

SCS CREEK CHRONICLE

Respect Lives Here!

November 2023

From the Office

November is a month of transitions and change. The clocks have moved back, fall has surrendered to winter, and we are shifting to snow-based activities such as mini-sticks, snowshoeing, ski-ing and sliding. Please ensure your child is dressed to enjoy the great outdoors!

It is also the month that we celebrate Canadian authors with [I Read Canadian Day](#) on November 8. This is a national day to build awareness and interest in the breadth and diversity of Canadian literature. Since November 8 is also Indigenous Veterans' Day we will read a story about Tom Longboat by Canadian author Elizabeth MacLeod. Challenge your family to find Canadian authors to read this month. Check out past Forest of Reading nominees for some fabulous options!

There is a lot going on in November - Remembrance Day, Wizard of Oz Musical at RRHS, Progress Reports/interviews and Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (just to name a few). Stay tuned for all our news and events with Facebook and SeeSaw. And, as always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Tolen

Progress Report Card - Grades 1 to 8 (November 14)

The Progress Report is just as the title suggests, a report on the progress of your child since the start of the school year. It will not have grades but it will comment on how well your child has progressed in curriculum areas as well as Learning Skills (responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation).

Communication of Learning - Kindergarten (November 14)

The Initial Observations report is designed to identify and describe a child's learning during the first part of the school year. It provides parents with information about their child's growth in learning, and next steps in learning in relation to the overall expectations in The Kindergarten Program.

SAVE the DATE - Parent Teacher Interviews

In-person interviews will be held on Thursday, November 16 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM for scheduled slots. Drop ins will be from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Please use the link below. You can always call our awesome secretary if you need help. Be sure to click on Nov 16 to complete the online booking. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher during these designated times, please contact the teacher to schedule a different time.

Interview link: <https://rb.gy/oede4u>

The Book Fair will be open during Parent Teacher Interviews!

We will also host Language information sessions if you would like to learn more about the new curriculum and what your child is doing in language.

KUDOS Corner

**It takes a village to raise a child!
SCS would like to thank...**

- Cloverleaf Grocery for supporting our Halloween festivities!
- Jackie for leading our Bus Safety presentations
- Tyrell and Alyssa Griffith for the Fire Safety presentations
- First Nation partners for amazing Fall Harvest events
- SCS coaches

Remembrance Day

SCS will hold its Remembrance Day assembly service on Friday, November 10 at 11:15 AM. Families are welcome to join us.

Community Services on Saturday, November 11

- Church Service Devlin Hall @ 10:15 AM
- Devlin Cenotaph @ 11:00 AM
- Emo Cenotaph @ 11:45 AM
- Barwick Cenotaph @ 1:30 PM
- Stratton Cenotaph @ 2:00 PM
- RRFN, Manitou Cenotaph @ 2:45 PM

NOVEMBER 14 & 16



Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week

The week of November 19 to 25 is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Ontario. As a school, we will help students understand the difference between conflict and bullying, and get them to realize that while conflict is normal, bullying is not. We will watch Andy and the Odd Socks perform their new anti-bullying song, Make a Noise about Bullying, as well as participate in classroom read alouds, lessons, and challenges.

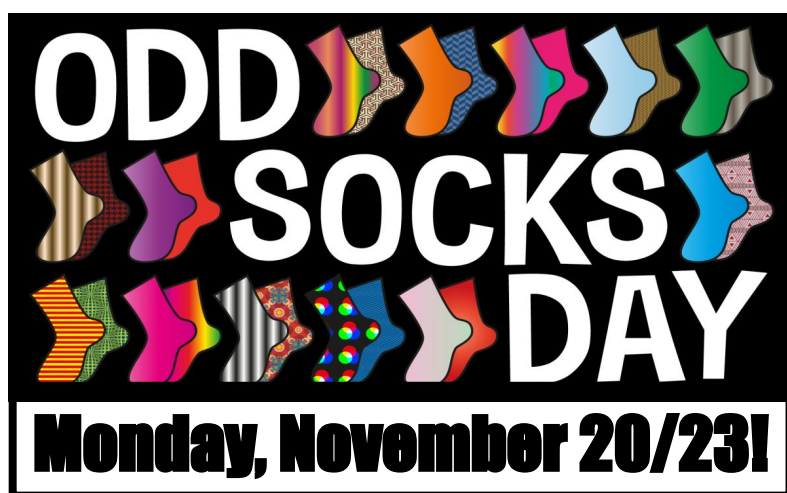
Check out the updated school bullying prevention and intervention plan coming soon on our website.

Odd Sock Day

Odd Sock Day is a day to celebrate diversity in a fun way. On **November 20** we are challenging all staff and students to wear odd socks. We borrowed this idea from the United Kingdom's Bullying Alliance. Bullying is a world-wide problem with a very easy solution - KINDNESS. Bullies usually find something different or odd about a person to pick on but **odd is awesome!**

So wear odd socks on November 20! It's a fun way to encourage people to express and celebrate individuality! Our Odd Sock challenge is for classrooms to come up with a creative picture of all their odd socks! You can also try this at home and send us your pics!

For more information check out the [Anti-Bullying Alliance!](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.ca/)



Staffing Updates

Sturgeon Creek would like to welcome Madison Williams who started as an educational assistant a few weeks ago replacing Sondra Caul who took a position in Nestor. We also welcome Ellie Petsnick who will be working as a student teacher in Mr. Kinsman's Grade 7/8 classroom starting on November 13 until December 15. Mrs. Antonick has other commitments in December and will not be able to continue in the Kindergarten class. Mrs. Friesen will be taking over the Kindergarten classroom until Christmas.

Sturgeon Creek School Council 2023/24

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Teaching Rep: Kim Walter

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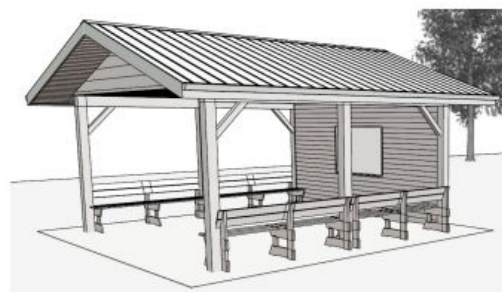
Council Members:

- Krista Anderson
- Shannon Westover
- Becky Beal
- Melinda Romyn
- Laura McCormick

Hello from your SCS Council,

*We are planning to hold 3 fundraisers throughout the school year. The Mom's Pantry fundraiser started in October and runs until **November 21**. Delivery is scheduled for December 8. You can place your order at <https://momspantry.ca/>; order #38071, group code #28230. In the New Year we are exploring a coffee fundraiser and our final fundraiser will be a penny table/silent auction at the annual year end BBQ.*

Our SCS Council has been raising funds to build a structure for the outdoor classroom for the past few years. We are financially very close to having the funds needed for this project and want to thank everyone for your continued contributions and support. The RRDSB will be putting the project out to tender in the near future. Here is a sneak peak at the plans for the structure.



Please reach out to one of our Council members at anytime should you have any questions for feedback that you'd like shared at a SCS Council Meeting.

Krista Olson, SCS Council Chair

Check out council news on the SCS web page!