

# Benito School Newsletter

December 2021



The Benito School Christmas Concert will be presented virtually for parents and family to enjoy. Simply view by clicking the link in the **Christmas Concert** newsfeed on our school website,

[www.svsd.ca/schools/benito](http://www.svsd.ca/schools/benito)

This link will be available for viewing anytime beginning December 21<sup>st</sup>. Kick back with a glass of egg nog and enjoy the show!

## Principal's Message....

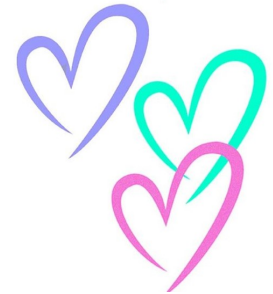
### "The season of giving"

What do you think of when you hear "the season of giving"? Do you initially think of "money"? Do you think that during the season of giving we need to give money or items of monetary value? There are many ways that we 'give'. We "give of ourselves" by sharing kindness, love, and support. We do this by spending time with others: listening, playing a game, going for a walk, and lending a hand. Volunteering our time and skills represent an enormous act of giving. Staff and students at Benito School have always volunteered to help individuals or groups within the school and community. However, for the past year and half, our opportunities to volunteer to help others in the school and community have been challenging and limited. This is very unfortunate loss, as volunteering experiences for both the one who "gives" and the one who "receives" is always a heartwarming, rewarding experience. These are the feel-good experiences we want and need in our lives. During this "season of giving", let us challenge ourselves to spend more time, and less money by "giving of ourselves" - to a friend, loved one or neighbor: send a note, create art and give away, email a message, FaceTime, shovel the sidewalk, take out the garbage, haul groceries, feed the animals, sweep the floor! Let us experience the love we sharing through giving and receiving and be grateful for the volunteering that occurs around us.

I wish everyone a very a peaceful, joyful holiday season with your family and friends.

-Mrs. Jocelyn Bender

Volunteering is  
a work of heart



*As 2021 comes to a close and we look toward a new beginning in 2022, I too will be beginning anew within my career. I have accepted a position as Executive / Accounting Assistant at the School Division Office in Swan River. I love Benito School, and in the many years that I've been your School Secretary this school has become my second home and the staff and students my second family. This was a difficult decision for me, but opportunities like this do not come by very often. I will miss the staff, students, and families, and I am very grateful to have been part of your children's lives. I will cherish my memories of Benito School always.*

-Ms. Beverly Negrave



# 12 Days of Christmas

Benito School thought it would be a great idea to celebrate the last 12 days before the Christmas Break to really get into the Christmas Spirit. We encourage students to participate in the following activities that will take place each day. Take part, enjoy, and join us as we celebrate the season!

Tuesday, Dec. 7	<b>Christmas Candy Guess</b>	Students will guess number of candies. Prizes for closest guess.
Wednesday, Dec. 8	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Day</b>	Students will make Christmas tree decorations
Thursday, Dec. 9	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Day / Trim the Tree</b>	Students will make Christmas tree decorations and decorate their Christmas trees
Friday, Dec. 10	<b>Deck the Halls</b>	Decorating day!
Monday, Dec. 13	<b>Reindeer Hunt / Christmas Carol Guess</b>	Guess the carols over the intercom
Tuesday, Dec. 14	<b>Colouring &amp; Writing Contest</b>	Students will complete projects with their teachers
Wednesday, Dec. 15	<b>Christmas Scavenger Hunt</b>	All students will participate in a scavenger hunt
Thursday, Dec. 16	<b>Christmas Story / Milk and Cookies</b>	Students will read Christmas stories and Parent Council will provide Christmas cookies and milk.
Friday, Dec. 17	<b>Pajama and Movie Day</b>	Wear your pajamas!
Monday, Dec. 20	<b>Snowman / Snow Fort Building</b>	Build classroom snowman or snow fort
Tuesday, Dec. 21	<b>Christmas Concert</b>	View the Concert
Wednesday, Dec. 22	<b>Christmas Meal</b>	Christmas lunch

## Christmas Meal

Benito School Students will be provided with a free catered Christmas lunch on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Christmas Lunch form with details will be sent home soon for you to complete and return. Those students who would not like to participate in the lunch are asked to inform their teacher and bring a bagged lunch.



Write a letter to Santa and he'll write back! Send your letters to:

Santa Claus  
North Pole, Canada  
H0H 0H0

P.S. Write early and don't forget your return address.

\*\*No postage required\*\*



Due to **severe weather conditions** that may occur, school buses may not be running and cancelled for the

day. Bus cancellations will be broadcasted on CJ104 local FM, CKDM Dauphin, Fox FM and CJGX Yorkton of bus cancellations radio stations in the morning. Your bus driver may also contact you to inform of cancellations, or you can also check the division website at [www.svsd.ca](http://www.svsd.ca) for cancellations. For more information on weather related emergencies, the entire policy is posted on the school division website at [https://www.svsd.ca/Division/Administrative-Procedure-Manual/Documents/7 transportation/704-weather\\_related.pdf](https://www.svsd.ca/Division/Administrative-Procedure-Manual/Documents/7%20transportation/704-weather_related.pdf)



# News-worthy & Note-worthy

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Everyone! It has been another awesome month with a lot of great sounds coming from all the different classrooms! Students have been working on getting their performance pieces ready as our Christmas concert is quickly approaching.

