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From the Principal's Desk

As we step into the month of March, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made so far this academic year as well as highlight some important aspects of our school community. Along with this, look at the month ahead and all the events happening in and around the school.

One important aspect of our school is parent-teacher communication. We deeply value the partnership between parents and teachers. Effective communication between home and school is crucial for your child's academic success and overall well-being. I encourage you to stay connected with your child's teacher, whether through email, phone or in-person. By working together, we can ensure that your child receives the support they need to thrive academically and socially. If there are ever any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff.

Another critical factor in your child's academic success is regular attendance. Attending school every day and being on time sets a positive foundation for learning and helps build important habits for the future. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or any other circumstances, please notify the office or reach out to the classroom teacher(s). We understand that occasional absences are unavoidable, but consistent attendance is key for a student's progress.

There is a lot happening at our school in the month of March. Swimming started for our K - 3 classes and we wanted to thank all the volunteers, swim instructors and teachers for giving up their time to help our students learn an important life long skill. Basketball season is winding down and good luck to the teams in their final games. Congratulations to our Boys Curling team that finished fourth in our zone!

Kindergarten registration is now open! If you have an eligible kinder for the 2024-2025 school year, please hop on our website to register your child. We will be hosting a Kindergarten Orientation in the spring. Lastly, March is a busy month for our middle and high school students involved in career opportunities such as Sundre Hospital Skills day, Grade 8 Try-a-Trade day at Olds College, and our vast Dual credit opportunities.

A few reminders as we head in to March:

- This year we are having a literacy focused month of March and it will be highlighted by a school wide read-a-thon. Stay tuned for more details and ways you can support.
- Winter/Spring weather can still be unpredictable in March, please plan ahead for the changing conditions.
- Parent-teacher interviews (and the book fair) have been moved to early April this year.
- Some dates to consider: March 1st is our kickoff to our read-a-thon and team colour activities. March 8th is a Collaborative day and the teachers and EA's will be working at our school, no school for students. March 13th is Pizza Day, March 21st is Subway Day and finally, March 29th is Good Friday so no school.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school, staff and most importantly our students.

Darryl Korody
Principal



Reading Opens Doors to Other Worlds!

Dear Parents and Guardians of Cremona School,

We are excited to announce that for the month of March, Cremona School will be celebrating and participating in multiple literacy based activities. Student reading and writing is an integral part of our education plan, and we look forward to celebrating our students! We will be doing this in a variety of ways throughout the month, but a few of our focus areas are;

- A. **School Wide Read - A - Thon!** Student's will be given pledge forms at the beginning of the month, and reading minutes tracking sheets each week! Student's will be celebrated and encouraged to fundraise to help support their reading goals! There will be prizes at the end of the month for most minutes read in each class, as well as for our top school fundraisers! 100% of the pledges raised will go back into the school!
- B. **House Colour Book Worm Competition** - Student's will earn a piece of the bookworm for their house colour team every time they read a designated amount of minutes at home during the Read a Thon. House color worms will be on display throughout the month, in the school! Let's watch those Book Worms Grow! A prize will be awarded to the House Colour Team with the longest worm.
- C. **Community Volunteers to Read** - If you are interested in reading (a book of your choice or from a teacher or library, a poem or otherwise) to one or more of our classes throughout the month, please send us an email! We would love to have parents, grandparents, and other community members be present in our school, reading to our kids, showing them that Literacy is everywhere! If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering in one or more of our elementary classrooms please email skellert@cesd73.ca, for middle school please email skempster@cesd73.ca, and for high school kyoung@cesd73.ca.

We are currently seeking small donations for our Read a Thon prize table for the end of the month! If you feel you can help us in any way, please contact the school office, or skempster@cesd73.ca.

Donations could look like: frisbees, water bottles, skipping ropes, indigo gift cards, water toys, sticker sets, soccer balls, etc).

Cremona School Enhancement Society

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets for the trip of the month fundraiser. Our draws are posted live each month on our cses Facebook page - Congratulations to our March draw winners: \$100 - Kevin & Deb Holmes, \$200 Dennis Althoose & the TRIP goes to Shannon Chapin! Congrats everyone!

We are working with the Mountain View County to be awarded a grant to finish off the replacement of the old playground equipment. Hopefully this project will be completed prior to the start of school in September.

