

Copperhaven School

Newsletter



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November 1, 2021

Principal's Message

Copperhaven School has a large blue lost and found bin into which lost items are deposited. Periodically, we have the items removed, folded and laid out on tables just outside of the gym to make it easier for students to spot a missing item. Right now we have the items displayed on tables with morning announcements reminding students to take a look as they pass by on their way to gym or to make a special trip to look on the table if they have misplaced something. At Fall Break unclaimed items will be removed, washed and donated to a local charity to keep the bin from overflowing with lost items. Without access to the school, parents cannot pop by to have a look personally so if you need to write a reminder in your young child's agenda so that the teacher can remind them to go down and have a look please do so before Fall Break.

Linda Simmonds

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4 PowerSchool Parent Portal temporarily disabled
- Nov. 5 School Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov. 8-15 Fall Break-No School for Students
- Nov. 15 Professional Development Day
- Nov. 17 Grade 6 Regular School Immunizations (NOT Covid)
- Nov. 17 School Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Kindergarten Professional Development Day

Remembrance Day

Copperhaven's Annual Remembrance Day service will be held at school on November 5th. We invite students who belong to service groups--Girl Guides, Scouts, Cadets, Brownies, etc--to wear their uniform on Friday. Poppies will be brought around to classes beginning on Monday, Nov. 1st. Donations are accepted for the Legion. We are creating a memory wall of family members of our staff and students who have served or are serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Please send a copy of a photo, with the name of the Armed Forces member, and any bio info. Photos will be posted in the library for student viewing.

Daily Physical Activity

This year we have scheduled D.P.A. into our timetable where we take a school wide mid afternoon break to get up and move. Teachers are using a variety of means to engage students in a movement break before settling back into the last half of the afternoon's learning.

Play Parkland

Play Parkland is a program which supplements a school's Physical Education curriculum by offering students exposure to activities not typically available to school environments--Land, Ice, Water and Air. Students in grades 3 through 6 at Copperhaven School are enrolled in Play Parkland this year. Over the course of six weeks students attend skating, swimming, field activities and gymnastics experiences. It is extra work for the teachers and staff of Copperhaven to get everything organized but so rewarding to see students trying new activities.

Games Club

On scheduled days students have the chance to be a part of a games club. With parent permission forms in hand for individuals (grades 3-9) who wish to join and a board game or card game to play students arrive in the art room during the lunch recess break. This club gives students the opportunity to develop both social skills and math skills through games under the supervision of staff. And, they are having fun!

Directed Learning Room

Copperhaven School is implementing a Directed Learning Room as a strategy for helping our grade 7, 8 and 9 students achieve their academic potential. The Directed Learning Room (DLR) is a space assigned to students by Copperhaven teachers--a quiet place to do school homework but not at home where distractions may be getting in the way. Occurring on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, DLR runs from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm** and is supervised by Copperhaven Administration and volunteer staff members. Students will be expected to work independently on their assigned work for the full block of time.

So who is DLR for? For academic success, DLR is for grade 7, 8 or 9 students who can't get homework done, who have unfinished assignments, who have missed an exam or quiz, or who would like to re-do an assignment or re-write an exam. We can also tell you that at Spruce Grove Composite High School, where the vast majority of our students are headed for high school, DLR has been in place for about seven or eight years and by all measures is likely to continue. Copperhaven students are getting a bit of an advantage heading to high school by exposing them to DLR earlier. In this way DLR is an opportunity to improve their executive functioning skills with time to complete work, stay on top of assignments and get caught up--key to academic success.

Parents/guardians of students who are to be assigned to DLR will be contacted by teachers in advance in order to make arrangements for the student's attendance in DLR after school on an assigned day.

Anxiety and Children

Is anxiety affecting your child? Do you struggle with what to do and how to respond? Have a look at this article:

[Healthy Children-Anxiety Canada Article](#)

Music Notes

It's a busy time in the music room and wonderful to see so many students getting involved in music and music making! Here is an update on the music activities at Copperhaven School.

Classroom Music

The grade 4-6 recorder unit has been moved to January. Students will need to have their own recorder. If students don't already have a soprano recorder, one can be purchased from the school for \$10.00, you can find this optional fee in powerschool.

Choirs

Copperhaven Chorus (gr 7-9)

After weeks of practicing the Copperhaven Chorus has recorded songs "We Remember" and "O Canada" to be used in our Remembrance Day Ceremony. The chorus will continue rehearsing at lunchtime on Days 2 & 5 to get ready for some Christmas cheer!

Junior Choir (gr 2&3) & Senior Choir (gr 4-6) will begin lunchtime rehearsals in January.

Bands

Beginning Band Wednesdays

32 students have joined and are learning to play a band instrument. The beginning band has had a wonderful start and I'm always amazed at the determination and energy that comes with learning to play an instrument.

Concert Band Thursdays

The concert band is 14 members strong. It is great to see these committed players continue to grow in their music making. We can't wait to be able to play in an actual concert!

Ukulele Club

New to Copperhaven, the Ukulele Club meets Tuesdays after school from 4:00 to 5:00. All grade 7, 8 & 9 students are invited to come and try a ukulele.

If you have any questions please call the school, (780) 571-8488 or email mark.loge@psd.ca

Update from your Parent Council

We would like to welcome Jacqueline Sampson serving as Communications Director and Brianne Rogers as Liaison to The Boundary Ridge Association.

Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month. Every parent is welcome to join us.

Be sure to follow our [page](#) and [group](#) on Facebook for updates and information.

Our contact email has changed. It is now copperhaven.scchair@partner.psd.ca .

Our next meeting will be November 17/2021

Thank you,

Sean, Amy, Chantelle, Jacqueline, and Brianne.

The Boundary Ridge Association (TBRA)

Please follow our [page](#) and [group](#) on Facebook for school fundraiser information and reminders.

Our meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month, email us at theboundaryridge@gmail.com if you would like to join us and we will send you the link.

Our AGM was held October 18th. The 2021/22 executive is,

Sean Rogers, President

Krystal Schell, Vice President

Amy Campbell, Treasurer

Latoya Martin, Secretary

Kiwi Nursery

We are pleased to announce the return of the Kiwi Nursery Christmas fundraiser. This year they have added their Plants for Seniors program to the online store so you can support the school, and give back to Seniors in the community. The store will be open from October 29th to November 20th.

Visit <https://fundraising.kiwinurseries.com> and choose Copperhaven School to visit the online store.

Cobs

We have an ongoing fundraiser through the Century Crossing Cobs location. Be sure to mention Copperhaven School before checkout.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch continues to run every Friday. Visit bitetoeat.ca or copperhaven.hotlunches.net to order. Access code is BITE (case sensitive).

Our next meeting will be November 10/2021

