



The ECCS Comet Connection



“Community of Excellence”

“Communauté d'excellence”

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Admin Team Musings:

It's official Connaught has caught the learning and leading vibe! We are pumping out **Joyful Readers & Writers who are working to meet Grade Level outcomes. Our students are learning about life and leadership as they strive to build a culture of excellence where everyone feels safe and cared for!**

We can only achieve epic results if we are working together! Please celebrate learning and become part of your child's journey by providing many reading, writing and numeracy opportunities.

Did you know that our students and staff have created a video about “**Why Our School is Special**” to enter in the Saskatchewan Teacher Federation Video Contest. The video with the most views will win \$7500. If we win we will use this money to purchase cool robots and STEAM activities for our school. All we need you to do is watch and share the link daily between now and June 14th! See page two or our webpage for details!



“THE EXTENT OF YOUR IMPACT ON THE WORLD DEPENDS ON THE SIZE OF YOUR DEVOTION TO EXCELLENCE.”

Robin Sharma

This month our SOAR Leaders are constructing their knowledge on what it means to “**Offer Kindness**”. Please discuss and encourage kind words and actions. We believe we are building 'game-changers' who will have the potential to make our world a better place!

Thanks for everyone's patience while we have been setting up the **front door security system**. If there is ever a time when we need to be away from the office the interior front door may be locked. If this is the case there is a buzz-in system to let you in the school. Having safe technology like this is another perk to having a brand new building.



We believe it takes a village to raise a child.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Kindergarten Volunteer
- Library Volunteer
- Prepping snack with Ms. Hess
- Reading Volunteers
- Recess Play Ground Games Coordinator

If you are interested please pick up a Police Info Check Letter from the office.

FAMILY HOMEWORK— **Offer Kindness**—Use the power of word to make

someone's day. Real life opportunities for literacy help to build purpose and joy!

Tweet out a picture of your writing session to [@Connaughtcomets](https://twitter.com/Connaughtcomets)

#SpreadKindnessThroughWriting #communityofexcellence—All participants will be entered in a draw for some great new books to add to their home library!

We thank-you for your support, words of encouragement and above all else for giving your children the gift of an education! You are truly our partners in building joyful learners & extraordinary leaders.

Your 'loving life, leading and learning at ECCS', Admin Team,

Mrs. Lori Daelick & M. Mitchell

At ECCS, we are a community of leaders creating excellence in life and learning. No Excuses.

ECCS Final Farewell Assembly

Join Us: June 27th at 1pm—2:15pm

You are welcome to join our Final Awards Assembly.

This is our BIGGEST assembly all year!

1. We introduce our Summer Reading Challenge.
2. Report out on our School Goals—and if we achieve our goals their may be a special staff performance.
3. We present our Year-long Awards of Excellence.
4. We present our top Athletic Awards
5. We say Farewell to staff that are leaving.
6. We reflect on our school-opening year with a special picture slide show!
7. We pump up the volume and DANCE— This year get ready for the school-wide FLOSS led by our own Mr. Mitchell.

This is one assembly YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

PRIDE Week

June 4th—June 8th

Please join us in celebration.

On June 8th we will be hosting our School-wide year-end party.

At 11:00am we will be going on a school-wide Pride Parade. In the afternoon, we will be hosting an outdoor Play Day.

We have sent home a Pride T-shirt order form with students for anyone wishing to purchase a Pride T-shirt.



Please avoid student drop-offs in the Staff Parking lot.

Staff are coming to work to parking stalls filled with student drop-offs.



gentle reminder

Student drop-offs should take place on the South or South/East side of the school.

In addition, please keep the bus lanes clear at the end of the school day. We appreciate this!

Bring Your Backpack Night

Save the date: AUGUST 30th—5:30—6:30

Doors will open at 5:30. Students can find their name on the class lists outside the front door.

They can take their backpacks to their classroom, meet their teacher and then head out to the back playground for a community picnic.

