



Crestomere Cougar News

November 1, 2019

Crestomere School

Principal: Mrs. P. Mueller

All Purchases
Benefit Our
School!



Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming next month! This is always a great time to purchase early Christmas stocking stuffers for our children, friends, and students, while at the same time support our library.

The Book Fair will be open from November 19 – 26, 2019.

Students will have the opportunity to view the items available on November 19th, with actual purchasing beginning November 20th at our noon recess. The fair will also be open after school until 3:00pm and late on November 21, 2019 until 8:30pm. (Parent-Teacher Interview Night).

Due to the fact that the library becomes very congested during the fair, we will once again ask our students only come in during the recess if they are making a purchase. Their backpacks and coats should remain outside of the library during this time.

Each student that makes a book purchase will have an opportunity to complete a draw form (one per student) over the week for a chance to win some free books at the end of the fair.

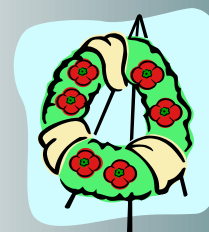
So get ready to snuggle down with a good book, as there will be "Snow Much" to purchase and read in November.

Thanks Mrs. Schindel



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

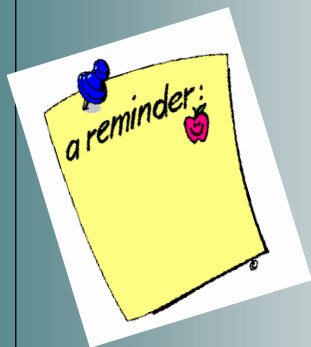
Our **Remembrance Day Program** will be held in the school gymnasium on **November 7 at 10:30 a.m.** Please come and join us as we honour our veterans. Anyone wishing to provide items for our display please have them to the school by Monday November 4. Please help our veterans by donating money for the poppy campaign.
Thank you!



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - November 21

Our second round of Parent Teacher Interviews will take place from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21. As per our 2019-2020 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.

Family Fun Night

Wednesday
November 27th
6:30-8:30
See you there!





Crestomere Sports



Volleyball

Golf



Cross Country

After weeks of after school practice, weekend training, and several meets, our cross country team wrapped up our successful season with a running party. Our team travelled to Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Alix, New Norway and Brownfield with many Top 10 and Top 20 finishes. Congratulations to Jack Steeves for his 6th place finish at the CWAJHAA Meet against the top runners from all over Central Alberta! With many athletes running, the future looks bright for our program and we look forward to Track season in the Spring.



Curling

Curling season has begun and Crestomere already has some curlers hitting the ice. We have several students who are involved in the Junior Curling Program and one team of Junior High students competing in the Youth League Friday evenings, coached by volunteers at the Lacombe Curling Club. We will soon be starting an after school curling program for students. Details will be available soon, but please let Mrs. Harink or Mr. Whitbread know if you are interested.

Good Curling!



The grade 2/3 class got an introduction to their rock and minerals unit with an excellent field trip. They went to the Collicutt centre to do some rock climbing and then went to the rock and gem show at the Westerner. They really "rocked!"

The school learned about farm safety with an excellent safety presentation and trailer filled with hands on learning.





Community News



EGGciting News!

Our agriculture class has landed a pretty sweet deal on a chicken coop. After much research, policy review, and endless conversation with Central Office staff, we are thrilled to announce that we will soon be learning more about chickens. There is still work to be done on the coop before we jump into the deeper learning, and we might need some community support to get us started. Make sure to follow the #chickencoop updates so you can learn along with us. For those of you already chicken intelligent, please feel free to offer up your knowledge. We'll also be on the lookout for straw so any tips will be greatly appreciated.



We want to give a huge SHOUTOUT to all of our volunteers. We appreciate all that you do for us wouldn't survive without you. If you are interested in being a volunteering at the school, we currently are recruiting helpers for our breakfast and hot lunch programs.

HOT LUNCH NOVEMBER 28

**CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
with Bun
\$4.00**



Available ONLINE November 6.
ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 22 3pm.
NO LATE ORDERS

Important December Dates

Dec 12: Christmas Concert
Dec 21-Jan 5: Christmas Break
Jan 6: Classes Resume



Reminder:

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





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.



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!



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 2019-2020 school year.

With safety of students as the primary concern, the Superintendent and Transportation Manager make a joint decision, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., on school closure and cancelling buses.

Since Central Alberta weather conditions are extremely unpredictable, families, staff, and substitute teachers have a responsibility to check our social media feeds, local radio, and/or division websites for busing and school closure announcements when inclement weather conditions exist.

The Transportation Manager contacts the appropriate radio stations for public service announcements:

- FM stations Sunny 94.1, Big 105.5, CKGY 95.5, ZED 98.9
- AM stations CHED 630, CFCW 790, KJR 1440

The following are updated and posted/shared:

- **SwiftReach:** Message to registered households
- **Website:** Notice on [Division](#) and [School](#) banners; [Bus Route Status](#) on Transportation webpage.
- **Twitter:** [@WCPS72](#)
- **Facebook:** [Wolf Creek Public Schools](#)

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 are 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 exam is being written as specific details will be provided on school websites and radio.

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 cancelled 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 reopened 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.

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.

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November 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends | 4 Friends of Crestomere Meeting @ 7:30 | 5 Picture Retake Day | 6 | 7 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 am | 8 PD Day NO SCHOOL | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Remembrance Day No School | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Kindergarten Attend | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Parent Teacher Interviews | 22 PD Day NO SCHOOL | 23 |
| 24 | 25 School Council Meeting @ 6:30 | 26 | 27 Hot Lunch Chicken Noodle Soup Family Fun Night 6:30 - 8:30pm | 28 | 29 | 30 |

BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 19- NOVEMBER 26