# CANORA COMPOSITE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2024: Issue # 1
WELCOME TO NEW TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND SUPPORT STAFFF



SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

An assembly called in the auditorium to introduce the following into their new positions. Quinton Robertson, CEO, Good Spirit School Division, Shannon Leson, Board Member and Mick Parmer, Superintendent of Learning was also in attendance for our incredibly special first day of 2024/2025 school year.

Derek Serdachny, Principal

Kody Rock, Vice Principal

Yullinda Ponicappo, Indigenous Community Worker

Shelby Stefanyshyn, Teacher

James Dumouchel, Caretaking

Cindy McGregor, Educational Assistant/Administrative Assistant

A special entrance made by the Grade 12's escorting the Grade 5's to our new school. A Dedication given to honor our past principal Kin Eiteneier for recognition and retirement for 30 years of service. Presentation of a plaque board, "The Kim Eiteneier Weight Room." Fun and games, with four to a team building the tallest tower from marshmallows and scur sticks by the grade 12's and fives. Winners will have a pizza party. Our mascot the "cougar" was in attendance to help on the competition.

# Principal's Welcome Message

Welcome back, Canora Composite School family, to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer, and I'm excited to see our students, staff, and parents return for another amazing year of learning and growth.

This year brings some exciting updates and new opportunities. We're thrilled to announce the completion of our school kitchen renovation, providing a fresh space for our nutrition programs and new commercial cooking classes. Our new kitchen and nutrition space will offer our students hands-on culinary experience, preparing them with valuable life skills.

In addition, we have a brand-new school van to support safe and efficient transportation for our students, whether for field trips, extracurricular activities, or competitions.

Our school is also proud to introduce hydroponics into the curriculum—giving students a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable farming and plant science right in the classroom. This is in addition to our in-ground garden and garden tower already in use.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is already busy planning exciting events for the year, starting with the pancake and sausage breakfast, Terry Fox Run, and our very own Farmers Market!

Lastly, we are honored to welcome an Indigenous Community Worker to our school. This addition will further support and enrich our students by fostering meaningful cultural connections and learning opportunities.

I look forward to a fantastic year ahead, filled with new experiences, growth, and success for all our students. Let's make 2024-2025 one of the best years yet!

Sincerely,
Derek Serdachny
Principal, Canora Composite School

### 🛠 A Big Thank You to Stoney Creek Ag and Dean Serdachny! 🥎

We are incredibly grateful to Dean Serdachny of **Stoney Creek Ag** for his generous donation of **\$1,000** each to the **Canora Composite School** and **Canora Junior Elementary School** nutrition programs.

Thank you for investing in our students' well-being and supporting our community!



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#CommunitySupport #ThankYou #NutritionMatters #StudentSuccess #StoneyCreekAg #FBN





Dean Serdachny 306.260.3469

### **CANORA COMPOSITE SCHOOL PHONE # 306-563-5492**



Considering the cell phone ban in schools, we want to remind students and families that we do have a telephone available for student use. This picture is located outside the office window. If parents or guardians need to contact their student during the school day, they can call the office and leave a message. We will ensure that the student receives the message to call back.



#### PANCAKE BREAFAST WAS A BIG HIT!

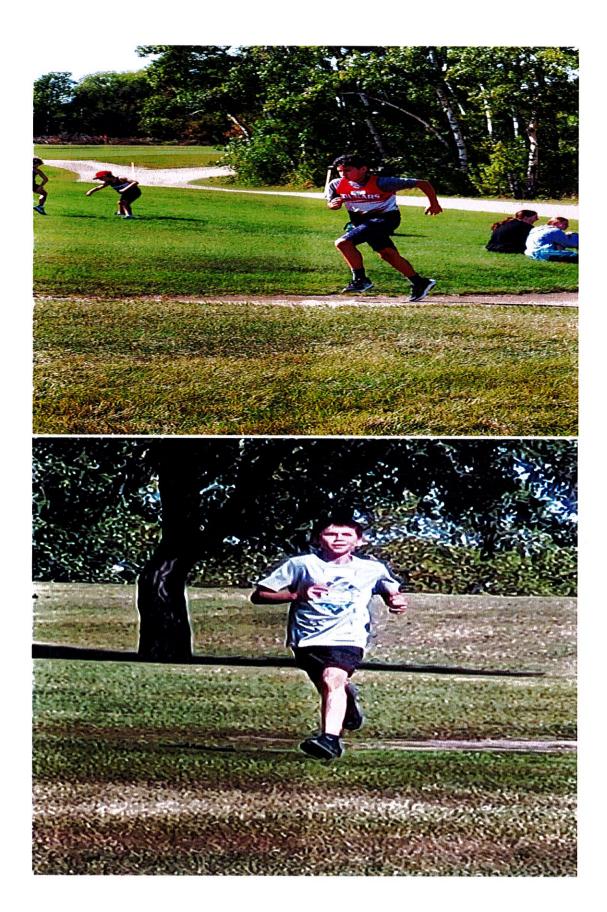
On Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, the SRC along with volunteers of teachers held a pancake breakfast for the entire school and their families served from the NEW KITCHEN. The volunteers all arrived in the early hours with eager smiles to start their day. Hats off to all who worked to make the breakfast a total success. Great Job Everyone!



### **Cross Country Teams**

Junior and Senior Coaches: Teacher Thomas Lowes, Leona Kitchen

Wishing you students the absolute best, as all the meets begin.... Run, Run, Run!!!





WARM COOKIES FRIDAY'S FROM THE CANTEEN \$1.00 EACH



More information with menu and prices on Edsby......



