

January 2022

CHRISTOPHER LAKE
PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Happy New Year! I trust that the Christmas Break was refreshing, rejuvenating, and allowed all of you to recharge your batteries. My family and I enjoyed a very quiet and low-key break – largely due to the frigid temperatures that are lingering even now. I want to wish all of our CLPS community all the best in 2022! And for those of you who celebrate Christmas by the Julian calendar on January 7th, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

This month of January is a little different than previous ones. This month will see this school year's first report card sent out on Friday, January 28th. It will represent all of the learning and achievement that has occurred from September until now. I should also note that Monday, January 31st, there is no school due to it being a PLC Day.

I want to also address the current situation in the province and country around this fifth wave of COVID-19, driven by the Omicron variant. We are aware that case numbers are very high in the province, but want to assure our families that we continue to mask in the building, we continue to maintain strict class cohorts, and observe regular hand sanitizing procedures with our students. As always, we encourage our families to not send students to school who are sick and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. We also want to encourage our families to make frequent use of Rapid Antigen Tests as another layer of protection. Tests can be picked up locally from the Christopher Lake Fire Hall, or they can be requested from the school as we still have some kits left. They can also be acquired from various locations around Prince Albert as per SRPSD Director Robert Bratvold's email to families on December 30th.

Again, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best in 2022!

Dejan Letkeman
Principal



It's January and it's cold! To continue building **the habit of good attendance** children may need to be reminded to dress for the weather. Winter coats, boots, mittens and toques will make going to and from school and playing outside at recess more enjoyable. Winter is not everyone's favourite season, but if we dress warmly for it, winter can be fun!

Band News

The sound of wind instruments has finally been heard again at CLPS after a long hiatus due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Grade 7/8 Band has picked up where they left off in March 2020, and they have dusted off the cobwebs of their instruments and are back in action!

This year from September to December, the Grade 5 and 6 beginner Band students have spent 3 weeks at a time all learning the same band instrument together, including the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, and trombone or baritone. Before Christmas they chose their favourite band instrument, and starting in January they will be learning more about how to play them and read music notation.

We are all thankful to have this opportunity for music education at CLPS and we look forward to all of the squeaks, squawks, and beautiful music to come from the music room this year!

Classroom News



Kindergarten – Mrs. Cook

Happy New Year from the Kindergarten Class....

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. I missed everyone so much but very much enjoyed the break

First, I cannot believe that it is already January we are half done the school year. Our little kindies have been busy. We are starting to read and to write. The look on their faces when they sound out a word to spell it is why I love my job. Before we left for the break, I asked each student what they remember the most from the first half of school:

Abigail: Playing school with my friends during Play Time

Allen: Recess and just playing

Braxton: recess playing with my friends.

Danika: Playing outside on the tire swing at recess.

Haley: Playing horsey with Max on the swing.

Henry: Getting to the crazy dance in class.

James: Gym

Johnathan: The slide because you go so fast.

Lawson: Recess running around

Lincoln: Mrs. Cook and stations

Mary: Playing

Max: Playing outside and go on the swings

Maximus: Doing the Minecraft dance for a body break.

Oskar: That I get to play in the block area and the letter robots.

Petra: Recess, Mrs. Cook, letters, free time

Reed: Practicing letter and reading

Sawyer: Playing outside a recess with Zoey

Violet: All the pretend areas. They are fun.

Willow: The stations. I love the letter of the day.

Zoey: Going on the tire swing at recess

Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Schlamp



As with many fun things, that flew by!

I hope that your holiday season brought you what you needed and that 2022 is filled with the same. We are hopping right back into things in the Grade 1/2 classroom. We will surely be missing Miss Seesequasis who quickly became a teacher in our classroom.

Our class is bright, eager and helpful. It is wonderful to see 23 young minds working and learning together. The Grade 1's will complete a Developmental Reading Assessment -DRA- this month. We will continue to grow our reading, studying words and learning phonics which will help us to read more independently. Both classes will continue working on Math outcomes and assessments. This month we will also send out our first Edsby Report Card.

As always, please make sure to contact me via Seesaw or Edsby, email - sschlamp@srsd119.ca or call me at the school 306.982-2131. We have 6 more months of learning and fun – I am looking forward to it all!

Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Hazzard



Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to 2022! I hope everyone had a great holiday and was able to stay warm in the cold weather. It sure has been cold lately and it doesn't look like it is going to warm up any time soon. I am predicting that we are going to have some inside recesses and maybe even some days when the buses don't run. However, this is January in Saskatchewan, so it is nothing that we haven't dealt with before. Please remember to send your child to school with warm winter wear, so they are always prepared to play outside.

In January the grade 2/3 class will continue to work hard to improve their reading and writing skills in Language Arts. Guided Reading will remain a part of our daily routine along with daily writing activities. In Social Studies the grade 2 students will be looking at the history of our local community, while the grade 3 students will be comparing our local community to other communities. In Science the grade 3 students will be working on a unit on Structures and Materials, and the grade 2 students will be working on a unit on Liquids and Solids. In Arts Education we will go back to focusing on the Drama and Music components that we started before Christmas Break. In grade 2 Math the students will begin with reviewing the estimation and ordering/comparing numbers that they were working on before Christmas. After that they will move on to the concept of addition. The grade 2 students will be working on addition for the next few weeks. You will be able to read even more information about what the grade 2/3 students are up to, in all subject areas, when report cards are issued at the end of January.

I hope everyone has a fantastic January! Stay warm and take care!

Mrs. Hazzard



Grade 3 Math – Ms. Harkness

Happy New Year from Grade 3 Math!

I hope that everyone had a restful holiday and a great start to the New Year! The grade 3 class is starting their New Year learning about division. The students loved learning about

multiplication during the month of December, I hope their enthusiasm continues into January! We only have one more outcome in our numeracy strand and that will be fractions. A great way to reinforce and learn about fractions at home is to look recipes and bake or cook with your child. I will continue to post assignments and grades on Edsby. If you haven't signed up already, please do so to see how your child is doing! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me with email or sending a message to me through Edsby.



Grade 4 – Mrs. Jansen

Hello Students, Parents & Guardians!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe, cozy and fun-filled holiday season. I cannot believe how quickly time has flown by! As my family is preparing to welcome a new baby into our family, you too will be welcoming Miss Carrier to our classroom family! Miss Carrier is well prepared to take over in the classroom, we have met and discussed all of our daily routines, schedules and expectations. We both expect the transition to go very smoothly.

It has been an absolute privilege to teach every single student in my classroom. We had a great year full of learning, laughter and fun together! I would like to say thank you for all of your help throughout the year. The students were very helpful to me throughout my pregnancy! I am sad to say goodbye to such a wonderful group of students, but I know they will continue to thrive.

What an exciting time for all of us. Thank you for your continued trust and for welcoming Miss Zoe Carrier into our classroom community!



Grade 4 – Miss Carrier

Happy New Year CLPS families!

My name is Zoe Carrier and I will be teaching the Grade 4 class for the remainder of the year. I wanted to share a little about me! I currently live in Candle Lake where I grew up. Some hobbies of mine are cross country skiing, skating, curling, snowshoeing, swimming, golfing and reading a good book! I achieved my Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan in May of 2021.

Last year, I was a substitute teacher while completing my degree from January until April. In April, I taught grades 1 and 2 till the end of the school year in Spruce Home. From September till the holiday's, I was a substitute teacher and I got to know lots of the students here at CLPS during that time. I am looking forward to teaching this wonderful group of students and getting to know the CLPS community.



Grade 5 – Mrs. Kerley

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead.

- Please continue having your child read every night and continue working on multiplication facts up to 10 x 10 with your child. We are about to start multiplying with larger numbers and then will start long division.
- In ELA, we will start topic and conclusion sentences before we start researching for our 5 paragraph expository writing piece.
- Learning about different explorers will be our next topic in Social and we are currently learning about the importance of a positive self concept in health.

