



Newsletter for the Saskatchewan Association of Student Council Advisors

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Leadership Never Grows Old

Welcome to another school year! Along with preparations for the myriad of classes we are teaching each fall, leadership advisors are busy with the planning that goes along with the beginning of another school year. Meetings, work bees, retreats and an interesting array of new ideas are what we can look forward to experiencing with our young leaders each time September rolls around. At our school, fall also equals conference season! We are extremely fortunate to be able to attend both the Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference, and Canadian Student Leadership Conference each year. The learning that takes place, connections made, ideas shared and energy felt when so many young leaders get together is more valuable than any classroom lesson that I could ever deliver. I come away from these conferences with a renewed energy, personal and professional batteries recharged, and a sense of contentment knowing that the future of our province and our country are in amazing hands. After several years of attending these conferences with a wide variety of young people from our school and school division, and hosting a provincial conference myself, I marvel at the fact that Leadership never grows old. Being surrounded by forward thinking, community driven young people daily is a career privilege. Having the opportunity to work with a new batch of young leaders each year who are committed to try new ideas keeps leadership fresh and new. Each time we think we are never going to get a new group of leadership students who can quite measure up to the ones who just graduated, a new group steps up to fill their shoes. The cycle of student leadership is a wonderful thing, and the reason we can continue to be so passionate about what we do. As Christmas rolls around, I give thanks for the amazing young people I get to spend my days with, and the colleagues from across our province and country that I am fortunate enough to know thanks to student leadership!

*Heidi Marchant
SASCA Newsletter Editor*

HORIZONS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Lashburn School hosting a Horizon's conference on April 6, 2017. W.P Sandin in Shellbrook is hosting a Horizons conference on April 7th. They are looking for schools to consider hosting on April 3rd and 4th in order to make the most of their travel to Saskatchewan. If you are interested in hosting a Horizons at your school, please contact Dave Conlon at dconlon@studentleadership.ca.

Here is the link with some more information: <https://studentleadership.ca/what-we-do-2/what-we-do/horizons-leadership-conference/>



Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference 2017
Tisdale Middle & Secondary School
Beyond All Limits

Registration Opened November 1st!

SSLC 2017 Information Brochure:

<http://www.sslc2017.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/SLCBROCHURE.pdf>

SSLC 2017 Website: <http://www.sslc2017.com/>

Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference Hosting Banners for Sale

If you have hosted a provincial leadership conference in the past, you can purchase a banner to hang in your gym from Positive Signs in Esterhazy. The banners are 36 x 72". Logos will need to be in eps files. You will be sent a mock up and quote.

PositiveSigns | 425 Main Street | Box 1510 | Esterhazy, SK S0A 0X0

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**Canadian Student
Leadership Association**

Did you know? CSLA member schools are eligible for a variety of things, from the Great Oriole Challenge, to the fabulous Idea Share site, monthly newsletters, and student bursaries. Become a CSLA member today!

<https://studentleadership.ca/membership/>

SSLC 2016 Awards



Jade Bloor- Advisor Award



Tina Edwards- CSLA Leader of Distinction



Edam Achievement Award



Donna Littlemore- Honorary Lifetime Membership



Maple Creek- Recognition Award for Hosting SSLC



Shelly Morvick- Advisor Award



Consul Achievement Award

Advisor's Idea Share

Clothespin Game

Our students who attended CSLC this year brought back the idea of the "Clothespin Game". We have been playing it in our school this past week and our entire student body and staff have fallen in love with it and are begging me to play it again! If you don't already have the rules, here's how we played it...

Prior to playing the game, the SLC has some prep work to do: they must partner every student and staff member up in pairs (random age/grade is best) and write everyone's name on a clothespin. On the first day of the game, every student and staff member is given a clothes pin with their own name written on it. Clasp in the clothespin is a piece of paper with their pre-arranged partner written on it. Throughout the day, the partners try to "win" by pinning their clothespin on their partner **without being noticed**. If one of the partners is successful in doing so, they then take their partner's pin and their own and go put them in the appropriate "winners" or "losers" bucket at the office. The winners move on to round 2 the next day and the losers are out of the game. The game continues until either you have one winner at the end or the week is done and whoever is left receives a prize (however your SLC wants to play it).

