy preparing for 100th day of school activities and their online drama performance of Tacky the Penguin. The middle years classes are enjoying playing badminton once again during PE and during breaks. Gracie is looking forward to getting her Friday potato chip stand up and running to sell to the students!

There is nothing new to report on COVID. All of the same mandates are still in place and we are very happy to report that within our walls business is carrying on as usual.

Feb. 8-12th was staff appreciation week. Thank you to the SCC for a much appreciated COVID friendly staff lunch! Wishing everyone a wonderful spring break. Hopefully the weather warms up and we can all enjoy some outdoor activities during our week off!

Mrs. S. Legault.





Stella Glas - January 4th
Raelyn Mything - January 21nd
Mason Mything - January 22nd
Mrs. J. Legault - January 26th
Neko Proudlove - February 3rd
Ethan Mything - February 4th
Mrs. S. Legault - February 16th
Nieve Beauchamp - February 25th

We would like to Thank You Hailey Yaremko & Jodie Carleton for nominating Val Marie School for the Masterfeeds Canadian School Campaign program. We received \$500.00. We look forward to our students' ideas for purchasing items.

## K-4 Classroom

Thank you to elementary parents for participating in our family Literacy

Pay activities! Sharing your favourite books really sparked

some magic!

K-4 participated in "Hockey Night in Kenya" on Feb 11. Students had a live meet and greet with authors Cric Walters and Danson Mutinda. Families received a copy of the book as part of our family literacy day activities.



'100 Days of School' Week will be eelebrated with Grades 1-3 Feburary 22-26.

## **WELCOME TO**

### VAL MARIE SCHOOL

My name is June Evenson and I will be filling in at Val Marie School until the end of June. Mark and I are the parents of 4 children and have 3 beautiful grand-children. We live north of Frontier on the edge of the Frenchman Valley where we have a mixed farming operation with our son. I taught at Frontier School for over 30 years (I taught middle years and was the S.S.T.) and retired a year and a half ago. Just before Covid, I enjoyed a trip to Italy and two of our children were married. We are excitedly waiting the arrival of our 4th grandchild in May. I am enjoying getting to know the great students at Val Marie School and I'm very happy for the opportunity to work with your children in the coming months.

For Your Children's Safety
Please REMEMBER
Do not send your Children
to school before
8:30 a.m. as there is no
supervision until that time



#### SASCA Virtual Leadership Conference by Katherine Andree

On Thursday February 11th Mckenna Legault, Arlis Hanson, and I attended the SASCA Virtual Leadership Conference. Many schools from across Saskatchewan were able to attend and got to listen to three awesome speakers who shared some of their own personal stories and knowledge on the topics of mental health and leadership. The first speaker Nick Foley talked about his experience of traveling from Vancouver B.C to Saint John's Newfoundland, becoming a father of two amazing kids, and about his new outlook on life. Nick Foley shared a couple different stories about how he wanted to be remembered, and one thing that he had mentioned which really stuck out to me was that, when you want to give, you have to give 100%, there's no halfway, it's got to be 100% all in.

Ashley Baer was the second speaker of the day that we listened to, and she talked lots about mental health. She did a couple activities for us to participate in and many of us were able to interact with her through the chat bar on youtube live. I was able to win a twenty-five dollar Amazon gift card, which was very exciting. The third and final speaker of the SASCA Virtual Leadership Conference was Ian Tyson. Ian Tyson was a great speaker and awesome to listen to. He had some great stories to share as well,

and one message that he told which stood out to me the most was; be the person that anyone can feel safe and comfortable around. All three of the speakers for this conference were great, and I'm looking forward to seeing what next year brings for the SASCA Leadership Conference!

#### Pictured Left to right

Sue, McKenna & Arlis took part in the student virtual leadership conference on Thursday Feb 11th from the school, due to adverse weather conditions Katherine participated from home









Mason Mything - For his hard work ethic in all subjects

Cashton Yaremko - For great work in science & interesting contributions to our discussions

Pierce Schmidt - For positive attitudes towards your own learning

Ashlee Waldner - For excellent work on your online courses

Josie Legault - For outstanding dedication in learning her addition & subtraction facts

Elizabeth Legault - For being an eager & enthusiastic student with a positive attitude













Raelyn - For showing dedication & organization in her work

Gracie - For doing an excellent job on her character monologue presentation

**Dominic** - For outstanding work memorizing his lines in our play Tacky the Penguin as the main character

Gracie is excited to offer chips for sale for \$2 on Fridays! Students can find her set up on the stage between 11:30-12:00



# Check out the School Clothing Online Store

Our school clothing online store is ready to browse through in PREVIEW MODE. Would you all try the link below, surf through the multitude of choices, and provide feedback on how designs could be improved? Really play with options. Most items, once you click on them, you can change colors, logos, brands, add names n numbers...

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February 15 - 19th No School Spring Break