### **VOLLEYBALL TEAMS**

Senior Boy's Coaches: Teachers Allison Rock, Shelby Stefanyshyn

Junior Boy's Coach: Intern Teacher Shae Peterson

Senior Girl's Coaches: Teacher Hannah Maurer, Volunteer Brianne Murray

Junior Girl's A Coach: Volunteer Alexanderia Marten

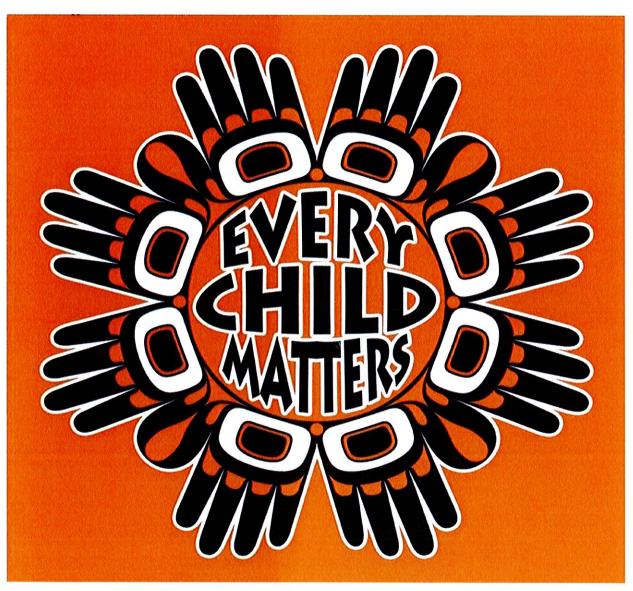
Junior Girl's B Coach: Teacher Dean Turchinetz

### GO COUGARS GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

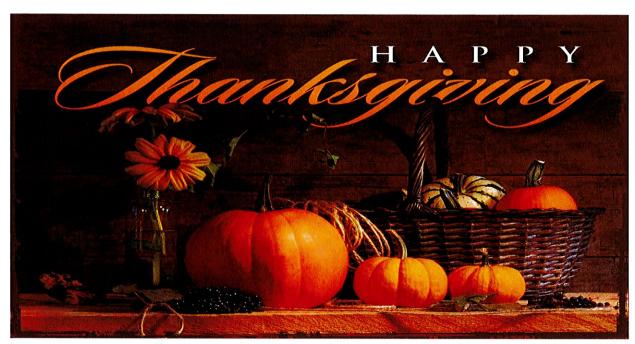


Thank you for keeping out students and staff safe in our west parking lot from Monday to Friday from 8:15-3:30

# "Learning Today for Success Tomorrow" "Our Students Come First" Orange T-shirt Day Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>



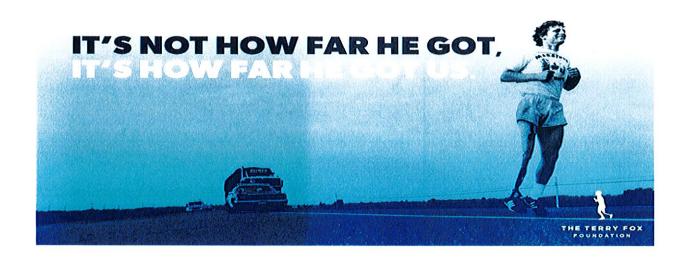
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY September 30th. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 14TH



Enjoy your day.....



# Terry Fox Run Wednesday September 25th

Grade 5-8 run from 10-11

Grade 9-12 run from 11:10-12:10

**Junior School 1:15-2:15** 

Any donation towards Cancer are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### Picture Retakes October 9, 11 a.m. in the Cougar's Den.

Just a note regarding School Retakes.

To minimize the disruption of Classes on Retake Day, I am implementing a **\$5.00/student charge** for any student requesting a retake for any reason.

Over the past few years, I have noticed an increase in the number of Retakes requested during Retake Day. Many of these students are not interested in School Photos as their dress, hair and mood reflect that. And in many cases, no Picture Packages are purchased. I have tried various 'Acceptable Reasons' for Retakes, but many just seem to want to get out of class once more. :) I will still gladly offer a Retake for any reason, but there will now be a charge of \$5.00/student to help cover the cost of the Proof Envelope and expenses. **ANY STUDENT/STAFF MISSING ON PICTURE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AT NO CHARGE.** 

This information has been placed on all Proof Envelopes to make parents/students aware.

Thank you for your understanding. I very much appreciate and value each of my Schools and thank you for your trust in Canora Photography supplying your photography needs. Please feel free to call/text anytime to discuss. I appreciate your feedback.

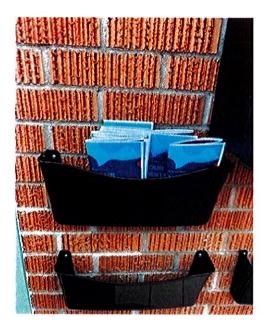
Craig Popoff Canora Photography & Framing Canora, Sk., Canada phone or text 306 563 7458



## Parents please be aware:

Please do not send your students to school PRIOR to 830 am. Our supervision begins at 830 am.

Those students who arrive prior to 830 are not supervised.



Mental Health Pamphlets are available just outside the office.

If you need assistance <u>Talk to Someone</u>, <u>Anyone</u>

School Counciler Mr. Folk: 306-563-4873

# A little Ha! Ha!



Our Indigenous community worker, Yullinda Ponicappo has been busy with all the classes teaching beadwork. The students have been busy making poppies and little orange T-shirts.







## Some of our harvest from the School Garden

# **Golfing: Coach Teacher Dustin Nielsen**

Ty Sleeva finished 2nd, and Liam Trask finished 4th. Both advance to provincials this weekend which is in Goodsoil. (Briel Beblow is the other golfer)





