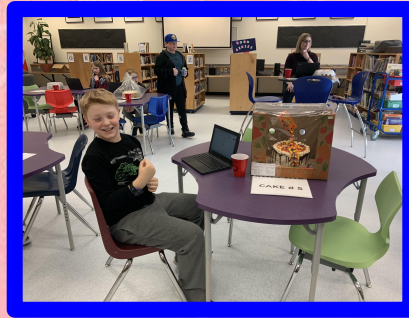
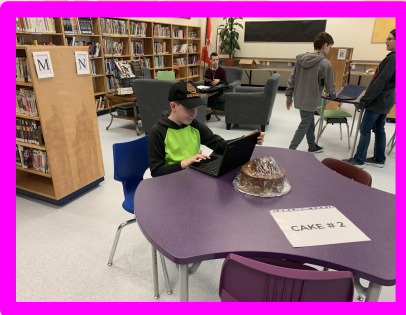
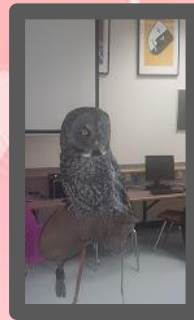


Tofield School Newsletter

February 2020



Students showed their enthusiasm for the elementary cake walk.



The elementary students had some special guest visitors.



Students and staff enjoyed some winter games fun.



February has been a very busy month for basketball.



Administrative Message

We are very excited to be able to continually respond to student voice and parent feedback in order to add meaningful programming at Tofield School. Starting February 3rd, we have added Esthetics, Wellness and Sports Performance to our already impressive list of option classes for our students. We have always had the following very successful complimentary classes: Foods, Drama, Tech (Shop), Outdoor Education, Leadership, Photography, Legal Studies, Creative Writing, First Aid, Orienteering, Film Studies, Technical Theatre, Special Projects, Work Experience, RAP, Strategic Games, Psychology, Cooperative Games, Art, French and Com. Tech. We are also very fortunate to have a free Music Program with our Tofield Jam Club. This is offered on Tuesdays with a qualified instructor and thanks to Wild Oats and Notes and local sponsorship, it is completely without cost. In late May/Early June, students select their core courses and their options for the following school year. Adjustments are often made in course streams and in elective choices, as students decide where they believe their interests and skills lie. If low interest/enrolment does not allow us to offer the choice as a course, we still find ways to offer some form of this identified interest in either Homeroom Focus, Titan Time or W.I.N. (What I Need time).

Our hope is to continue to take in feedback from students and parents about the elective classes that assist students in thinking about their interests and potentially what they may want to pursue after high school is complete. With High School Redesign, we have been working hard to find new and creative ways to engage our students and invite them into our planning. Students have shared that they are interested in Forensic Science as a new elective next year. Staff have also thought about offering classes in their areas of expertise. Horticulture, Organic Farming, Auto Detailing and Furniture restoration have been some of the course ideas that have been generated. Our Special Projects students have been considering offering an 'adulting' showcase for one of our Titan Time initiatives later this year. This would invite a plethora of community members and staff into our 'adulting' showcase to teach students 'meaningful life lessons/skills' that will assist them in life after high school. Some of the ideas generated are as follows:

- Basic 'living on your own skills...like laundry, basic sewing, safety, first aid'
- Interview Skills
- Renting/Buying a home
- Applying for loans and scholarships
- Costs of raising a family and other need to know skills
- How to finance large purchases-cars/trucks/trailers
- Car/Truck Care (changing a tire, oil changes, general maintenance)
- Managing a monthly budget
- Banking/Budgeting 101
- Meal Prep

We know that budget conditions require that we think about how we can all band together to ensure that our schools remain vibrant and our communities remain strong. We value public consultation and feedback and continue to make changes and adjustments to our programming based on the valuable, respectful feedback that we receive. Students at Tofield school know that their voices matter and that their respectful advocacy has led to some incredible opportunities for the students who attend our school. We know that we are on the right path when we can proudly state they we have accepted 42 NEW registrations to our school this year. We will continue to do everything in our power to provide a quality educational experience for our families. A strong school leads to a strong community. Both working hand in hand will lead to even more success and opportunities for growth.

Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts on final exams and we want to acknowledge the results of our students who wrote diploma exams in January. We know that Provincial exams can be stressful! We have a lot to celebrate and we are proud of your accomplishments!