Once again, our Christmas concert will be all online, but nonetheless it will still be a "Rockin' Good Christmas!" We will be recording the concert on December 14 & 15 and ask that your child dress in formal attire. So, please keep an eye out for information.

Have a wonderful December and happy holidays!

Mr. Slepicka

*Swan Valley*

### CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD

The Christmas season is a time for goodwill and the Christmas Cheer Board needs your help in order to provide Christmas Hampers to less fortunate families in the Swan River Valley.

**Donations of Non-Perishable Food Items and Monetary Donations will be accepted.**

**WE ARE NOT accepting household items, clothing, or toys.**

**Please donate in the marked boxed in various Businesses throughout the Town.**

All donations must be **received by Friday, December 10/21, 4:00 PM**

**APPLICATIONS will only be taken by Phone**  
MONDAY, Nov 8/21 to Tuesday, Nov 30/21

Please Call **204-734-9368**  
Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
(Do not Call this Number after 4PM)

If you are a family in need or know of someone needing assistance, please call us.

**Hampers will be available December 16, 2021**

**Thank You**

**RCMP Visit** On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Constable Blanco of the local RCMP visited Benito School and provided a presentation to the Gr. 4-6 students on bullying and cyberbullying. She then later visited all classrooms.



### ONLINE SAFETY

1. **Don't say anything online that you would not repeat or say in person.** Do not say rude, hurtful and embarrassing things online. We are never anonymous!
2. **Do not share personal or confidential information.** Never share passwords with anyone other than parents!
3. **Do not pretend you are someone "fake" online to be mean.** Don't hurt anyone! You must protect your privacy online!
4. **Don't talk to strangers online and only add "friends" that you've met in real life .**
5. **Everything you write online could potentially be viewed by anyone.** It can stay online forever! Be nice and safe!
6. **Just like offline, you should respect someone's right to end a conversation with you.** When you do not let someone end a conversation, this is harassing and disrespectful!

# SPORTS REPORT

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of November! Although we've had some continued challenges this year, I'm happy to report that we have been able to return to playing middle years sports! We recently wrapped up our **Volleyball** season, as we were able to take place in two local tournaments: the Rick McElroy Invitational on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as Valley Champs on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. A big thank-you goes out to the staff at ESRSS for allowing our teams to utilize their building for a safe and fun couple of events. So, how did the team do? Pretty good actually! All that 4 square volleyball we've played in P.E. class apparently paid off. The Cobras finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in their pool at the Rick McElroy tournament, and finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall in their pool at Valley Champs! Please see the attached photo below of our **grade 7-8 co-ed team of Megan, David, Sage, Matt, Andrew, Elizabeth and Porter.**



Now, what have we been doing in P.E. class?

With fitness testing coming to an end, all grade 3-8 classes have recently started a mini-volleyball unit in the gym. In a nutshell, for mini-volleyball we use the badminton nets (with pvc pipe extensions) rather than the normal volleyball net. With the height of the net being much lower, I find this is great for skill development across all grade levels. Also, where traditional volleyball is played with 6 players on the court, in mini-volleyball

we are able to limit the amount of players on each team to anywhere between 1-3 people. This allows more contacts during games, and allows us to socially distance properly. We have played many variations of volleyball including: 4 square, under the net, one bounce/one catch, no bounce/one catch, as well as more traditional 2 v 2 games with the older students. Adaptations with the ball played include using balloons, the omniken ball, lighter trainer volleyballs, as well as the Mikasa game volleyballs. Hopefully, our improving skills and enjoyment for the game carries over to next year when all grade 5-8's can get back on the court and represent Benito School!

Lastly, we recently received a large container from our SVSD maintenance department. While I keep telling the younger ones it contains Bigfoot, it's actually our **Cross Country Skis**. With that in mind, we will be heading back outside when we can (starting early December) for possible activities such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, geocaching, as well as some outdoor broomball. Please have your child bring appropriate clothing for these activities. This would include things like winter jacket and ski pants, winter gloves, a toque, as well as proper winter footwear. This will continue into the month of January.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [sbehrmann@svsd.ca](mailto:sbehrmann@svsd.ca)

Here's to a great December, and a much needed break!

Mr. B



We celebrate the development of our multi-systemic community through our “Stars of the Month” theme, “**Community Builders**”. We are presenting awards each month to students who show that they care for and include other people. The goal is to highlight the activities of individuals who contribute to the community by their actions. Throughout the year, Benito School Staff members observe the activities of students who take responsibility and show awareness of, and respect for others in group. Their actions and initiatives as community builders may take place in the school or in the wider community, as volunteers or helpers.

# NOVEMBER

- Grade 1            Aubrey Behrmann
- Grade 2            Sophie Gilkinson
- Grade 4            Michael Rasmussen
- Grade 6            Dylan Kushniryk
- Grade 7            Daniel Desjarlais



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 Christmas Candy Guess	8 Arts & Crafts Day	9 Trim the Tree	10 Deck the Halls Day	11
12	13 Reindeer Hunt/ Christmas Carol Guess	14 Colouring/Writing Contest	15 Christmas Scavenger Hunt	16 Christmas Story/Milk and Cookies	17 Pajama / Movie Day	18
19	20 Snowman / Snow Fort Building Day	21 Virtual Christmas Concert	22 Christmas Meal	23	24	25 Merry Christmas
26 Boxing Day	28	29	<p>Have a safe and happy holiday season! School resumes on January 6<sup>th</sup></p>			