Please pack a meal and picnic blanket for your family to enjoy as we kick off an INCREDIBLE school year!

This will be the first time students discover who their classroom teacher will be!

Our School Community Council ROCKS!

Our council meetings are a great place to learn more about the school and to meet members of the community that have a vested interest in learning excellence at Connaught.

Meeting are at 7pm & held in Heritage Hall. Our next meeting is May 15th.

A special SHOUT OUT to our wonderful Community Council for helping out with bussing costs for field trips. Our students are enjoying their experiences so much!



Cathedral Village Library Homework Help

Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm. This is a great place for kids to get caught up and receive some additional help with their homework. Also a great place for our leaders to strengthen their love of literacy!



New Kindergarten Students Fly-Up

June 7th from 4:15—5:15

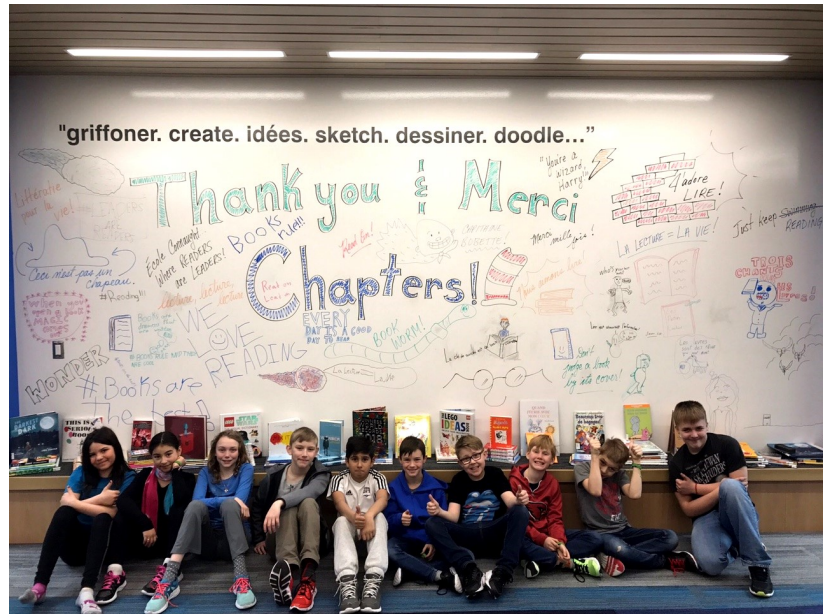
Our new Kinders will be checking out our classrooms while taking part in Readiness Stations with their parent or guardian. If you have a new Kindergarten Student starting in the fall and haven't received an invite to this day please call Mrs. Jackson at the school (306)523-3750.

Also if you missed the Kindergarten Orientation please see the presentation on our website.

Not So Grimm Tales

Our Students ROCK!

Staff, Students, Parents and Community were treated to an amazing performance by M. Ingola's Grade 5/6 class. With Mrs. Ready organizing, they had us laughing and clapping with some updated fairy tales. Bravo!



Thank you to **Chapters/Indigo** for their support of reading in our school. The first books of their generous \$10,000 grant have arrived. The students of École Connaught could not be more excited!

Important May/June Dates

May

May 17 Jersey Day

May 18 **Professional Development Day for Staff, NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

May 21-26 Cathedral Arts Festival

May 25 Under the Big Top performance—AM at Holy Rosary Park

June

June 7th—Fly Up to Kindergarten Day 4:15-5:15

June 8—Pride Day & ECCS Year End Celebration
Pride Parade at 11 am

June 12 SCC Mtg. 7:00—8:30

June 14 Wear your Connaught Spirit Wear!

June 15 PD Day—No school for students

June 20 Pre-Kindergarten Last Day!

June 21 Grade 8 Farewell—7:00

June 27th—Final Awards Assembly and School Communication

June 28 Last day of school for Students—2:30 Dismissal



Do you like to plan ahead? You can now access the 2018-19 School Year Calendar at the following link:

<http://www.rbe.sk.ca/our-schools/calendars>

STF Video Contest-Every View Counts!