A few rules:

- Pinning cannot be done during class time; breaks, recess and noon hour only.
- You cannot get another student to "pin" for you as your partner knows who to be on the lookout for.
- If someone's partner happens to not be at school that day, unfortunately that means both partners are out.
- If neither partner pins during the day, they are both "losers" and must put their pins in the "loser" bucket at the end of the day.

The game was a bit difficult for us to wrap our heads around at first, but we decided to give it a try anyway and we are sure glad we did! The kids caught on right away and the interaction between our senior and junior students (many of whom didn't even know who their partner was) was beyond valuable.

Nicole Philp
W.P Sandin Public High School

Guess Who?

This is a great icebreaker for both, a small or a large group of students. Tape pictures of celebrities, local people, cartoon characters, on student's backs. The goal is to guess who you are by asking other students questions, they can only answer yes or no. You may not ask more than one question to the same person!

Meaningful Mingle

This activity puts a different spin on Speed Dating. Students have 4 minutes to answer a series of questions about themselves. Once they answer them on their own sheet, they must find someone to sit down with and discuss. Every 2 minutes the whistle goes and they must find a new person to talk to. Having students sit down to discuss allows students without a partner to easily find one. Things get loud quickly!

Sample Questions:

What does your perfect day look like?

What are you most proud of?

Who inspires you and why?

What is one thing that might surprise people about you?

Name one thing on your bucket list.

Tina Edwards
Winston High School

Advisor's Idea Share

Kindersley Composite School Student Flush Away Cancer

As part of our annual Think Pink week for cancer research, the students on our SLC split up into grade alike teams and compete to see who can raise the most money for cancer research. This year our SLC was able to raise over \$5000 for the Pink Warrior Foundation for cancer research. Our grade 10 SLC group had an extremely successful idea which contributed significantly to our total. They picked up an old toilet from the dump, painted it pink, added some bling and started sending it around town. Community members who found the toilet on their lawn could pay \$10 to have the toilet taken away, \$20 to send it to the next family, or \$30 to purchase "toilet insurance" to ensure the toilet would not appear on their lawn again. The community really got behind this fundraiser, and it was fun to track its progress on Facebook throughout the week. Next year our students aspire to having 7 pink toilets roaming around town "Flushing" out cancer!



Heidi Marchant
Kindersley Composite School



CSLC 2017

Waterloo Ontario
September 26-30, 2017

Registration opens for current CSLA members on March 20th, 2017.

Registration opens for all other schools on March 27th, 2017.

<http://cslc2017.studentleadership.ca/>

Leadership Opportunity



Canada 150 & Me

Students between the ages of 14 and 19 who have a passion for Canada and want to help shape our country's future could be eligible for the Canada 150&Me program.

This program is part of Canada's 150th birthday celebration in 2017. Students from across the country are encouraged to apply. The website describes the program in the following way:

"You could have the chance to go on the adventure of a lifetime, travelling across the country meeting other young Canadians to work together to create your own Canada of the future. You could have the chance to participate in one of four regional forums across the country, and maybe even travel to Ottawa to present to business and government leaders as part of a national forum that will take place during the Canada Day celebrations in 2017. All your expenses are paid and you get to help make your country better and meet like-minded young Canadians from across the country who share your passion about why Canada is awesome!"

Please check out the website, and encourage your young leaders to take the time to apply. Applicants must answer the question: **What is Canada's greatest challenge or opportunity facing your generation?**

<http://experiencescanada.ca/150/participate/i-am-a-student/>

There is also opportunity for former students to participate as ambassadors, so if you know of former students or your own children (ages 21-30) who may be interested, please the following website to them.

<http://experiencescanada.ca/150/participate/youth-ambassadors/>

School Assembly Information

Ian Tyson

Hello Saskatchewan friends! Just wanted to pass along a quick note... it has been my pleasure and joy over the last several years to do pre-Christmas shows in Saskatchewan before the holidays and I'm hoping this year is no exception! I've had some time open up in my schedule, so if you would like to send your student body off for the holidays with a positive pep in their step, please feel free to drop me a line! I have three different shows, with stories and messages that can be combined and refined to fit your school's needs. Happy December friends, and I hope to see you soon!

