



What's the Scoop?

January 2021 Newsletter

Administration Message:

Happy New Year everyone! We began 2021 with a full week of at home learning, so we were very excited to have all classes join us on January 11th! We really missed our grade sevens during their extended at home learning from November 30th.

We want to extend a big welcome back to Ms Welsh, as she has returned to school as our full time Physical Education teacher for our grade 4-7 classes. We want to wish Miss Weisner all the very best in her teaching endeavours as she joins the staff in Gibbons.

We are very excited that we have had a little more snow accumulate so we can try out our new snowshoes. We want to thank our School Council for providing us with their grant received by the Town of Onoway to support the purchase of 20 snowshoes!

Our school division has adjusted the guidelines to align with the province regarding hot lunch programs. On February 3rd, our School Council will be working with the fundraising committee to begin to organize the process for our hot lunch program. We look forward to sharing more information with you following the meeting!

From your admin team,

Jody Beck & Stephanie Damery

Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments

In January, we focused on RESPECT. Classes discussed the importance of respect and what it means to them. We brainstormed different ways to show respect to others; not only in our words but more importantly, in our actions. Check out the video that our grade 7 communications team put together on our theme of RESPECT on the website.

In preparation of Valentine's Day, all of our students were asked to create their own card for the seniors in the Lac Ste Anne and Parkland Counties. A big thank you to Trudy Chouinard for coordinating this opportunity for our students to demonstrate kindness as active citizens in supporting Elders in the community. I am sure it will brighten their day!

For any students wishing to share Valentine cards with their classmates, we ask that they be brought to school by February 9th at the latest, so that we can keep them stored for the recommended 72 hours prior to handing them out. Thank you for your cooperation. We are not allowed any treats or food from home to share with others so please keep the Valentine sharing to cards only.

For February, we will focus on COURAGE. All students will learn that **courage** involves making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles. It's another term for **bravery**. ... It **means** we **do** not let fear hold us back from exploring new opportunities, developing our skills, and doing what is right.

We have also noticed that our students are really feeling the January blahs. Now, more than ever, we need to support our students, families and our staff to stay connected, feel a sense of



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belonging and find ways to find JOY. So, for February we want to bring together a few of our past activities and try to create more connections between students while still following the COVID guidelines. So, watch for our Facebook/Instagram for exciting posts of the activities coming up in February!!!

January Highlights



4B snowshoeing



Various activities

We WISH we could welcome you in person as a visitor or volunteer, but we continue to follow the enhanced guidelines outlined by our [NGPS COVID 19 Handbook](#).