Please watch our video entry for the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation contest "Why is Your School So Special?" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dn6H5Aa-Dko ...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dn6H5Aa-Dko...)

If we win the contest we will use the \$10,000 to purchase cool S.T.E.A.M activities for our students.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

It is that time of year...please ensure you have paid all outstanding fees on School Cash. Thank-you!

We are striving for a cash-free school. All school fees can be paid on-line. If you need assistance stop by the school. You can also find instructions on our website under the parent link. Thanks for your co-operation!

Our 2017-2018 Focus:

1. Student Leadership at all levels –S.O.A.R Leaders at work.
2. Skilled Writers - Provide opportunity to write at home
3. Grade-Level Readers - Create joyful literacy opportunities at home.
4. Improved Attendance - Value school attendance. No Excuses.
5. Joyful Learning - School should be engaging, active and fun!



S.O.A.R. Leadership Learning
 Have you heard about our in-house leadership program called:

Comets S.O.A.R.:

- ◆ Strive for a "Growth Mindset"
- ◆ Offer Kindness
- ◆ Act Responsibly
- ◆ Respect Others and the Spaces we Learn in

This month we are focusing on the leadership skill of Respecting Others.

Celebrating Dale!

At the beginning of the school year Connaught hosted a very successful Open House for the school community, hundreds of community members and families were excited to see their new school. One of our neighbors happened to be strolling up 13th Avenue and decided to join the festivities. Are we ever glad that he did! Since touring Connaught early in September, Dale has volunteered in the kitchen every day. You can find him prepping snack and providing breakfast to our Kiddos alongside Mrs. Hess. His cheerful manner and dedication to the food program and our Connaught students is inspiring. We thank Dale for everything he has done to help support our students!

ECCS Has GOT TALENT

Thanks to our Connaught leaders for taking risks to share their talents with our school. Our audience also demonstrated their talent of being mindful and respectful during the performance!



Dale, helping our students be healthy and happy. Thank you, Dale!
 You ROCK!!!

SCORE...Comet Soccer!

Connaught is a soccer school!

Mathletics

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Calling all Mathletes

Grades 1 - 8 students we are running a Mathletics **"SUNDAY Challenge"**— From now until our Assembly on June 27th at 1:30pm our top user in Grades 1-4 and 5-8 will be awarded a DQ Sunday to enjoy at the assembly served to them in a seat of honour by their teacher. MmmmMath is AWESOME!



Our amazing Educational Assistant has created her very own outdoor Sportsmanship Soccer Tournament. She has **145 students** from Kdg to Grade 3 registered to play during recess times.

Our SCC is a tournament sponsor. There will be many awards given at the end.

Thanks to Ms. Burnett for creating this incredible opportunity for our athletes.



Connaught Comets SOARing into Spring.



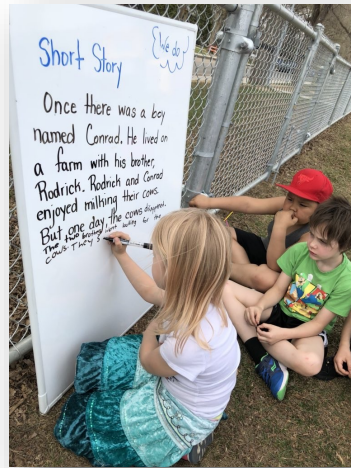
The incredible cast of our Grade 5/6 play Not-So-Gimm Tales. Knocked it out of the park!



Congrats Comets! Huge accomplishment—SOAR Level !! SpongeBob and Patrick came out to play.



Saying goodbye to the wonderful Mme Mayer. She will be missed.



Short stories on the playground!



Mini Admin Team!



Groups meeting and working throughout our amazing building.

Visits from special guests make learning so much fun!



Team Coffee on the Deck.



Kids on the Block! Teaching social skills and entertaining.