Janice Muench
Principal

Chad Kendall
Assistant Principal

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020
To: All Schools
From: Medical Officers of Health, Alberta Health Services
Subject: Overview of Wuhan novel Coronavirus

Overview of the novel Coronavirus

As has been reported extensively in the news, Chinese health authorities have identified a novel coronavirus (referred to as 2019-nCoV) as being responsible for a respiratory outbreak, with most cases linked to the city of Wuhan, China. The situation is rapidly evolving so the numbers will change daily. Isolated cases of confirmed 2019-nCoV respiratory illness have been reported in several countries including the United States and Canada.

It is important to remember that there are a number of common respiratory viruses currently circulating in Alberta and globally, such as influenza. The most likely cause of a respiratory infection in either a staff member or a student will be one of these viruses.

There are no confirmed or probable cases of the novel coronavirus in Alberta at this time. For an update on cases in Canada visit <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>.

As this is an evolving situation, further updates can be found on the AH and AHS websites at:
<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>

What you should know:

- Health authorities in China and around the world have taken a comprehensive range of containment, prevention and control measures, and are continuing to investigate the suspected source of exposure, while isolating cases and tracking close contacts to prevent spread.
- There have been no reports of any cases involving Canadians overseas.
- AHS is carefully monitoring the situation and will be able to respond effectively should there be any cases in Alberta. This would include necessary follow up and notifications to anyone deemed to be at risk from contact with a confirmed case.

What you should do:

- If you know of individuals with specific concerns related to potential exposures or related symptoms, please advise them to call Health Link - 811 for assessment and health advice.
- Schools should continue to follow current processes for monitoring and reporting of unusual cases of illness and clusters of illness using their established Zone Public Health contacts.
- Regular hand washing and respiratory etiquette (covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing) will protect staff and students from spreading respiratory viruses.
- You can visit the Public Health Agency of Canada website and the additional resources below for more information related to the illness and outbreak.

Additional References:

- Public Health Agency of Canada update on Pneumonia of Unknown Cause in China
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>
- WHO <https://www.who.int/csr/don/12-january-2020-novel-coronavirus-china/en/>

Titan Sports

Basketball Season is almost done. Special Thank you to our coaches and liaison's for their Hard work making the season successful this year.

Junior High Girls: Tanis Miller and Val Rickett

Junior High Boys: Joel Tidemann, Christian G. Teacher Liaisons: Betty Lou Roe and Nigel Kendall

Senior High Girls: Scott Schultz and Jenn Sideroff

Senior High Boys: Brad Regehr

Junior High boys will be going to regionals this year.

Senior High zones Is March 13 and 14.

Both our Junior and Senior Tournaments this year were great. . Thank you to the supervisors and all who helped with these events. Your efforts and hardwork truly help to make our sports programs amazing. Our senior girls team is 2-0 in League play this year way to go!

Physical Education:

The Grade 10 Millenium Place trip was a huge success.

Please make sure that your child has clean athletic shoes for Physical Education class.

It is our job as a school to keep our gym floor clean.



Congratulations to Amy-Lynn Fraser who won the shooting competition at the Round Hill Tournament.





Did You Know?



Semester 2 started with some exciting new classes.

Tofield School students and staff celebrated Winter Games.

The elementary cake walk raised \$980.30 to go towards their field trips.

Our senior girls basketball team is 3-0 in league this season. Way to go team!

The Junior high boys will be going to regionals in Ryley. Good luck!

Tofield students have been practicing for the musical since September and has the largest cast yet.

Congratulations to Amy-Lynn Fraser who won the shooting competition at the Round Hill tournament.

Tofield School Grade 6 classes had a visit from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as part of their social study unit.

The senior boys basketball team won 3rd in the Lamont basketball tournament.

School board trustee Zsuzsanna Hemperger visited the grade 6's.

February's pink shirt day theme was "Lift Each Other Up."

Ray the owl came to visit the grade 6 classes.