CSES has approved \$400 of spending towards new playground equipment (new soccer balls, footballs etc). Additionally we funded \$4,000 to offset transportation costs for the K-3 students for their swimming lessons and other field trips. We are currently looking at bringing in an entertainer for a night of family fun. Watch for more information in the coming months.

CSES has 2 fundraisers planned that we are excited about:

(1) **Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser** offering plants for your garden (hanging baskets won't be included as band members will be selling those). The order forms will be sent out with the elementary students and the link will be posted online in March/April with delivery in May.

AND

(2) **CSES's 2nd annual online silent auction coming in May.** We are actively looking for donations for the silent auction from local businesses. If anyone has an item they wish to donate or if you know of a business we can approach, please contact us at csesociety2011@gmail.com. No item is too big or small. All proceeds go to help fund the programs, activities and equipment at our school.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 6pm. Any and everyone is welcome to join. We are always looking for new members, especially now as we look to plan a fun family night!

Cremona School's 2024 Science Fair Results

Gold

Grade 3-4: Kaylee P. "Rocks"

Grade 5-6: Lexi L. "Carbon Snake Experiment"

Grade 7-8 and Best in Fair: Claire F. "Not So Fast? Actually Faster"

Silver

Gr 3-4: Beau K. & Ryanne E. "Eggs vs Toothpaste"

Grade 5-6: Ada R. & Bella H. "HOT Topic"

Grade 7-8: Gavin C. "Time Travel in Theory"

Bronze

Gr 3-4: Connor R. "Rainbow in a Jar"

Grade 5-6: Eli B. "Metal and the Human Memory"

Grade 7-8: Jillian R. "Thinking Reaction"



Good Luck to everyone competing this weekend!

Leadership news

Leadership would like to thank everyone who dressed up in pink and red on February 14th! Remember to participate in future dress up days to gain points for your House Colour Teams! We would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Pink Shirt Day on February 28th in honour of Anti-Bullying Day.

Throughout the month of March, Leadership will be helping Mrs. Kempster with a school-wide Read-a-Thon, and we will be leading some activities during our upcoming House Colour Afternoon! Please encourage your children to participate by tracking their reading minutes - there are multiple prize opportunities! We are also planning some fundraisers to raise money for our upcoming ASLC trip, and we will likely hold another hot dog fundraising day in mid-March. More information will come soon, and we thank you for your support!

Counsellor's · CORNER ·

Grade 12 Students and Parents: Most have applied, some have been accepted and many are still considering their options. A "year off" is a great idea as long as a "plan" is in place, be it work, travel, or volunteering. I reminded them that the application deadlines are in the Fall and that they are often missed making the "year off" into two!

For students who are already accepted into post-secondary, please use all of the scholarship resources that I have provided in order to obtain some free money. The **Mountain View County Citizenship Award** application is due at the end of March.

Grade 11 Students and Parents: I've started my grade 11 student meetings and hope to finish in March. We talk about schools, scholarships, high school grad requirements, and required courses for post-secondary. Research should be starting soon on the myblueprint or ALIS career sites. Some schools take grade 11 marks for early admission so keep up the grades!

Grade 9 Students and Parents: WEDNESDAY APRIL 24th, 7:00PM will be our "Welcome to Real High School Meeting" and we encourage all Grade 9 students and parents to attend.

March Scholarships:

March 1st - ReMax "Quest for Excellence" Bursary - \$1,000 (16 awards) - Applicants must be from Western Canada who demonstrate leadership and community involvement.

March 11th - Remax Bursary - \$1000 - Community Contribution. Essay required.

March 12th - Benard & Associates Scholarship - \$2,500 - In Grade 12, have financial need and demonstrate personal growth, leadership and contribution despite the challenges they face.

March 31st - A Voice for Animals Contest - Prize Amounts Vary - Video Contest with deadline in March.

March 31st - Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards - up to \$10,000 - Member of the Metis Nation of Alberta and attending a post-secondary institution in Alberta.

April 1st - Trey Purdie Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 - Resident of Red Deer County/Graduating from CESD school.

April 1st - Glen Armitage Memorial Education Plan - \$1,500 - Agriculture Family

THE YES PRESS



February in the YES Room!

February is "Random Acts of Kindness Month"!

It was a fun month of Valentine's themed crafts and class Kindness Challenges!

