

# LEGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### December 2022

#### IMPORTANT DATES

December 5 - PD DAY

December 16 - Hot Lunch  
(McDonalds)

December 23 - Christmas Social (last  
day before holidays)

December 24 - January 8th Winter  
Break



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**Sturgeon  
Public Schools**  
Dare to reimagine learning



Reminder:  
We are a  
nut free  
school!  
Thank you!



# from the Principal and Vice Principal

"It's so nice to see the older students interacting with our younger students and see the friendships being formed."

-Mrs. Ameobi

Dear Legal Public School Families,

I cannot believe that it is already December! The first few months of school have been a whirlwind of learning, laughing and forming friendships across all our grades. I have to say, what I love most about our school is how our older students are leaders for their younger peers; they love to interact and help each other in their learning.

Hearing a grade 4 student on the playground say "Hey that's my friend!" and be referring to a Pre-K student, warms my heart and reminds me that so much of the work we do in schools goes beyond literacy and numeracy.

We had our first field trip of the year this past month. Grade 1-4 students went to Bon Accord Community School to participate in a glass art activity. I was so proud of our students and how they represented our school.

We are excited to share that we are the grateful recipients of an NWR community grant for our school. With this money we will be launching our nutrition program for the remainder of the year. More details to come!

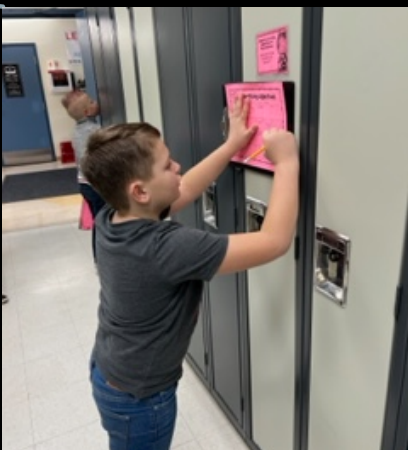
Lastly, mark your calendars for Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 where we will be hosting our first Parent Advisory Committee meeting. At this meeting I will be presenting our Education Plan and parents will have an opportunity to ask any questions and provide feedback about our school and programming.

I wish you all a safe and healthy Holiday Season!

-Ms. Brenneis and Mrs. McKinstry



# November Highlights



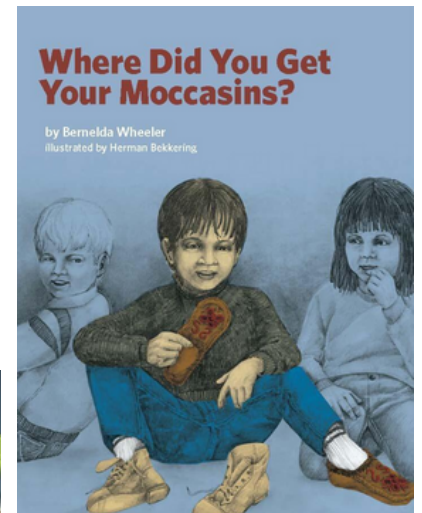
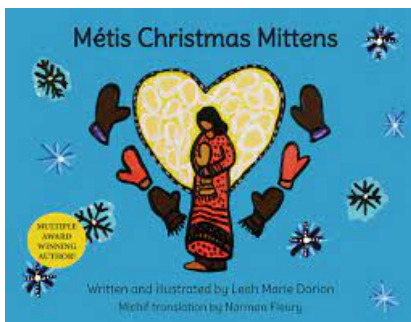


# Métis Week

Métis Week is a week-long celebration of Métis culture, traditions, and history. It is a week designated to honour the contributions of the Métis Nation and its citizens. Louis Riel, the great leader of the Métis Nation, was killed on November 16, 1885. In Alberta, the week surrounding November 16th is designated as Métis Week.

At our school, students read a variety of books by Métis author and illustrators, including, "Métis Christmas Mittens." They worked to create an art project to go along with the story.

They also learned about hunting and trapping and how moccasins are made.



Check out the link below to listen to authentic Metis fiddle music! Bonus - ask your student about someone they know who has played the fiddle for us at school!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRDGJgkjeaw>



# We need YOU!



## Parent Advisory Committee Members needed!

Please join us on Thursday, January 19th, at 7:30pm in Miss Longstaff's classroom for our First Parent Advisory Committee Meeting.

Come and hear about our:

- School Education Plan
- Social Emotional Programs and Supports
- New Curriculum Implementation
- Future Planning

Plan school events

Help Fundraise

Connect with Community

Volunteer in classrooms

STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community  
November 2022



## **SPS Receives a Second Mental Health and Wellness Pilot Grant**

October 2022, Sturgeon Public Schools made an application to participate in the Alberta Government's *Mental Health in Schools Pilot Program*—a two-year project that will assist school authorities and organizations to further support student mental health and well-being. Building on the success of the Wellness Hub and Helping Young People Excel (HYPE) team in Redwater, Sturgeon Public Schools proposed to use this additional funding to improve the mental health and wellness of all students in the communities of Gibbons and Bon Accord.

Sturgeon Public Schools has now received confirmation that the application has been approved for funding in the amount of \$617,000.00. This grant agreement allows for two years of pilot implementation.



## Annual Education Results Report (AERR) 2021-2022

The Annual Education Results Report (AERR) for 2021-2022 has been approved and is now available for viewing. Click [here](#) to view the AERR.