Spring 2020



Leadership Courses

National Lifeguard (NLS)

Pre-req. Bronze Cross,
Standard First Aid, 16 yrs. old

March 23 to Mar 27

8-4pm

\$350 + GST

National Lifeguard Recert

May 15, 8-1pm \$100 + GST

WSI Recert

May 15, 1-5pm

\$100 + GST

Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross

Prerequisite: Bronze Star or 13
years of age

Friday, May 22

4:00—9:00pm

Saturday May 23 - Sunday, May 24

9:00—5:00 pm

\$250 + GST

Red Cross Blended Standard First Aid

Pre-req. 14 yrs old

April 24, 8-4 pm

\$100+ GST

Red Cross First Aid Blended Recert

Pre-req. Current Standard First Aid

May 15 8-12pm

\$80+ GST



Registration:

Registration can be done online at www.manlukcentre.ca or
in person at the Manluk Aquatic & Fitness Centre.



~ A Safe, Strong and Proud Community ~

780-361-4444

Choose Aquatics!

Increase your leadership skills, interpersonal skills, team work, and communications while attending the training required to work in Aquatics as a Lifeguard/Swim Instructor. Learn life skills with First Aid knowledge which is transferable to any life situation and an appreciated additional skill all employers welcome.

Working in Aquatics allows you to work flexible part time hours while you finish high school and/or Post-Secondary education, you can also work towards a rewarding lifetime Aquatics career.

Battle River Students, you can earn credits towards graduation if you complete your Lifeguard/Swim Instructor training courses at the Manluk Aquatic Centre in Wetaskiwin.

Contact the Camrose Aquatic Centre office at **780.672.9909** for details.

Start your training now!

Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI)



Canadian
Red Cross Training
Partner

Prerequisite: 15 years old, and one of the following—Red Cross Assistant Lifeguard, Emergency First Aid or higher, or Lifesaving Society Bronze Cross (certifications do not have to be current) and completed Swim Kids level 10 or equivalent

The Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) prepares candidates to instruct all of the Red Cross Swim programs from Preschool and Swim Kids to Adult and Teen. WSI focuses on strategies to introduce and develop swimming and water safety skills. Candidates must complete all of the components of WSI—Skills Evaluation, WSI—Online, WSI—Teaching Experience and WSI—Classroom and Pool. Once candidates have successfully completed their in-water Skills Assessment they will receive their WSI package to work on their Online and Teaching Experience components, which must be completed prior to joining the Classroom and Pool component.

Lifesaving Society Bronze Medallion



Prerequisite: Must be 13 or have Bronze Star

The Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion course teaches an understanding of the lifesaving embodied in the four components of water rescue education: judgment, knowledge, skill and fitness. Rescuers learn tows and carries, and defense and release methods in preparation for challenging rescues of increased risk involving conscious and unconscious victims of various types. Lifesavers develop stroke efficiency and endurance in a timed swim. Endurance items include a timed swim for 500m in 15 minutes or better using any combination of strokes of the candidate's choice. Students also learn how to perform CPR.

Become a Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor

LIFEGUARD Lifesaving Society



Bronze Medallion
Approx. 20 hour course
Pre-requisites: 13 years or older
Completed Bronze Star



Bronze Cross
Approx. 20 hour course
Pre-requisites: Bronze Medallion

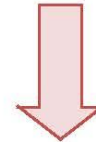


Standard First Aid
or
Aquatic Emergency Care
16-20 hour course

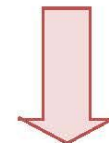


National Lifeguard
40 hour course
Pre-Requisites: 16 years or older
Bronze Cross,
Standard First Aid or
Aquatic Emergency Care

INSTRUCTOR Canadian Red Cross

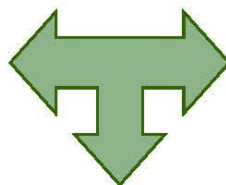


Emergency First Aid
8 hour course
Pre-requisites: 12 years or older



Water Safety Instructor
Pre-requisite: 15 years of age,
Swim Skills Equivalent to
Red Cross Swim Kids Level 10
Emergency First Aid

1. Skills Evaluation
3—6 hours
2. Online Course
14—20 hours
3. Teaching Experience
8—12 hours
4. Classroom & Pool
Approx. 21 hour course



Ready for Hire

LIFEGUARD / INSTRUCTOR!!!

Lifesaving Society Bronze Cross



Prerequisite: Completion of Bronze Medallion

The Lifesaving Society's Bronze Cross is designed for lifesavers who want the challenge of more advanced training including an introduction to safe supervision in aquatic facilities. Bronze Cross is a prerequisite for all Lifesaving Society's advanced training programs including National Lifeguard.

Endurance items include a timed swim for 600m in 18 minutes or better using any combination of strokes of the candidate's choice.