We read "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" The kids got to design their own buckets with "random acts of kindness rain drops"!

Events!

National Pizza Day was a hit with over 20 kids participating! We made our own pizzas, played some gym games and enjoyed watching a movie over lunch!
In honour of Valentine's Day, I posted "Free Compliments" sheets all around the school to spread some kindness and joy!

Encouragement!

FREE COMPLIMENTS!
It costs nothing to be kind.
PAY IT FORWARD ☺

TEAR OFF A SLIP BELOW TO SPREAD SOME KINDNESS AND JOY!

- YOU ARE A GREAT FRIEND
- YOU ARE A GREAT STUDENT
- YOU ARE A GREAT SISTER/BROTHER
- YOU ARE A GREAT TEAMMATE
- YOU ARE A GREAT LEADER
- YOU ARE A GREAT LISTENER
- YOU ARE A GREAT HELPING HAND
- YOU ARE A GREAT WORKER
- YOU ARE A GREAT PERSON
- YOU ARE A GREAT ROLE MODEL



After School Activities!

This month was filled with games, crafts and baking!



National Pizza Day

National Pizza Day



Sr. Girls Basketball



YES PROGRAM!

Youth Empowerment & Support



Cremona School Library

Scholastic

BOOK FAIR

April
2-5
2024



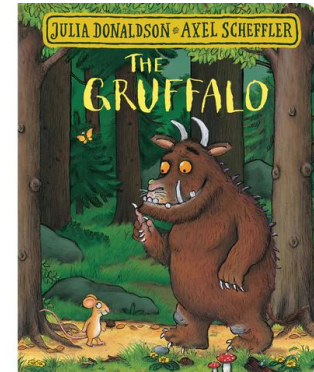
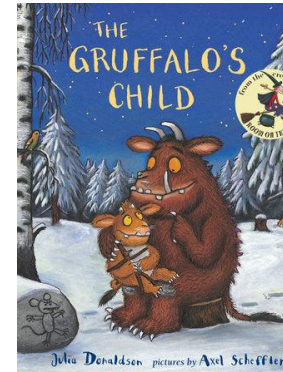
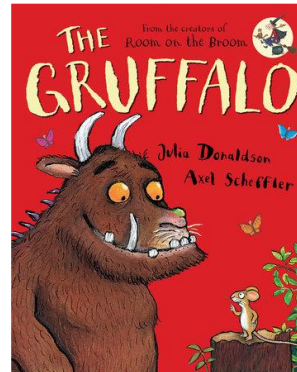
Spend \$5.00
Spin Prize
Wheel

Tuesday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am - 8:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - NOON

The Library is once again hosting a Scholastic Book Fair where 60% of the sales stays in our school! Your support is key in helping us obtain new books, resources, author visits, writing workshops and more for our school!

Mrs. Ross is celebrating our March literacy month with a *Gruffalo* theme! Students will get to make *Gruffalo* themed eye-masks, colouring, graphing, reading *Gruffalo* books and even take some *Gruffalo* themed recipes to try out at home with an adult!

Mrs. Ross would like to see a photo of your *Gruffalo* food made for her bulletin board outside of the library!
Email photos to lross@cesd73.ca



Band Society Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Spolumbo's fundraiser! The products will be ready for pick up from the school on March 13th (time and location to be determined closer to).

Reminder to Gr 7 & 8 band parents that the final trip payment is due on Friday, March 29th.

Important upcoming dates:

Mar 21 - Olds Kiwanis Festival (Grades 7-12)

Apr 11-12 - Edmonton Trip (Grades 7 & 8)

End Apr-early May - Grade 6 festival }

May 3- 6 - Southern Alberta Trip (Grades 9-12)

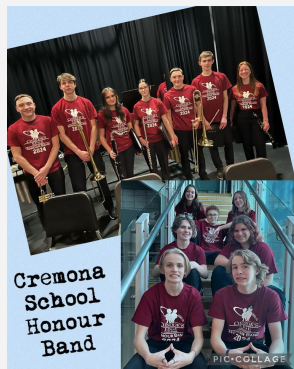
May 8 - Spring Band Concert at Cremona School gym

May 15 - Alberta Festival of Bands in Red Deer (Grades 7-8)

May 16 - Alberta Festival of Bands in Red Deer (Grades 9-12)

Congrats to our high school honour band students who represented Cremona School recently in Olds, AB!

