



# Crestomere Cougar News

## November 1, 2018

Crestomere School

Principal: Mrs. P. Mueller

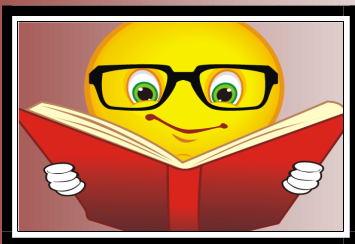


### Stop! Wait for It! Come and Browse! Christmas is coming!

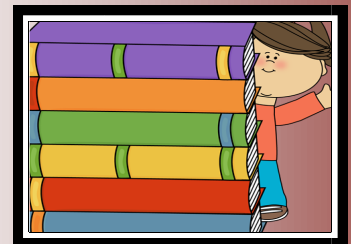
Our annual **BOOK FAIR** is coming **November 26th**. We will be open until **November 29th**, at lunch time recess and during parent teacher conferences after school until 8:30 pm. If you can not make either of those times, arrangements can be made to open after school until 3:00pm. (Contact office)

Students will get to preview the fair the day before at which time they will be encouraged to complete their wish list to bring home. We use the commissions received from book sales to enlarge our library collection and your support is greatly appreciated.

So, once again mark your calendars as this is a great opportunity to fill those stockings!

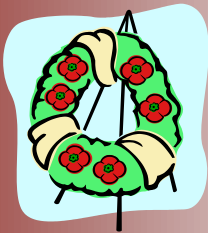


Reading  
Is Fun!



### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Our **Remembrance Day Program** will be held in the school gymnasium on **November 8 at 10:30 a.m.** Please come and join us as we honour our veterans. Anyone wishing to provide items for our display please have them to the school by Monday November 5. Please help our veterans by donating money for the poppy campaign. Thank you!





## School Council Highlights

October 1, was our initial school council meeting for the 2018-19 school year. We elected our new school council members and had updates from Ms, Harink, our acting principal, Mr. Singh as the teacher representative, and Trudy Bratland our elected School Board Trustee. I know most of you are very aware of what is going on in our school on a day-to-day basis, so you may wonder...what is the point of going to school council meetings? Our education system considers the School Council an important part of our education system. Our role is to act as an advisory council to the principal and to the school board on matters relating to the school as a whole. I have found the meetings to be a great opportunity to see the school as a bigger picture and not just as how it relates to my specific child(ren). And, the information presented by our School Board Trustee allows us to see what direction the government is taking in relation to educating our children and how our school is run.

Please join us on November 26 at 6:30 pm. I will be presenting some of the information presented at a recent combined School Council/Board meeting including topics such as First Nations and fundraising. There are a lot of changes being legislated by our current government on the way our children are being educated and what role the parent is allowed to have in it. This is an opportunity as parents to provide input/advice on these matters. I look forward to seeing you there.

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## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - November 29

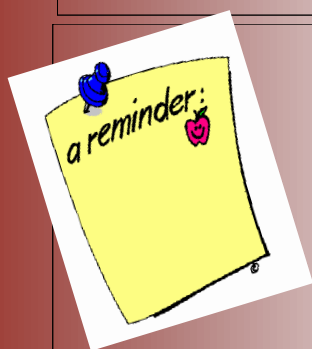
**Our second round of Parent Teacher Interviews will take place from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29.** As per our 2018-2019 school calendar, we will be conducting conferences approximately every 7-8 weeks throughout the year. A scheduled appointment will be made by you as the parent. Conferences will be scheduled every 15 minutes and will be booked through an online process. If you are unable to attend conferences and wish to meet with a teacher at another time, please email that teacher directly.

## SCHOOL FEES

**School Fees Are Past Due.** Parents may choose a payment plan option if required. Please contact the school office for details on this option. Payments may be made online at <http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/fees.php>

**Reminder: All items will need to be paid online.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to clearing up these fees.





During the month of November, our staff will reinforce the **Buddy Team** system and practice an 'On Alert' procedure.

A **Buddy Team** is a group composed of staff who check-in with each other to confirm status and who share student supervision at the time of an

emergency. All staff – teachers, administrators, supports and custodial staff, etc. – are assigned to a Buddy Team. Consideration should be given to staff member's location, availability, schedules, etc. when assigning buddies.

