



Greetings Cando Families!

It's hard to believe that September is coming to an end. The entire staff are so excited to be back for the 2025/2026 school year. Our school population is quickly growing and it's wonderful to see so many students in our building. We pride ourselves on creating a safe and welcoming environment for our students and we hope the new students who are joining us this school year, will feel that.



We are lucky to have 5 new staff in our building this year. Mr. Nichol has joined us from NBCHS as our student services teacher. He is a wealth of knowledge, and we are grateful to have him here. We also have Ms. Opikokew joining us as our new classroom complexity teacher. She has already been busy meeting with our potential graduates, and she will be mainly supporting our middle years and high school students. She is eager to help and very passionate about student success. We also have a new high school teacher, Mr. Adjei, who brings positive energy and excitement into our building. Ms. Klassen has been a huge help and a wonderful addition to the school. We are excited to announce that she will be staying with us until January! At the end of the month, we will have another teacher Mr. Luczka join us and we are looking forward to welcoming him to our team!

Thank you to all the parents and families who attended our annual Meet and Greet. It was wonderful to meet you, and we hope you continue to join us for community events and feel welcome in our building.

We will be having our first SCC meeting on October 8th at 3:00. We are always looking for more parents/guardians to sit on our board. Your voice is very important, and we value your concerns and suggestions. We hope to see some of you there!

I am really looking forward to this school year as I am getting to know all the students. As always, I will continue to stress that attendance is KEY to the success of our students. Please continue to send them every day!

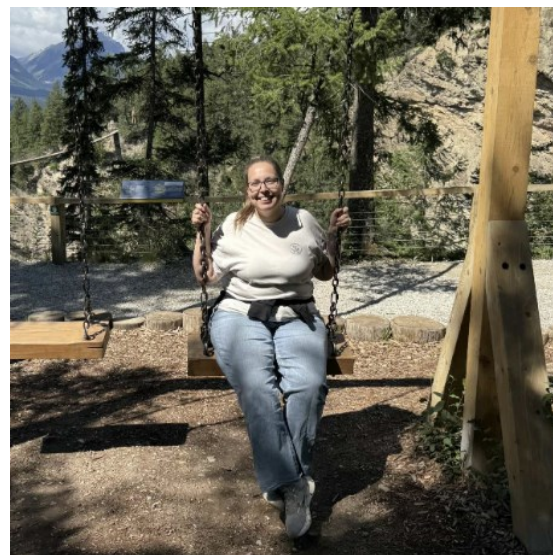
Sincerely,
Angela Robertson





Hi everyone, my name is Jasmyn Opikokew and I am the classroom complexity teacher for Cando Community School. I am here a few days a week; most often Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I work primarily with grades 7 to 12, supporting student learning by providing one to one instruction; small group support and providing an alternative working environment.

Another portion of my work is supporting credit attainment and graduation outcomes for our high schoolers. If you're a student in grades 10 -12 and interested in learning more about post-secondary options and requirements, please connect with me by swinging by my office (rm. 51) or sending me an email at: jasmyn.opikokew@lskysd.ca



Looking forward to a great year!

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Jasmyn



Who am I:

Jay Nichol - Student Services Teacher

I have 31 years teaching experience, I have taught in Japan, Laloche, and North Battleford at Connaught School and NBCHS.

I am looking forward to working with students at Cando to support any learning needs. Please reach out if you have any concerns and feel you need support to ensure you are able to do your best in school.



Terry Fox Run 2025





Learning is so much fun!





Hello.

Welcome back! Our kindergarten-grade 3 class has been busy this month learning our daily routines and expectations at school, which can be different than at home. We have practiced making good choices at school so we can be safe, responsible, and respectful. In math, we worked on 2D objects and patterning. Some students reviewed basic numbers 1-10, while others worked on single digit addition with two and three numbers. In science, we went for a seed collection walk, then created art projects with our seeds. We have started talking about ways that plants, animals and humans adapt to seasonal changes. We have created our reading, word work, and math groups so some students are working with Jay Nichol (SST teacher), Bonnie Laliberte (Educational Assistant) and Scott Gessner (grades 4-6 teacher) during those times. Pajama day was a lot of fun! We are making new friends and enjoying learning alongside each other. We had a great September!

Ms. Southgate, homeroom teacher K-3





Hello and welcome back to another school year at Cando CS, I'm Mr. Gessner with the 4/5/6 class. This year has gotten off to a busy start; our class grew from 8 students last year, to 18. Whoa! Like all school years start, we have been taking time to adjust to new routines and behaviours, going through the checklist of what's appropriate at school, so we can do our best.