Our next meeting band society meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 PM in the school library. We look forward to seeing you there!



School Council Update



We want to wish the Leadership students all the best with their fundraising for the Alberta Student Leadership Conference.

It was great to hear about CSES's success with their fundraising efforts, they have persevered to get to that playground goal.

Kurt Sacher, our division Superintendent, was in attendance and offered the council some suggestions on ways to best work well as a council to support Cremona students.

Mrs. Kempster has some fun plans to celebrate literacy with a March 1st kickoff. If you love to read aloud to kids or want to help out with prizes or other please let her know!

Our AGM is scheduled for April 9, 2024 at 7 PM in the school library. This is an opportunity for all parents to connect with your council members and see what it's all about. Don't worry, you won't be saddled with a job unless you want one.

The next School Council Meeting is **March 12 at 7PM** in the library, all parents/guardians are welcome!

Bouquets & Celebrations



- ❖ Sending a heartfelt THANKS to all of our volunteer basketball coaches: Mrs. Digby & Miss Erickson (Sr. Girls), Mr. & Mrs. Lencastre (JV Boys), Mr. Quigley (Middle School boys), Mrs. Kempster & Mrs. Quigley (Middle School girls).
- ❖ Huge thank you to our hard working custodians for keeping our sidewalks clear of snow and our building squeaky clean! Thank you to our Grade 6s for helping collect the recycling each week!
- ❖ Three Cheers to Ms. Sheppard for putting on a fabulous Science Fair!! And best of luck to all our participants who have advanced to the next level!
- ❖ We are sending a warm welcome to Ms. Carley Dennis, our new FSW worker!
- ❖ Congrats to our high school honour band participants for representing Cremona School so well!
- ❖ Thank you to the parent chaperones who helped with our Grade 4 & 5 ski trip to Mt. Norquay.
- ❖ A bouquet to Mrs. Digby for planning so many fun things for our students to do! My daughter loved making her own pizza!
- ❖ Thank you to the Cremona School Enhancement Society for your donation towards new outdoor playground equipment!



If you would like to recognize anyone in this section of the newsletter, please email kmckinnon@cesd73.ca

Family School Wellness Update...

My name is Ms. Carley and I am so excited to be a part of Cremona School as the Family School Wellness Worker.

I obtained my diploma in Child and Youth Care Counseling from Medicine Hat College. I have always had a passion for helping people and human connection so Child and Youth Care Counseling was a perfect fit for me. Following graduating college, I spent time working with vulnerable youth in Medicine Hat. I recently moved back this way to be closer to my family!

When I am not working, I love to spend time with my family and my puppy. I also enjoy a quick trip to the beautiful mountains for a hike or Paddleboarding.

I am looking forward to seeing all the new faces and supporting Cremona School students. If my office is open, please come say hello!





Articles for Families

When children and teens can regulate their emotions, they do better in school, tend to have positive, lasting relationships, and are better able to deal with life's ups and downs. Parents and caregivers play a key role in teaching children and teens emotional regulation skills.

Below are some informational articles that include information about how families can help build their child or teen's emotional regulation skills:

- 6 tips to help kids manage emotions ([English](#) and [French](#))
- How to help your teen manage emotions ([English](#) and [French](#))

Vaping: What Parents Need to Know

Wednesday, March 6th from 7:00-8:30 pm (online)

AHS health promotion facilitators are offering a free virtual learning opportunity geared towards parents and caregivers on the topic of vaping. We are helping to share this information with families in our school community to help spread the word.

In this session, you will learn about what vaping is, current vaping trends among youth and the harms and risks associated with it. We'll explore what legislation is in place at the local and provincial level to combat youth vaping and what you and your child's school can do about it. Ideas on how to talk to kids and help them quit, as well as where to go for more information will also be covered. Have your questions answered by an expert in the field.

To register [click here](#).

All registrants will have access to the recording of the session afterwards.



Are you looking for a part time job that doesn't involve weekends or summers?
Would you like to have a positive influence on our school aged youth?

We're looking for dedicated individuals to join our team as School Bus Drivers!

What You'll Do:

- Safely transport students to and from school
- Follow designated routes and schedules while adhering to all traffic laws and safety regulations.
- Conduct pre-trip and post-trip inspections to ensure the bus is in optimal condition.
- Provide exceptional customer service to students, parents, and school staff.

