



Season's Greetings!

This school year is just flying by! We had a busy couple of months and a lot to celebrate. For the month of October, we had the very talented Aleksi Anseth in our school assisting students with various art projects. The results were amazing! We have some of their artwork displayed around the school so if you stop by, be sure to check them out! Our grade 789 classes attended the Bison Exhibit at the new Interpretive Centre and Gallery Space at the Ridge. Our students were so kind and respectful and represented Cando in such a positive way.

We had our student-led conference on November 18th. We only had 5 families attend. These evenings are a great way to check in on your child's progress and ask questions about how they are doing in school. We hope to see more parents out at the next SLC in March.

December is a very busy month as we start to prepare for the holiday season. We have some exciting Winter Solstice activities coming up in the last week of school. We will also be having a community lunch with a holiday performance from our elementary students on Wednesday December 17th. We look forward to seeing our families at this event!

Please continue to come to school regularly. Attendance is key to your success! We want to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break. Enjoy time with your friends and family!

Sincerely,

Angela Robertson

Principal of Cando Community School



It's hard to believe that we are getting ready to welcome in a new year again. I would like to thank all of our Cando families that help us out through out the year, whether it's calling in for your child, driving them to school every day or attending our assemblies and special days. I hope that you know how much we appreciate your efforts.

December will fly by and Santa will be here before you know it.

Wishing students and families a wonderful Christmas holiday. Take time to visit with friends and families and lend a hand when you can, you never know how much it may mean to the next person.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mrs. Ochs





Welcome to Grade 9.

My name is Crystal Klassen, and I am the Grade 9 teacher. I taught at Cando from 2000 to 2010. For part of that time, I was the Vice-Principal. I am happy to be back at Cando for the next few months.

Over the last couple of months, we have been working on a lot of different skills. In ELA we just finished the novel *The Outsiders*. During the unit we worked on learning different ways to express what we learned in the novel. We will be working on a unit about Indigenous and Norse Myths. This is going to give students time to explore the stories from their background and compare them to other myths from around the world.

In Social Studies we have just finished our Ancient Egypt unit. It was interesting to learn how the Ancient Egyptians are influencing us today after all that time. We will begin working on a short unit about Indigenous People of Canada.

In Health we have completed a unit on Leadership Skills and Community Health. It was a good unit for the students to learn about their own leadership skills. As a final project they had to do something that would promote healthy living in our class or the school. Two groups choose to cook for the class which was great. They had a great time planning and having everyone sample their food. One group spent a period teaching the Grade 4 to 6 students soccer skills. It was a great learning experience for both groups of students. Another student is trying to promote healthy choices by providing healthier options in the canteen.

I look forward to sharing more of our learning with everyone in the months to come.





Things we learned at the Ridge:

- A hunter would hit the bison in the chest, so they won't bleed out too much
- The female bison weighs about 1000 pounds and the male are 2000 pounds
- The bison in the past had horns about 7 feet across and today they are about 2 feet.
- There are a lot of nutrients in the bison, which is the healthiest meat in the world.
- We did some critical thinking with Roe, the manager, about how we didn't believe that there were other reasons for bison dying so quickly, like the lack of water, winter and to many animals
- We were shown bison horns, hide, and bison sinew. The horns can be used for cups, spoon, and other utensils.
- Bison can run up to 34 to 50 miles an hour
- I learned that Mosquito Reserve has made history 3 times.
- Buffalo are from Asia and bison are originally from here.
- I learned how important the bison were to our ancestors and the things they use the bison for.
- I learned that bison are never wasted.
- We were told about the kids who were forgotten and saw the memorial dedicated to them.





My name is Alisha Lloyd, and I'm one of the new Educational Assistants here at Cando School, mainly working with the awesome Grade 7/8 class. I also do supervision, so if you see me around, feel free to introduce yourself—I'd love to meet you!

I was born in Swift Current and lived in and around the area for most of my life before recently settling on a farm near Biggar. I'm beyond excited to join such a warm and welcoming community!

A fun fact about me: I absolutely cannot start my day without coffee—it's basically my superpower and the reason I'm fully functioning by 9 a.m.

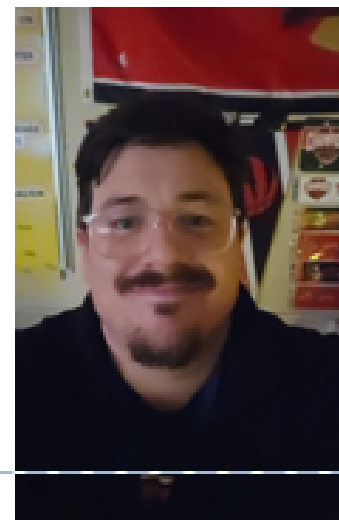
When I'm not at school, you'll usually find me outside fishing, camping, or hunting. If it involves fresh air and a little adventure, I'm in!

I'm having so much fun getting to know the students, staff, and being part of such a positive, inviting workplace. Can't wait to meet more of you—hope to see you around!

Hello Everyone,

My name is Mr. Luczka and I teach Grade 7/8 this year!

I am looking forward to being a part of the Cando Family and looking forward to this school year. A little about me is that I like to go for walks with my wife and five dogs, yes that's right, I have five dogs! I like to go kayaking and fishing when the weather is nice. You'll also know if you come by my classroom I'm a huge Toronto Raptors fan! We The North! If you ever want to come and visit my classroom, feel free to drop by! Have a great year everyone!!