Much of our day, especially mornings, are scheduled groups that focus on reading and math skills at the students' levels, so it is important that students are attending and arriving on time for school. Our groupings work together with the 1/2/3 class, ensuring all students are working on what they need.

This year our classroom is not supplying water bottles, and we don't have the staff to wash them. I'm encouraging students to bring water bottles from home and bring them back home daily, along with their backpacks. As fall is here, we need to be thinking of our kids safety at school. All kids are together during breaks and need colder weather gear to be ready: toques, finger gloves and then mitts, jackets and proper footwear.

We're going to have an awesome year learning, creating, having fun. Please have talks with our kiddos around the table, before bed, on the weekends; about respecting their peers, the staff, and their own learning paths. Hiy Hiy.

Scott Gessner





Hello. My name is Kelly Egert and this is my 3rd year at Cando Community School. I am teaching high school math, grade 7-9 science and math, Native Studies 10, and Wellness 10. I am so excited for this year because of the great increase of students. They are attending and showing a lot of respect to the staff and each other. If you have any questions for me about any of the classes your child or children have with me please do not hesitate to call the school.

I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the school year. Have a wonderful October.

Hi Families,

My name is Mr. Felix Adjei, and I'm excited to join Cando Community School this year. I'll be teaching ELA 10/20, Science 10, Environmental Science 20, and K-6 Gym. I look forward to learning and growing with students, and I'm eager to support them both in and out of the classroom.





MEET YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



Hi, I'm Bre and this is my second year as the CCS counsellor. In my spare time I like going up North with my dogs, doing yoga and reading. I'm excited to continue getting to know the students and families in this school community, so if you see me in the halls, make sure you say "Hi".



From the desk of Mrs. C,

It's hard to believe we are already into October, it feels like September just started! This year in the library we have a few new titles, and I'm hoping for suggestions on what I should bring in next. We are part of a reading club again this year with Scholastic, so check with your kiddos for the latest Scholastic flyers! You can either send your orders to the school to Mrs. Callaghan, or you can order online to have your books sent right to you. The code for the checkout is [RC538384](#) and it will help the library- CCS library will receive 25% from each dollar spent for supplies, games, prizes and of course more books. That's \$2.50 for every \$10, so every book you purchase for your home library or for gifts helps us immensely, so I hope you'll consider the gift of reading for your loved ones.



This month's recipe comes from www.ohmy-creative.com – let Mrs. Callaghan know if you have a recipe to share or a recipe you'd like to see in the next newsletter! You can email your submissions or request to marialynncallaghan@lskysd.ca with the subject line Recipes!



Mini Snickerdoodle Muffins

Course: Snack

Ingredients

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup sugar mixed with 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 3 tbs melted butter

Instructions

1. preheat oven to 350
2. line mini muffin cup liners in the mini muffin pan
3. combine all the ingredients EXCEPT for the sugar cinnamon mixture and melted butter
4. fill the liners with approximately 1 tbs batter each
5. bake for 14 min
6. cool completely
7. brush tops with melted butter and then dip in the sugar cinnamon mixture
8. Enjoy!



CANDO COMMUNITY SCHOOL MENU

October 2025

Week 1

Mon Sept 29	No School
Tues Sept 30	No School
Weds Oct 1	Chicken Noodle Soup
Thurs Oct 2	Pizza Bun
Friday Oct 3	Beef soup

Week 2

Mon Oct 6	Bologna Sandwich
Tues Oct 7	Pizza Bun
Weds Oct 8	Tomato Macaroni Soup
Thursday Oct 9	Salami Sandwich
Friday Oct 10	ALT FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Week 3

Mon Oct 13	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
Tuesday Oct 14	Hot Dogs
Weds Oct 15	Salami Sandwich
Thurs Oct 16	Chicken Vegetable Soup
Friday Oct 17	Pizza Bun

Week 4

Mon Oct 20	Vegetable Beef Barley Soup
Tues Oct 21	Tatortot Casserole
Weds Oct 22	Tomato Soup
Thurs Oct 23	Pepperoni Sandwich
FRI	ALT FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

WEEK 5

MON OCT 27 - BOLOGNA SANDWICH

TUES OCT 28 - CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

WED OCT 29 – BEEF SOUP

THURS OCT 30 - SALAMI SANDWICH

FRI OCT 31 – HOT DOGS

****MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE****



RED RIVER RHYTHMS

A CELEBRATION OF MÉTIS HERITAGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM

CANDO

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NIGHT INCLUDE:

Live music by Sammii

Métis Artist Showcase

Traditional Dancing

Elder Stories & Teachings

A Locally Sourced Meal

Open Mic

**Donations are welcome. All proceeds will support
programs for the Cando Métis Youth & Cultural Center**

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