What We're Looking For:

- Valid Driver's License (minimum Class 5 - non GDL)
- Strong communication skills and ability to interact professionally with peers, students and staff.
- Commitment to safety and reliability.

Why Join Us:

- Competitive pay and benefits package.
- Comprehensive paid training and ongoing support.
- Flexible schedules to accommodate your lifestyle.
- Be part of a supportive team dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community's children.

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CREMONA SKATING CLUB PRESENTS
Spring is in the Air

March 23, 2024

3pm

Cremona Arena

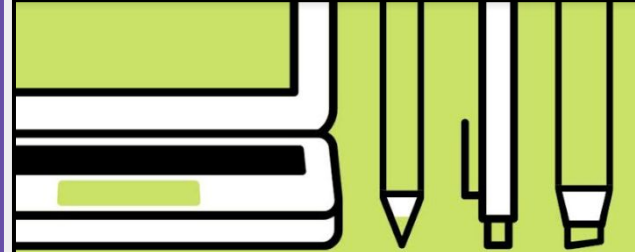
Admission by Donation

Flowers & Teddy Bears

50/50 Airplane Toss

Silent Auction

Raffle Room



CALLING CREMONA YOUTH

SEEKING TUTORORS

TO BEGIN: Mid January to mid March 2024

MVFRN is seeking student peer tutors to assist students in grades 1-10. Applicants should be in good standing at school, be in grades 10-12 and be available to report to their local library weekly for 8 x 1hr sessions after school hours. Day of the week to be determined by tutor and library staff.

Earn a letter of reference for employment/ secondary school applications!

CONTACT SHANNON FOR MORE DETAILS
SHANNON@MVFRN.CA

\$100 HONORARIUM FOR COMPLETING 8 SESSIONS



Soccer Registration is open now until March 31st!

Click [HERE](#) to register!



- U5 (2019/2020) \$50 Tuesday
- U7 (2017/2018) \$75 Mon/Wed
- U9 (2015/2016) \$75 Tues/Thur
- U11 (2013/2014) \$95 Mon/Wed

- U13 (2011/2012) \$95 Tues/Thurs
- U15 (2009/2010) \$95 TBD
- U17 (2007/2008) \$95 TBD
- U19 (2005/2006) \$95 TBD

Cremona Minor Ball registration is now open!

Click [HERE](#) to register!



All registrations received prior to March 6th will be entered to win a \$50 gift card! Our AGM will be held at **7pm on Wed, March 6th** at the school library. All those in attendance will be entered to win a free registration!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

@ Cremona Library



MONDAYS

Mar 11, 18, 25

WEDNESDAYS

Mar 13, 20, 27

WEDNESDAY

Mar 6

FRIDAY

Mar 8

STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS
WANTED

CONTACT US!



10:30- 11:30 am

Story Time

Drop-in program for ages 0-6 and parents/caregivers.

Enjoy stories, crafts & activities with your little ones.



3:15- 4:15 pm

Lego Club

For ages 5 and up. Build, create, have fun!

Space is limited. Registration is required.



3:15- 5:00 pm

After School Movie-Migration

Join us at Cremona FCSS for an after-school movie! Popcorn will be provided. Suitable for children ages 8+. Children under 8 may attend if accompanied by a parent/ guardian. This is a drop in program but pre-registration will be available. *Your child must know your phone number if they are NOT pre-registered*



10:30- 11:30 am
1:00- 2:00 pm

Red Hot Science By Red Deer Polytechnic Balloon Rocket Adventures

Ages 5-7
Learn about the amazing world of aerodynamics and flight. Decorate & create your very own rocket.

Trouble with Tribbles
Ages 7- 10
Participants will assemble, name, and code their own Tribble.

Children under 8 must have an adult with them. Space is limited. Registration is required.



Mar- May

The library is recruiting student volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- shelving and displays
- craft prep
- peer tutoring
- tech help for seniors

Stop by the library to apply!

- Enhance your resume and post-secondary school applications
- Develop transferrable skills
- Make a positive impact in your community



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LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	10 am- 5 pm
TUESDAY	1 pm- 8 pm
WEDNESDAY	10 am- 5 pm
THURSDAY	10 am- 5 pm
FRIDAY	10 am- 5 pm
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED
HOLIDAYS	CLOSED

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS