

THE CHESTER RONNING CHEW

DECEMBER 2019

Website at www.brsd.ab.ca/school/cronning

MESSAGES FROM MR. LANSING?

Hello Chester Ronning School, I am excited to be back at the school I first taught at when I came to Battle River School Division! In the time since, I have been an assistant principal at four different schools. Most recently, I was teaching at École Charlie Killam School and I will continue as a morning instructor in Battle River Hockey Academy for them until the end of January.

My first two weeks at Chester Ronning School have been terrific and I feel very fortunate to be joining such a welcoming school. I am looking forward to continuing to build relationships with students and to meet more parents and caregivers. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you are in the school!

HELLO AND BONJOUR!

Bonjour! I'm Lori Lundy and I'm excited to be at Chester Ronning to teach Grade 5 French as a Second Language. I grew up in the Forestburg area, and completed my BEd (major French) at U of A. I have done some exchange/immersion studies at Queen's University, St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, and Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, and my master's at U of A focusing on FSL programming in rural schools. I started teaching in 2000, and currently also teach at Hay Lakes School, where I've been since 2006! Thanks so much to the Chester Ronning community for welcoming me, and I look forward to getting to know and spend time with you.

☺ Merci! -Mme Lundy

CHESTER RONNING CHEETAHS

Congratulations to the Grade 4 and 5 students that came out to learn and participate in this year's volleyball season. The volleyball teams represented our school very well by being respectful, responsible players and demonstrating good sportsmanship.



Great fun was had by all that were able to make it out to the tournament at Jack Stuart. Thank you to all the players and Ms. Vermeer for making this a fantastic, fun season.

Ms. Bratrud

BOARD GAMES CLUB

Board games club will be finishing on December 3rd for the grade 2/3's and December 10th for the grade 1's as we have Christmas concert on the 17th of December. I had an absolute blast getting to know the students and play games with them. I am thankful for my wonderful grade 5 helpers who made each week a huge success. I would also like to thank Mr. Alex Oliver for joining us to teach chess to the students, we really appreciated it.

Upcoming at CRS

Christmas Concert – Grade 1-5 Dec. 17;
Kindergarten – December 16. Details to follow.

Hot lunch – Friday, Dec. 13, Panago.

Early Dismissal – Dec. 5, January 9

Staff Collaboration – no school – Dec. 6, January 17

School Closed – Dec. 23 – January 5.

Assembly – December 16 – 9am, January 30

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Chocolates - School Council will be selling boxes of chocolates at the concert for \$3/box.

Best Seat in the House - Enter the draw for \$2 to win front row, couch seats at the Christmas Concert!

LICE

A few cases of lice have been reported to the school. We want to make you aware to help stop the spread of the lice. Controlling the spread requires diligence on everyone's part to monitor and respond immediately in cases where head lice are discovered. Informing the school is an important element of the response to a case of head lice in a family that has children attending school. Lice will not go away on their own. They must be treated with an over the counter or prescription shampoo and conditioner as well as picking the nits off of the hair. Two helpful resources are Camrose Public Health - 780-679-2980 or The Lice Removal Clinic in Edmonton - 587-463-0566.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Please consider making a food bank donation at the door on our concert nights.

Kindergarten - Monday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. Kindergarten families watch for a letter home from your teacher with more exciting details!

We are gearing up and getting ready for our annual Christmas concerts! This year, our Grades' 1-5 Christmas concert is called "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." On Tuesday, December 17th, there will be an afternoon concert at 1:00pm and an evening concert at 7:00pm, with doors opening at 6:45pm. We encourage families to attend our afternoon concert at 1:00pm if you are able as our evening concert tends to fill up beyond capacity. We want to make sure everyone can see the show! Along with speaking roles to be learned and great songs to rehearse, some classes have specific costumes they will need to wear for dress rehearsal and concert times. See the list below to see how your child or children will be dressing for the occasion. **Please ensure any props or costumes are brought to the school by Thursday, December 12th.**

Grade 1- Nice, Christmas attire.

Grade 2- Nice, Christmas attire; girls wearing scarves and boys wearing toques, all grade 2 students will also need to bring in a pair of sunglasses.

Grade 3- Nice, Christmas attire.

Grade 4- Nice, Christmas attire.

Grade 5- Pajamas, with some students assigned to dress up as Santa, reindeer and mice.

All grade 1 to 5 students will partake in a dress rehearsal on the afternoon of Monday, December 16th. This dress rehearsal will be for students only and a chance for us to share our performances and hard work with each other!

JR ATB

Hello Chester Ronning!

My name is Cindy and I am the Junior ATB Lead this year. If you haven't heard of us yet we are running a Junior ATB bank in the school twice a month. We have 'hired' a team of greeters, tellers and a board of directors. They will be learning how to do deposits, make decisions on promotions and how to spend Junior ATB money and working as a team to run the bank. We will be taking deposits from any students and any amount on banking days (dates will be sent out on the calendar) during the year. If your child would like to participate, you can fill out the application sent home or pick one up at the banking days. As well you can reach out to me at the branch and I can help you here. We will open them an account and they can start saving! This is going to be a fun and educational way to learn about financial literacy. I am so excited to be working with your kids this year! Please reach out if you have any questions! Cindy Olesen, colesen@atb.com

THErapy DOGS AT CRS

You definitely read that right; dogs! We now have more than one in our school! Every Tuesday, there are two therapy dogs that come visit our school and work with specific students. Booker arrives in the morning and works with students in a program called Special Learning With Booker, where children progress at their own level and pace, playing games, taking him for walks, talking to him with or without devices and so on. Dylan, comes to Chester Ronning in the afternoon for a Reading Tails program, where students choose a book they think Dylan would like to hear and work on developing their reading skills in a quiet, comfortable room on a one-to-one basis. Each visit is short, but we are beginning to see the effects of these programs into the home and classroom!

CHESTER RONNING'S WELLNESS TEAM

At the beginning of the school year, eight grade 4 and 5 students expressed great interest and were selected to be a part of a Wellness Team. Along with a few staff members, this team comes up with great ideas and activities to promote wellness in and around our school. Some of our more consistent decisions are selecting themes on early dismissal days, choosing a guided dance to lead in monthly assemblies and creating announcements with daily focuses following our Circle of Courage. The whole point of this team is to promote healthy eating, physical activity and collaboration amongst others.

Calendar – link here <https://cronning.brsd.ab.ca/about/calendar>

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 ATB Grand Opening / First Banking Day 11:40 am Grade 2/3 Board Games Club 3:30 pm	4	5 Early Dismissal 2:23 pm	6 Staff collaboration - no school for students	7
8	9	10 ATB Banking Day 11:40 am Grade 1 Board Games Club 3:30 pm	11 Grade 4's go to Louise Jensen Center for Caroling 12:30 pm	12 Grade 5's go to Rosealta to Christmas carol. 1:15 pm	13 Panago Hot lunch 11:40 am	14
15	16 K-Christmas Concert 6:00 pm	17 Christmas Concert 1:00 pm Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	18	19 Assembly - Gym 9:00 am	20 School is closed	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Christmas Holidays. School is closed Dec. 20 - Jan. 5, 2020.						

***Please note that a full updated calendar is available on our website!**

<https://cronning.brsd.ab.ca/about/calendar>

Cover Your Cough

Stop the spread of germs
that make you and others sick!



cough or sneeze into your
sleeve, not your hands

OR



cover your mouth and
nose with a tissue put your used tissue
in the waste basket

Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing



wash your hands with
plain water and soap

OR



clean with waterless
hand cleaner

Ways to build assets during the holiday season:

The holidays are a great time to reconnect as a family. These small, but meaningful connections can help build assets in your child. The 40 Developmental Assets are building blocks that children and youth need as a foundation for growing up healthy!

Strong family relationships are the very heart of asset development. Here are some ideas to help your family grow closer and maintain a positive atmosphere at home.

Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Have your child teach you something new.

Get to know your children's friends and invite them along to one or more of your great holiday activities!

Go tobogganing, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing.

Volunteer together.

Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Build a snowman together, then warm up with some hot chocolate.

Have a screen free day. Get active!

Talk about family traditions.

Walk around the neighborhood to look at festive lights and decorations. Make sure to say hello to the neighbors that you see.

Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Curl up together as a family and watch a favorite holiday movie.

Shovel your neighbors' driveway together.

Make holiday crafts together.

Plan and cook a meal together as a family.

MORE RESOURCES

www.sparcreddeer.ca

<https://keepconnected.searchinstitute.org>

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Free Family Winter Activities

Drop-In Christmas Card Making	UPDATED DATE + TIME November 28 4:30-6:30pm Camrose Rec Centre
Drop-In Snow Volleyball	December 04 4:30-6:30pm Beach Courts
Winter Carnival with Boys and Girls Club <i>Food Bank Donation required</i>	December 07 11:00am-4:00pm Camrose Rec Centre
Drop-In Christmas Card Making	December 10 4:30-6:30pm Camrose Rec Centre
Drop-in Family Sledding	December 14th 10:00am-2:00pm Jubilee Park
Christmas Public Skate	December 22 1:00-4:00pm Camrose Rec Centre
New Year's Eve Event with Camrose Kodiaks	December 31 2:00-8:00pm Camrose Rec Centre
Pioneer Party <i>Registration Required</i>	January 11 1:00-3:30pm Camrose + District Centennial Museum

For more information, contact Rachel at rgulley@camrose.ca or 780.672.9195



Camrose Aquatic Center Winter & Spring 2020

The following are the upcoming Leadership courses the Camrose Aquatic Centre has scheduled:

Age 9-11 Years...**Stay Safe!**

Friday	January 31	9:00am - 3:00pm
Friday	May 8	9:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday	June 30	9:00am - 3:00pm

Age 11-15 Years...**Babysitters**

Friday	January 17	9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday	April 24	9:00am - 5:00pm
Monday	June 29	9:00am - 5:00pm

NEW - You can now view and register for Aquatic programs online!! Visit the City of Camrose homepage at www.camrose.ca, hover over the 'Recreation and Leisure' option, click on the 'Sign up for Programs and Courses', then click on the photo of the program you are interested in. If you need assistance please call the Aquatic Centre Office at 780.672.9909, or email us at aquatic@camrose.ca.