**On-Alert** is an early warning procedure for staff and students. The protocol instructs staff to direct students to classrooms for a status check as a pre-emptive step in dealing with a possible emergency or the need for a heightened state of vigilance. On-alert can help reduce chaos and account for students and staff prior to facing anticipated danger.



## BE A FLU DETECTIVE

Find the Clues for Staying Healthy During Flu Season!

**Being sick is no fun!**

You miss out on playing with friends, going to the playground and other fun stuff because you feel icky.

**There are ways to stay healthy during flu season, beginning with getting the flu vaccine.**



Activity 1

Detective Dan

### We need your help!

Are you ready to be a flu detective like Detective Dan?

Can you find all the ways to help keep you healthy during flu season? Circle the answers below.

Getting a flu vaccine every year

Covering your mouth with a tissue when you cough

Eating healthy food

Staying up late

Getting enough sleep

Riding your bike

Sharing your food and drink with friends

Playing on the playground

Covering your nose with a tissue when you sneeze

Going over to your friend's house, even though you feel sick

Washing your hands with warm, soapy water or using hand sanitizer

Using someone else's sleeve to cover your nose and mouth

### Great Job, Flu Detective!

Help your friends and family avoid getting sick by teaching them these important healthy habits!



## Volleyball 2018/19



**Crestomere's Junior A Volleyball Team** had a great season of learning, fun, and hard work. The girls showed great spirit in their practices and games, and learned that attitude, effort, skill development and perseverance are of utmost importance, even when we may not win a lot of sets. One highlight from our season was our Bluffton tournament. The girls played their hearts out and had fun spending the day together. The team spirit off the court spilled over into their games and they ended up playing in the A final, placing second overall in the tournament. We would like to thank our coach, Heather Huseby for the time and talent put into our school team. The girls learned a lot about positions and systems, and also gained confidence in serving, receiving and setting. Thank-you coach, players and parents for a great season of volleyball!



Our volleyball season has come to an end and our **Junior B Volleyball Team** had a great showing at their final tournament in Lacombe on Saturday October 26 and 27th. The girls played hard and showed how much they have progressed this year with great serves, three hits and some awesome plays. As a coach, I couldn't be prouder of their efforts and attitude! Thanks to Erica Aarten and Bailey Krause for joining us because we were short players.

Our volleyball future looks bright with some very talented players! I cannot wait for next year! Thank you Megan, Emma, Jessy, Halena, Ellissa, Averi, Kaylyn, Isabella for a fantastic season and the opportunity to share the love of volleyball!

Mrs. Bogath



## INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS

### Cancelling School Buses and Closing Schools Due to Bad Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of bus transportation and at times regular school operations. We must recognize that there are days when school buses will not be able to operate because of extreme temperatures, fog, freezing rain or other adverse road conditions. Parents/guardians are reminded to review the inclement weather information below for the 2018-2019 school year.

In case of inclement weather, the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is determined prior to 6:00 a.m. and is communicated thereafter in the following ways:

- Telephone recording and/or text message sent to all registered student households via PowerAnnouncement
- Wolf Creek Public Schools website newsfeed ([www.wolfcreek.ab.ca](http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca))
- Notifications automatically sent to subscribers of WCPS' Media newsfeed
- Twitter - School closures and bus cancellations will be tweeted to followers at [@WCPS72](https://twitter.com/WCPS72)
- Facebook - School closures and bus cancellations updates are posted to [Wolf Creek Public Schools](https://www.facebook.com/WolfCreekPublicSchools)
- Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation webpage regarding school bus route status (<http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/Busine.php>)
- Television/Radio Stations: Global News, Sunny 94.1 FM, Big 105.5 FM, CKGY 95.5 FM, ZED 98.9 FM, CHED 630 AM, CFCW 790 AM, KJR 1440 AM

*It is a parent's decision whether or not they send their child to school on inclement weather days when buses are cancelled and schools remain open.*

### Diploma and PAT Exams

Inclement weather includes situations where the weather conditions prevent a student from being able to arrive safely at the nearest available writing location or where the writing locations have been closed due to severe weather. This can include situations where division school buses were not operating due to weather conditions.