Lifesaving Society Aquatic Emergency Care (AEC)

Prerequisite: None

The Lifesaving Society's Aquatic Emergency Care (AEC) provides comprehensive training covering all aspects of first aid and CPR as well as skills specific to emergencies in an aquatic setting; AEC is equivalent to Standard First Aid

Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard (NL)

Prerequisite: 16 years old, have Bronze Cross (current or expired)



The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard (NL) builds on the fundamental skills, knowledge and values taught in the lifesaving awards of the Lifesaving Society to develop the practical skills, good judgement, responsible attitude and an understanding of lifeguard principles required by lifeguards. Designed to prepare lifeguards to fulfill this role as professional facilitators of safe, enjoyable aquatics

Family School Liaison Workers (FSLWs)

Your Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Tofield School is Mrs. Georgina White. FSLWs can help find resources to other helping professionals and bridge the gaps between those professionals and the school, connect you with community resources, help advocate with the school, or support with social/emotional challenges. To see one of the FSLWs, you can fill out a referral form (come see Mrs. White in Room 210).

**If a student is 13 years old or younger, parental consent must be provided for ongoing support. If a student is 14 or older, those students can consent on their own for FSLW service.*



Career Counselling

March 2020 Newsletter

“Many Canadian businesses require people who work with both their brains and their hands.”

Continuing Education

Are you looking for a way to dip your toe in the water or develop skills for employability? Continuing Education courses may be a place to get started.

Most post-secondary institutions offer courses/programs through their continuing education department for carving out a career pathway or professional development.



Admission requirements may be based on age, holding a high school diploma or related experience. The opportunities are vast and the method of delivery varies from online, in-person, or blended which allows it to fit into your busy life.

Careers - Going Green

Are you looking for a green career?

Careers in renewable energy - currently



18.9% of Canada's total energy supply - continue to grow as technology and new processes are set in place, states Jackie Fritz in the article, *A Natural Choice, Education for Employment, Fall 2019.*

According to a 2019 report by ECO Canada, both technical and soft skills are essential for success in the environmental sector with the top five soft skills identified by employers being: communication, collaboration, project management, report writing and attitude.

Check out related programs such as environmental & conservation science and alternative energy, just to name a few.

Local Scholarships

Strong community support for local scholarships in BRSD schools has been the foundation of honouring student success for many years. It wouldn't happen without these dedicated individuals, companies and organizations. Here's a huge shout-out to our local supporters.

Scholarship applications are in full swing for grade 12 students with many very generous local scholarships being offered. Please check with your school's awards coordinators to ensure you have up-to-date information and deadlines for the scholarships in your area.

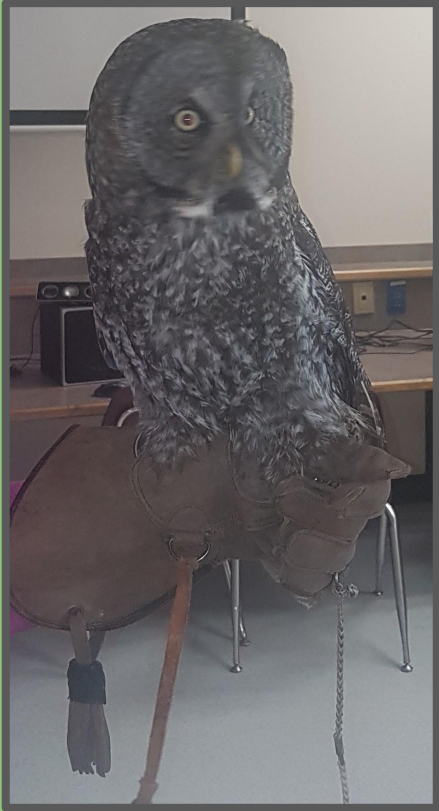
Other scholarship ideas and deadlines are posted in the *High School Plus* website under **Funding Your Education** including links and ideas for Indigenous scholarships and bursaries.



High school is a great time for students to test out career possibilities! Work experience, CTS & option classes, job shadowing, volunteering, or a part-time job may help your teen to discover an interest!