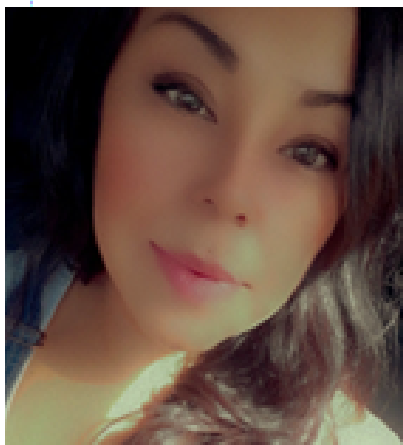


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My name is Janice Benson; I am from Red Pheasant First Nation. First of all, I would like to thank the staff and students for the warm welcome and opportunity to be a part of the Cando School team. My Education and career have been mainly focused on Early Childhood; therefore education has always been my passion, and coming to work here seems like a full circle moment as I have graduated from here in 2001. My goal as an EA is to help the students succeed and gain the confidence needed to stay successful and focused in and out of school. Let's have a great rest of the school year, ekosi!

Hiy-Hiy,

Janice Benson





Hey families, Mr. Gessner here with the 4/5/6 class. We've had a busy year so far, getting into routines and behaviours that allow for successful and fun learning days. We took some time to get fun and spooky through the Halloween season, and we're cruising right into winter and Christmas cheer.

Speaking of winter, the cold weather is here and all elementary students must go outside during all 3 breaks of the day. Please prioritize sending winter gear (toque, gloves, boots, coat, maybe ski pants) and having discussions with your children about using it and bringing it home to be dried for the next day.

We got lots of activities coming up in the next month. We are making noise and getting ready for a musical performance, celebrating the winter solstice, and I think we gotta read a bunch of Christmas books and get really crafty.

Take care,
Mr. Gessner





In the K-3 class, in October, our class had so much fun learning art techniques from our visiting Metis artist Aleksi Ann. We created paper maché owls and beautiful sun and moon paintings after listening to traditional First Nations stories.



In science, we took many walks to use our five senses to experience seasonal changes in our natural environment, including ways that plants and animals adapt to the changing seasons. We walked in a canola field and had fun opening the seed pods to find the little canola seeds inside. We made beautiful dioramas showing our learning about some of the animals that hibernate for the winter.





Our first months of school were a lot of fun using our imaginations to be creative and explore new things with our friends!





Hello families! Some updates since the last newsletter:

Halloween 2025

Students from grade 7 to 11 volunteered to decorate and operate a haunted house and Halloween activity room for all students in our school. They did such a wonderful job and showed true leadership and creativity. Thank you !



New schedule

Beginning Monday, December 1st my hours will be changing to mornings – this change will help me better support students as I will be here every morning of the week. Encourage your student (s) to utilize the time if they need support in reaching their academic goals.

“Our Future” Career Fair

On Wednesday, December 3rd from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, our school will be welcoming several post-secondary institutions and organizational representatives to speak with our students and interested community members.

Confirmed reps include:

- University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing
- University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine
- University of Saskatchewan Indigenous recruitment officer
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Northwest College
- Great Plains College
- First Nations University of Canada
- Atoskewin Success Centre
- And more!

Please attend, ask questions, engage! Thank you to our visitors! 🙏

Christmas Break

I am wishing you all a safe, warm, and restful break – I look forward to seeing you in 2026.

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From the library,

Time seems to be flying- it's hard to believe we are nearing the end of 2025 already! The library has been a busy place with students coming in to work on their assignments, checking out books and of course new books hitting the shelves! I am looking forward to what the rest of the school year will bring, and I'm so grateful to be able to accommodate anyone who needs a quiet space to work or that needs somewhere to decompress for a few minutes.

There will be a new Scholastic flyer available in January- keep an eye open for them to come home in your child's backpack. You are welcome to send your order to the library with payment, or you can have your order sent to your home. I place an order each month, and the due dates will be on the flyers.

As we get closer to the break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and all the best in 2026.

Have a wonderful Christmas break, and I'll see you in January!

Mrs. Callaghan



CANDO COMMUNITY SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 2025

Week 1

Mon Dec 1	Bologna sandwich and fruit
Tues Dec 2	Chili and a bun
Wed Dec 3	Salami Sandwich and soup
Thurs Dec 4	Chicken rice casserole
Fri Dec 5	Cook's surprise

Week 2

Mon Dec 8	Hotdogs
Tues Dec 9	Tomato soup and cheese bun
Weds Dec 10	Pizza Buns
Thurs Dec 11	Bologna sandwich and fruit
Fri Dec 12	No School – Alternate Friday

Week 3

Mon Dec 15	Winter Solstice Surprise
Tues Dec 16	Winter Solstice Surprise
Weds Dec 17	Christmas concert and lunch
Thurs Dec 18	Chicken noodle soup and bun
Fri Dec 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HOTDOGS

Week 4

Mon Dec 22	Christmas holidays
Tues Dec 23	Christmas holidays
Wed Dec 24	Christmas Eve – Santa's on his way
Thurs Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
Fri Dec 26	Boxing Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY
SEE YOU IN 2026



January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 CHRISTMAS BREAK	3 CHRISTMAS BREAK	3	4
5 SCHOOL RESUMES	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Educational Assistant Day	17	18
19	20	21 EARLY DISMISSAL (2:00) PLC All staff in Café	22	23 ALT FRIDAY	24	25
26 Grade 10 to 12 exams	27 Grade 10 – 12 exams	28	29	30 PD DAY – NO STUDENTS	31	