The Division's Education Plan articulates the Board's approved outcomes, measures and strategies to meet Board priorities. Using key insights from the Annual Education Results Report (AERR), the Division's Education plan directs the work in schools and at the system level.

The Division's Annual Education Results Report (AERR) provides information on results for all required provincial measures and Sturgeon Public Schools' local measures. Division results for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma exams are not available to report and the Diploma Exam results for 2021/2022 only include June results, as no Diplomas were written in January.

## Subscribe to our Division Newsletter!

For updates, stories, upcoming events and more, subscribe to the Sturgeon Public School Division Newsletter.



## 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

At the November 23, 2022, Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2022. The Sturgeon Public School Division ended the fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$3,239,894, before allocations to Tangible Capital Assets (1,595,072) and Reserve (\$750,000), or a net increase to unrestricted surplus of \$1,154,555. Revenue for the year was \$76,672,050 while operating expenses were \$73,432,156. Click [here](#) to view the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements.



# Pawâcakinisîsipisim

Pronounced: pah-wa-chug-inah-see-see-pee-sim

Frost Exploding Tree Moon



December has arrived! A new month, and a new moon. This month's moon is called the frost exploding tree moon. This moon got its name from the process of the sap freezing in the trees. When the sap freezes it expands and causes the trees to crack. On a really cold night during this moon, if you listen carefully you can hear this cracking sound.

Traditionally as the weather is colder we spend more time indoors. This is a time to tell stories, pass on traditions, culture and spend time with those who are important to you. Do you have any family traditions or cultural practices you like to pass on during this season?

This month's challenge is to create a new tradition with your friends or family.



❄️ MERRY ❄️  
CHRISTMAS



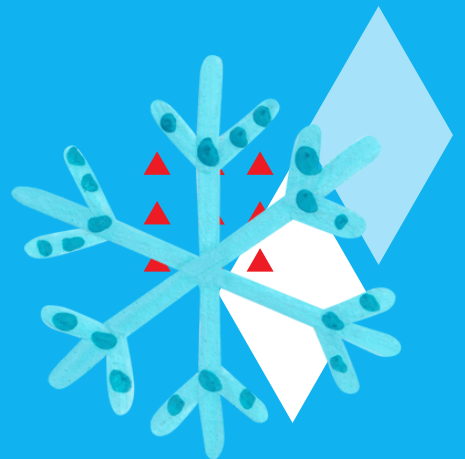
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# Winter Reminder

**Please ensure your children have proper winter gear to play outside during the day. We love to explore the forest so extra clothes are also appreciated!**

As per Admin Policy and Procedure 255: "The lowest temperature at which students will be required to go outside shall be -25 Degrees Celsius including wind chill and as determined by the Weather Network".





# In Our Legal Community

<https://www.legal.ca/>



*Light Up Legal*

**HAVE YOUR  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON  
THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 12 - 19TH**

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS  
1ST PLACE \$150  
2ND PLACE \$75



**SECRET SANTA  
TO A SENIOR**

This November - pick up your  
gift tag from the tree at the  
Chateau Sturgeon!

Tree will be inside the entrance  
doors of the Chateau.

Chateau  
Sturgeon  
5320 - 46 St

Legal  
FCSS  
Homeland Housing



**PUBLIC  
SKATING**  
@ Legal Arena

SUN'S: 3:30 - 4:15 PM  
WED'S: 4 - 5 PM



Our Community Our Passion

Town of  
Ville de **Legal**



Legal's  
Centennial RV Park  
(south end of 43 st off of 50 ave)

**CHRISTMAS  
FESTIVAL**

**DECEMBER 3RD  
4 - 7 PM**

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AND **LIVE** REINDEER

HORSE SLEIGH RIDES  
SKATING  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
TREATS FOR KIDS  
BONFIRES  
MINI DONUTS  
LED ICE QUEEN  
LIGHTING "MEMORY" STAR  
ACCEPTING FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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# I CAN SKATE 2

I Can Skate 2 is for skaters who are able to stand or skate and want to learn the basic skills and progress to more advanced skills. All taught in a fun and safe environment.

Friday's, Jan 13 - Mar 10th  
5:15 - 6:00 pm  
Legal Arena  
4720 - 51 Ave, Legal

Registration deadline:  
Jan 9th



**\$85**  
(gst incl)

Visit [www.legal.ca](http://www.legal.ca) for details

# LEARN TO SKATE

Learn to Skate is for skaters who have never been on skates before! All skaters must have a CSA approved hockey helmet & skates. Ages 4 - 6 years.

Friday's, Jan 13 - Mar 10th  
4:30 - 5:00 pm  
Legal Arena  
4720 - 51 Ave, Legal

Registration deadline:  
Jan 9th



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# LITTLE KICKERS

## INDOOR SOCCER

Little Kickers teaches the kids ages 4 - 6 the fundamentals of soccer in a fun learning environment through a series of games and activities.

Monday's, Jan 16 - Mar 20  
(no class Feb 20 & 27th)  
5:00 - 5:45 pm  
Centralta Community Centre  
5109 - 46 St, Legal

Registration deadline:  
Jan 11



**\$63**  
(gst incl)

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Did you know that Sturgeon Public School Division also has access to Social Workers?

They can help connect families to various community supports, mental health supports, navigating new systems, and many other areas.

Contact the school for more information.