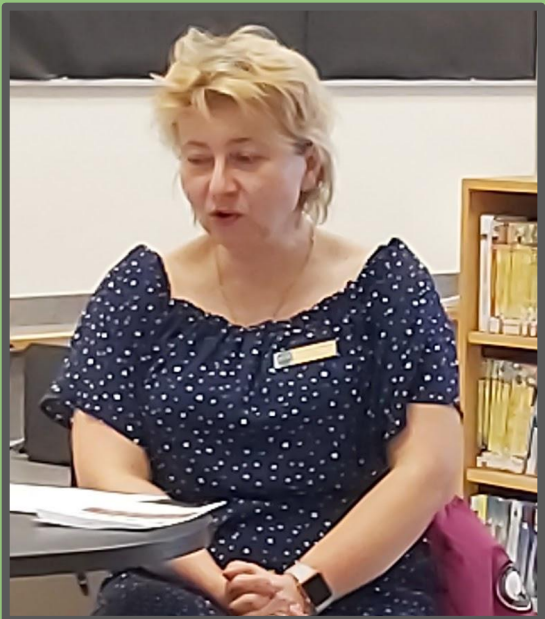
The Grade 6's had a couple great presentations this month. The first presentation we had in the month was with the lovely people from town council. We had the mayor herself, Mrs. Deb Dueck, and Deputy Harold Conquest.

They came to our school and taught us about their powers and responsibilities. They told us what their plans were for the town, and taught us about some of the town's history. When they came it was really interesting because they taught us about some cool things about the town and some fun facts.



The second presentation we had a feathered friend come in named Ray. Lisa Priestley also taught us about the living conditions of birds and how different birds act and where they live.

And the next one happened recently- we had Mrs. Zsuzsanna Hemperger come in from our school board and talk to us about what the boards plans were and what her job is like.



From the Office

ATTENDANCE

Please email
tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca
to inform us if your child is
absent from school.

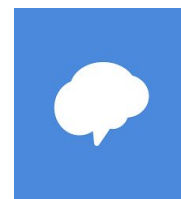
- **Sign out** – Please remember that every student is expected to sign in & out of the school, if you arrive late, leave early, or are in and out during the day. The sign out sheet is a safety measure to ensure that all students are accounted for in the event of a problem.
- **New Physical Address** – Please inform the office of your new address ASAP, either by email (treid@brsd.ab.ca), note or phone call. Thanks
- **New Email Address** – Please inform the office of your new email address ASAP, either by email (treid@brsd.ab.ca), note, or Phone call. Thank you.



**There are a number of teachers who utilize
REMIND for their students.
These teachers are:**

Mrs. Netik: 6N
Mrs. Kropielnicki 5K
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs Blaney

Mr. Cordeiro
Mrs. Woode



SCHOOL FEES

School fees for Semester 2 (Term 1/Term 2) have been assessed and invoices have been sent home. Please make payment online by visiting the Tofield School website and clicking on the “Online Payments and Ordering” icon (located at the bottom of the page) and following the links. If you are unable to pay online, payment by cash or cheque (payable to Tofield School) will be accepted in the office.


We want to support you in making online payments so please feel free to contact Janet Carlson at jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca if you have any questions.

Please email tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca to inform us if your child is absent from school.

Tofield School presents:

Produced by special arrangements with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc.

ADVENTURES OF THE FearSome Pirate Frank



Book by Pat Lydersen

Music & Lyrics by Wendy Woolf

Directed by Melissa Korpan

**Wednesday, March 18 to
Friday, March 20, 2020**

7:00 PM

Tofield Alliance Church

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

Tickets:

\$10 in advance OR

\$12 at the door

ONLY 120 TICKETS FOR EACH SHOW!

Call Tofield School @ 780 662 3133 to purchase
advance tickets or more info!





Grad News



Grad News

The votes are in! The grad class has decided on the following:

- a. Their theme song is “Mr. Blue Sky” by Electric Light Orchestra.
- b. Their grad motto is “This is our vision.”
- c. Their grad colours will be black and gold with white accents with a Speakeasy motif.

All photos and song choices should now be in for the grad slideshow. If you have not submitted yours, please see Nadia Schultz or Mr. Bobier to make arrangements right away. As well, all grads should have submitted their yearbook bios to Mrs. Roe (they were due December 18.). Grads should also be filling in their Future Plans sheets and handing them to Ms. Korpan ASAP.

Grad Executive meetings are every Wednesday at lunch. All student chairs are expected to attend. If a student chair is unable to attend, they should send an alternate to report.

There will be a Family Meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at 7 PM in the Learning Commons. This is an informational meeting. Any concerns will be noted.

