

January



January 10, 2018

Happy New Year Everyone!

Welcome back to school! I trust the break from school was good for everyone.

Our school is in the process of hiring new teachers to fill in for others who are on leave. We want to wish the best of luck to both Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Conner as their own families expand! We look forward to your visits in the coming months. As well, Ms. Saluk is on temporary leave, and we are happy to welcome back Mr. Eckstrom while she is away.

We wish Mrs. Marguerite Fleming a very happy retirement and thank her for her teaching service here at Camilla, and throughout the school division over the years. Your dedication to our students, school and families will be missed. Happy retirement and safe travels! We have warmly welcomed back Mrs. Courtney Thibert as our new kindergarten teacher.

Taking over for Mrs. McNeil in the junior high will be Ms. Blaine Biddiscombe. Ms. Biddiscombe will be in our school starting in the classroom on Friday January 12, 2018. She has teaching background in math and science at various levels, and will be an excellent addition to our staff.

We will soon know who our new grade 1 teacher will be, as the competition only closes today. Please know that throughout all these staff changes happening at our school, we always support our students as best as we can. We understand that transitions for some students are not always easy and appreciate any communication with the teachers, counselors and administration from students and parents if there is something that comes up that we need to be aware of and address at school. This is certainly unusual for Camilla school to have so many changes all within a short time span, and we appreciate the continued amazing support from within our own staff and our families.

Coming in February, our SAC is hosting a family "GLO" dance on Friday February 23rd at Camilla School. We look forward to having some fun together busting a move! Mark your calendars! More info will follow next month. Last year the dance was a great hit!

In the coming months, all students from Grades 4 through 9 will be participating in "Our School Survey". The students will be given class time to complete the survey. Students are asked questions in regards to programming, school culture etc. Each year we review the results carefully and take in to consideration the results in our programming. In addition, all parents of grades 4 and 7 will be receiving a survey from Alberta Education. It is important to us that these surveys are completed and returned in a timely manner. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in the survey.

We are also working on a couple changes to the junior high options. We will have information out to parents and students once all courses are confirmed. In relation to this, we are looking to hire a Cree Language and Culture Instructor. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact us here at the school.

New School Update: the planning committee is working diligently on the design of the new school. We will be sharing information at an upcoming open house. Please watch for dates and details in the coming weeks!

Learning: most importantly, the students and teachers continue working hard in our classrooms. There are always a variety of learning activities taking place in our school. Students are engaged and finding success at every level. As usual if there are questions or concerns that arise, please speak with your child's teacher directly, and Ms. Upshaw and myself are always here to assist in any way as well.

Have a wonderful January and stay warm!

Mrs. Morgan

Principal

From Mrs. Morgan's Desk



Things that you need to know

Snack Shack Volunteers

If you are interested in helping out with the sales of our Snack Shack, please contact Lisa Roderick (Lisa.Roderick@sturgeon.ab.ca) or Kristi Morkin (Kristi.Morkin@sturgeon.ab.ca) or by phone 780-939-2074.

January days off

31st - PD/Staff Meeting

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Please watch for upcoming events and fundraiser information.

Kindergarten LAC meeting Jan 9 @3:15pm upstairs in the staffroom

Website

Keep up to date with all of Camilla School's events and information, as well as community events, by visiting our website daily. www.camillaschool.ca

If you have an event coming up, please send us the info and we will post it on our website

Facebook

Please check out Camilla School's Facebook page, follow us for important updates, activities and little notes from the school.

Attendance:

We now use an automated system with our attendance here at Camilla. We ask that you talk to your children so they understand the importance of being in their classrooms for attendance or that they check in at the office if they were late getting to class.

Please continue to use the following email address to report your child's absence

camabsences@sturgeon.ab.ca

Criminal Record Checks

Just a reminder that you need Criminal Record Checks to volunteer at Camilla School. We require a new CRIM Check every three years. There is a letter at the office that you can take to the police station for a free CRIM Check. If you are unsure if you need to update your CRIM Check with us, please feel free to call the school.

Art Attack

Our dates are set for:

January 23, 2018

February 27, 2018

March 13, 2018

April 24, 2018

May 22, 2018

From 3:15 pm. to 4:15 on each of these dates.

One week before the class every parent will receive a power announcement from the office with the registration form. I will also have some printed in the library, at that time. If you wish to attend, we only have 30 spots per session, so you need to get the form in as soon as possible. The September class filled in 2 days.

Mrs. Stuart

Every year Camilla students send their drawings in to the Morinville Legion for a Literary Poster Contest. This year we have two winners; 1st place is Jack Lutz \$35 and 2nd place is Reatta Normandeau \$25. Congratulations to you both. We are proud of all our Camilla students who entered in.



Camilla SAC

On behalf of Camilla School parents and children, the SAC would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs. Marguerite Fleming for her many years of dedication to the children and families of Camilla School. You will be missed but not forgotten by all those you touched during your time with us. We wish you well on your future endeavors.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Coat Drive. We were able to donate 18 large garbage bags full to Coats for Kids and Families.

Our first annual Holiday Gift Shop was a huge success! With the funds raised we were able to sponsor a local family for Christmas, providing supper and gifts.

Our second annual Glow Dance is quickly approaching. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sharon at santhieren@hotmail.com

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm in the Library.

Camilla School

Kindergarten Registration

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 7pm in the Camilla School Library

- Early Literacy
- Early Numeracy
- Creative Expression
- Physical Skills & Well-Being
- Citizenship & Identity
- Environment & Community Awareness
- Personal & Community Responsibility



Our unique programs offer opportunities for every student to explore and enjoy.

At Camilla, we believe that children need the proper atmosphere in which to grow, learn, and discover their distinctiveness. In our classroom we want to provide a safe place where children feel comfortable enough to experiment with learning, where they are not afraid to make a mistake and try again, where they feel encouraged to challenge themselves and have the desire to learn. In our classroom we recognize that every person is lovable and capable. Every person is unique. We want to learn about each other, help each other out and appreciate each other. We all have special qualities that we bring to the classroom. It is our goal to help each child continue to develop as a confident, thoughtful and well rounded person. If you have any further questions call the school @ 780-939-2074.