

December News



Happy December Arrowwood Families! Can you believe that Christmas break is only 3 weeks away? Students and staff at Arrowwood Community School have all been busy learning, setting goals and taking part in leadership opportunities. Our Student Lighthouse Teams are all very active planning assemblies, scheduling special events, taking part in community action and being responsible for our recycling, to name just a few. Our student led Remembrance Day Ceremony was very well received and plans are now coming together and the halls are starting to buzz with excitement, as we begin practicing for the Christmas Concert, which will be on Thursday, December 20.

Arrowwood School has been fortunate to have two student teachers from the University of Lethbridge with us. Miss Terry in grade 3/4 and Miss Tower in grade 1/2. They have been sharing their passion for education with us, while learning some teaching tips from our very skilled teachers. They will be with us until December 13th.

I hope you have had the opportunity to see the bulletin boards at the office end of the hallway that celebrate our Leaders of the Week. Students are chosen by their teachers for exhibiting the traits of the 7 Habits and we celebrate them each Monday morning. We are also very proud of the progress that we are tracking with our School Wide Wildly Important Goal, or School Wide WIG as we refer to it. Students are working hard at increasing their basic math facts and it's wonderful to see the improvement that is happening with their diligent practice.

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 30th. Please take time with your child to read them over, celebrate their successes and perhaps set a goal for improvement or continued success.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Shelley Davis Forman

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 5th – “Christmas Colors” Spirit Day
- Dec. 7th – Chili and a bun
- Dec. 14th – Chicken Noodle Soup and biscuits
- Dec. 18th – Staff and Student Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 20th – Christmas Rehearsal at 1:30
- Dec. 20th – Christmas Concert at 7:00
- Last day of school December 21st.

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Grade 1/2 News

December is upon us and the Grade 1/2 class is busy reading, writing and working on becoming better mathematicians! In social studies we are learning about how groups make decisions.

Hopefully you were able to check out our tribute for Remembrance day on the school fence. Our class made and placed 100 poppies on the fence to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. Our poppy artwork also decorated the hallway for the occasion.

All grade 1/2 students received a home-reading folder this month. Reading at-level books on a regular basis at home is absolutely integral to your child's literacy success. The home-reading folder is a great tool to help achieve this! Students can keep track of the books they have read and earn some fun prizes. If your child is reading other books at home on a regular basis, please allow them to continue - they are already doing what we want all our students to do. If you have any questions or concerns about home reading or your child's literacy success, please contact me anytime!



Be sure to download School Messenger on your device and join our Grade 1/2 group using the code: J8JWWT.



News from Grade 3/4

The grade 3/4s have been enjoying having our University of Lethbridge Student Teacher Miss Terry in our class. She is teaching us about India in Social Studies and Opinion Writing in Language Arts. We each convinced her of the importance of having free play in gym each week through our persuasive writing.



This month, we got to live chat with our Classroom Champions Mentor, Calynn Irwin. It was fun asking her questions and teaching her dance moves. We enjoyed her diversity challenge as we learned about similarities and differences we had with each other. This month, she challenged us to make a difference in our community. Watch for exciting news about our community actions.



In math, we have been enjoying learning about addition and subtraction. You can help us with this by practicing carrying and borrowing with two and three digit numbers.

For Science, we are learning a lot about rocks and minerals. Many of us brought in different rocks to share and learn about.



5\6 Newsletter

By Charlie Lidstone



Math: In math recently, the grade 5/6 class has been working on integers. We have also just started learning different strategies to use while adding and subtracting decimals.

Science: In science, we have been working on Air and Aerodynamics, the four forces of flight and properties of air. Recently we had a test on Air and Aerodynamics, and soon we are moving on to Flight.

Social: Social this month has brought us to learning about Canada and all of its provinces, capitals, and territories. We have just started studying the Atlantic Region.

LA: The grade 5/6 have been working on picture prompts and also working on hooks. A hook is a starting sentence with good description that hooks a reader's attention.

P.E: In P.E, we have been working on basketball like shooting hoops, dribbling and pivoting. We have also been practicing working together in games like dodgeball and handball.

Roots of Empathy: We have been learning how not to shake a baby and caring for others. Empathy means feeling what others are feeling and understanding others' emotions.

Music and Art: We have been working on tipis and other crafts in art. In music, we have been learning solfege. Solfege is the notes of music (Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do) and it has hand signals to go with it.



Junior High News

In Jr. High this term students have been working hard towards the school wide WIG by practicing basic math facts. Since September the Jr. High class has had a 60% increase on the amount of math facts they can complete per minute. Good work Jr. High!

Also, this term 17 Jr.High students attended a leadership conference at the University of Lethbridge. At the conference, students watched several guest speakers present as well as, attended different sessions of their choice.

Coming up this month in Jr. High, students will start working towards their Christmas concert pieces. Stay tuned to see how the Jr. High will represent Christmas in Arrowwood!

Global Action December

We challenge you to donate to a global cause that is important to you. We have a donation bin for change in Miss Williams' classroom if you want to donate to Free the Children.



Local Action December

We challenge you to bring in non-perishable food for the food bank. We will provide treats to the class that brings the most items in by December 20, 2018.



**Feeding the
Community**



Why Read at home?

STUDENT A READS

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 90TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT B READS

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 50TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT C READS

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 10TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
	Muffins and Grapes	Strawberry Banana Smoothie	Pretzels, Cheese and veggies Christmas Colors Spirit Day!	Bagels and Cream Cheese	Chili and a Bun	
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Mini Quiche	Energy balls and fruit	Tuna Sandwich bites and cherry tomatoes	Raspberry Orange Smoothie	Chicken Noodle Soup and biscuits	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Pizza Wraps and Carrot Sticks	Christmas Dinner	Tiny Pies	Muffins and Oranges <i>Dress Rehearsal at 1:30</i> <i>Christmas Concert at 7:00</i>	Ham and Egg Buns	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						
30	31	01	MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!			
			We look forward to seeing you back at school on January 7, 2019			