Tofield School’s High School Graduation will be held on Friday, May 8, 2020.

If you have any other questions re: Grad, please contact by phone (780-662-3133) or by email (mkorpan@brsd)



Tofield Jam Club

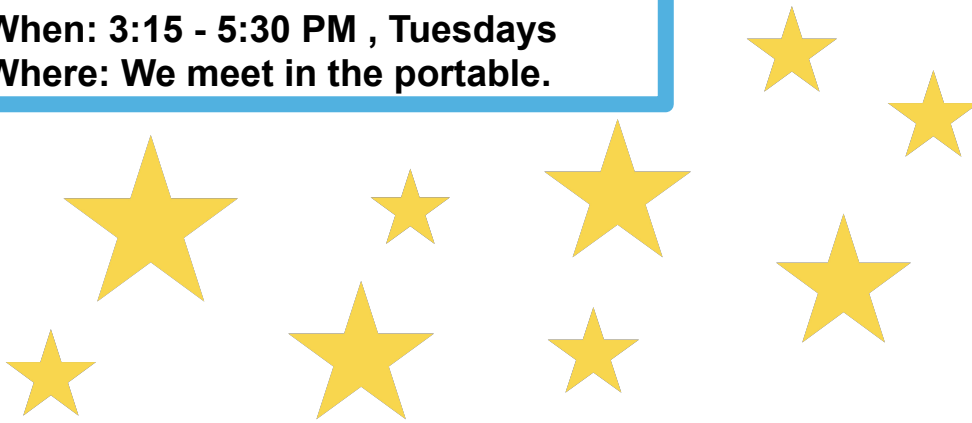


For Grades 7-12
Students

Welcome to another year of offering a free music program after school! Tofield Jam Club is a group of students who enjoy learning and making music as a group. If you are able to attend the talent show last year, you may have seen the opening act which was the JAM CLUB!

Students are able to experience an extracurricular activity that exposes students to the world of music, building of valuable skills and it connects our school to the community in a positive and uplifting manner! Fortunately, with the help of Wild Oats and Notes Music Festival as a sponsor, we are able to bring in an experienced instructor, have subsidized first instruments for all, and additional instruments and equipment provided as needed! However, any donations would be greatly appreciated to further progress of this amazing opportunity.

When: 3:15 - 5:30 PM , Tuesdays
Where: We meet in the portable.



The Weather

The Chill is still in the air and winter is still holding on. Keep those winter clothes ready for a few more days.

Breakfast Program

Tofield School breakfast program continues to thrive by providing nutritious snacks to students before class. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Mrs. Kropielnicki at 789 662 3133 or by email at akropielnicki@brsd.ab.ca

Thank you to all those who have lent a helping hand.

Ashlee Warawa, Kaelyn Sideroff, Rebecca Hill, Mercedes Tremblay, Charli L'hereux, Aiden Beatson, Abram Rupp, Christian Guangco, Ava SurrIDGE, Abby Match, Becky Kristianson, Kody Kristianson, Jessica Hill, Mrs. Kropielnicki, Ms. Korpan, Mrs. Leone, Mrs. Roe, and Mrs. Woode

Community and parent volunteers welcome!

Leadership Activities



The Leadership class participate in a group project.



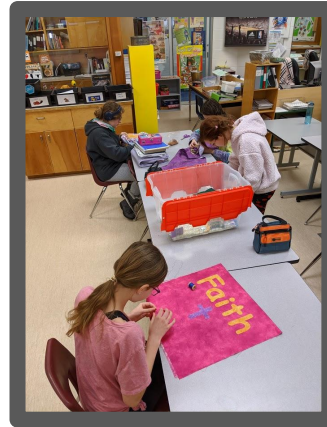
The Leadership have some apprentices join them from C.W.Sears School.



The Titan Time/WIN Activities for the Month of February: ❄️



Students participated in activities including: quilting, games, card making, cakewalk draw and many others.



Tofield students and staff participated in Winter Games fun and enjoyed hot chocolate.



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Early dismissal	6 No school for students	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Senior high basketball zones	14 Senior high basketball zones
15	16 Gr. 5-6 Report Cards	17 Parent Council meeting 6:30pm	18 School Musical	19 School Musical Gr. 5-6 Parent-Teacher Interviews	20 School Musical	21
22	23 Spring Break	24 Spring Break	25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28
29	30	31				