We are off to an exciting new year to continue our journey of learning!

Grade 6/7 – Mrs. Bates & Mr. Bragg

Happy New Year from the Grade 6/7 class! We hope this cold weather finds you doing

well after our Christmas break. The Grade 6/7 class has truly

become a respectful community of learners and we are looking

forward to continuing our learning journey together in 2022! As we

enter January and our reporting period approaches, it is important

that students stay diligent in their studies and keep current with all

assignments. This is also a great time to check with your child in regards to school supplies

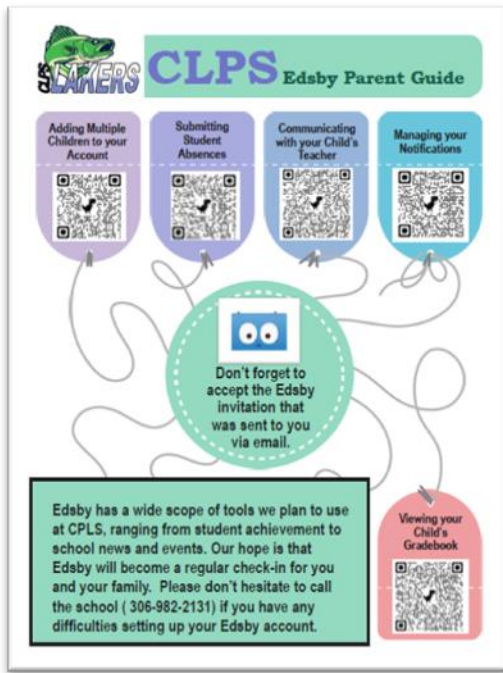
(pencils, markers, scissors, calculators, exercise books, headphones, etc.) in order to make

sure they are prepared for all learning activities. Please use Edsby to check your child's

progress thus far. If you haven't had a chance to access Edsby yet, you can use the

attached guide to help you.





In ELA, students have recently completed their short stories and will be participating in an “Author’s Cafe” to share and celebrate their literary pieces. They are also continuing to work towards their “Tower of Books” reading goals, and are very close to reaching their first whole-class goal! Our booktalks continue to be a highlight of our literacy block and the excitement for reading is contagious! Thank you to everyone who has

donated to our classroom library- the students greatly appreciate it! In Math 7, students are wrapping up investigating Fractions and will soon move into Algebraic Expressions & Equations.

Afternoons in Mr. Bragg’s room are going to be exciting and challenging as well. We are continuing our Electricity unit in Science while starting a new unit about Interactions and Interdependence in Social Studies. We will also learn more about mapping during this unit. In Art we will start the Drama and Reader’s Theatre

section of the class, as well as getting caught up on any unfinished projects. In Health we will start a unit on Nutrition. In Phys Ed we will continue our Badminton unit.



Please take care and don’t hesitate to call or email with any questions and/or concerns!

Mrs. Bates and Mr. Bragg

Grade 8 – Mrs. Liedtke



Welcome back and Happy New Year! January can be a month where people see it as a dark and cold month... but we need to see January as a new start, also a month where we celebrate on January 10th the appreciation of houseplants , then on January 14th, Dress up your pet 🐾 day, and don't forget about January 19th, national popcorn 🍿 day and who can forget about January 21st ... squirrel 🐿 appreciation day!



Having a little fun in January and setting goals (looking forward to something) will make it easier to get up in the morning. It will also allow you to have a positive attitude towards your learning (environment).

To the Grade 7/8 and the school community of CLPS, be your very best you can be. Decisions and choices you make for yourself, makes you who you are in the future. We all are cheering you on in 2022! Wishing you all the very best! We all deserve it!



Jr. NBA Basketball



Jr. NBA Basketball for grades 1 - 6 is coming to CLPS this January. Watch for a flyer coming home with your child soon.