In the event that a group of students is impacted and unable to access the writing of a diploma exam as a result of inclement weather, an application will be made on their behalf to the Alberta Education Special Cases Team to indicate how the students were impacted. The decision to provide an exemption is provided at the sole discretion of Alberta Education.\* (excerpt from *Alberta Education General Information Bulletin*)

During inclement weather, schools with writing locations will, where possible, remain open for Diploma exams to be completed by students who are able to make their way into the exam location. Students, where possible and where safe to do so, are encouraged to write Diploma exams on the assigned day as these are not able to be rescheduled. Writing times will be accommodated for late arrivals on the same day of the exam.

Students in Grade 6 and 9 who are writing PAT exams and miss the exam due to inclement weather will be accommodated on an alternate day, where possible.

Students and parents should watch for notifications with further details on any inclement weather day where a Diploma or PAT

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- When a decision is made to cancel bus transportation in the morning and schools remain open, buses will typically run at the end of the school day to return students home.
- Bus drivers have the individual authority to cancel their route, or decide not to stop at a particular pick-up site if they feel the weather/road conditions warrant such action. This can occur regardless of a decision being made by the Superintendent regarding bus cancellations.
- The decision to cancel all bus runs for a full day of school automatically includes the closing of the affected school(s) for all students. However, there may be occasions when the following occurs:
  - Area bus runs (eg. Bluffton, Clive, etc) are canceled in the morning but schools remain open, or
  - Cases such as fog conditions and freezing rain, where road conditions are expected to improve significantly within a short period of time, but improvement in road conditions occurs too late to operate morning bus routes.
    - In such cases, schools will remain open, and the bus runs will be re-opened for operation in the afternoon in order to transport students home who found alternative modes of transport to school. Reminders that the afternoon bus runs will operate and will always be announced on the radio immediately in the morning.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when the air temperature in excess of -40 degrees C exists regardless of wind conditions. In instances where the air temperature is between -30 degrees C and -40 degrees C, the wind chill factor may be considered if it creates a temperature in excess of -40 degrees C with the wind chill factor included.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility (e.g. heavy snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain, heavy fog) are present.
- Pay careful attention to the bus cancellation message if your child/children are bus riders. Waiting for buses in extreme cold temperatures is very dangerous and being cognizant of bus cancellations will ensure your child/children are not outside waiting for a bus that has been cancelled.
- Dress warmly on cold weather days as school buses may be delayed and your child/children may be waiting for the bus for a longer time than usual.
- Wolf Creek Public Schools will continue to announce any district-wide busing cancellations due to inclement weather, fog, or poor road conditions using WCPS' communication practice.



## Community News

**The Friends of Crestomere is having their annual Poinsettia Fundraiser.**

Orders can be made online at:

[www.simplefund.ca](http://www.simplefund.ca)

Deadline is November 20th.

Poinsettia delivery will be the 2nd week of December.

Online ordering is quite easy..... begin by going to the website and click on "Parents & Group Members" then "Register Now". More information will be sent out the first week of November. Old fashioned order forms can be printed from the Simplefund website once you have registered or picked up at the school office.



A HUGE thank you to the Crestomere Recreation Association for building the Wilson Ball Courts on the playground. The students are enjoying the new play area and absolutely love playing Wilson ball.

**Crestomere Recreation Association**

will be holding a meeting on November 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Gull Lake Veterinary Clinic.

All parents and community members are welcome.

For more information please call or text Scott at (403)704-4191.



### Important December Dates

Dec 13: Christmas Concert

Dec 22-Jan 6: Christmas Break

Jan 7: Classes Resume



### Reminder:

It is very important that students come to school with appropriate winter clothing for weather conditions.



### HOT LUNCH

1 Hot Dog/Cookie \$2.50

2 Hot Dog/Cookie \$4.00

Orders Due by November 8



Order Online

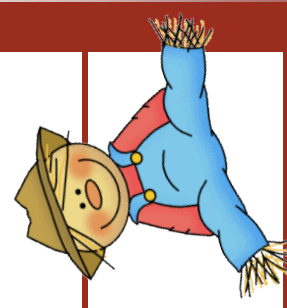
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|   |   |   | Assembly @ 9:30 am |   |   | Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 am |    | No School - In Lieu Days |    | Crestomere Recreation Association Meeting @ 7:30 pm<br>Family Fun Night |    | Hot Dog/Cookie Hot Lunch Kindergarten Attend |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | School Council Meeting @ 6:30 |    |    | Parent Teacher Interviews | PD Day NO SCHOOL |
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**BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 26- NOVEMBER 29**