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The Canadian Youth Speakers Bureau is a group of professional Canadian motivational speakers that work together to bring powerful, inspirational and valuable messages to Canadians.

For so long there have been plenty of non-Canadian bureaus that heavily promote speakers. We believe that it's time to celebrate and promote successful Canadians to our next generation of leaders. As a country we have a unique message that needs to be recognized and embraced.

WHO?

All of our Speakers are Canadian and professional. They come from all different backgrounds. Entrepreneurship, entertainment, sports, overcoming obstacles and physical triumphs.

WHY?

Canadians supporting Canadians. We also give back! A portion of every CYSB speaker booked will be given to the Canadian Student Leadership Association (CSLA). We want to ensure the future of Canada is bright!

GUARANTEE

Each of speakers are guaranteed to bring you a professional, empowering and entertaining message. If you feel that that the presentation did not meet your expectations, we will refund your speech fee in full.

WHERE?

Our speakers are available to every Canadian Province and for every educational institution, conference and corporation.

<http://youthspeakers.ca/>

Thank You SSLC 2016

Delegates at SSLC 2016 in Maple Creek participated in the Canadian Veteran's Affairs Postcards for Peace program. The following is a thank you letter that conference organizers received thanking delegates for participating in the program and explaining where the cards will go.

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to thank your students for sending Christmas cards or participating in the Veteran's Affairs Canada - Post Cards For Peace – Program.

This program was very well received and we are pleased to see such a great response from students across the province. With over 500 cards or letters submitted, we were able to divide what we received between current serving members here on Detachment Dundurn, Veterans within our local community, as well as at nursing homes in Saskatoon, and, we also sent some of the cards and letters overseas.

One such ship receiving these letters is currently sailing in the Mediterranean. I have been in touch with the ship's Cox'n (like a vice principal in a school), and he will be handing the letters and cards out to each of the sailors/soldiers working on this ship. These CAF members have been away at sea since June, and won't be home until the end of January. That means that the people working on the ship will not be home for Christmas and have not seen family members for 7 months.

Another interesting thing to know is that many times, soldiers who are deployed to a land location have access to many services like McDonalds, Tim Horton's, etc. But, the people working on ships only have what is available on the boat. That means that morale mail like the letters and cards you have sent can make a great and positive impact on how they might be feeling. Thank you for thinking of them.

Also, the post cards that are going to our Veterans here at home have been received with great pride and appreciation. It is wonderful to know our veterans are thought of throughout the entire year!

We wish you a wonderful December, and Holiday Season. Should I hear from the Cox'n in regards to your letters and postcards, I will gladly pass the message along.

Take care.

Sincerely,

Kary Williams

Family Services & Volunteer Coordinator



SSLC 2016 Update

What did it take? Support of our Marshalls...John Campbell and Rob Stewart, Support of the Chinook School Division, Support of the Rangers...Staff of MCCS, 2 Sheriff Co-Chairs & 3 Deputy Co-Chairs, 50 Deputies, 150 Ranch hands, Countless of hours of preparation, 600 cowboys and cowgirls from across Saskatchewan, 140 cowboy and cowgirl advisors, 132 billet families, 80 sponsors, many community volunteers...SSLC2016 began.

What did we do? The cowboys and cowgirls participated in welcome activities upon their arrival in Maple Creek on Wednesday afternoon prior to heading over to the skating rink for the opening ceremonies. We had the opportunity to listen to Stu Saunders - motivational speaker to kick off the conference. Tenille, a country music artist, and Adam Kreek, an Olympian, took center stage on Thursday. Cowboys and cowgirls also participated in GymBlast and several small group sessions such as Cowboy Poetry, Line Dancing, Zumba, Laughter Yoga, Beading, Safe Driving, Roping and Auctioneer Schools, Video Analysis to name a few. The banquet and country hoe-down rounded out the evening. On Friday morning, Amberley Snyder, barrel racer, shared her inspirational story with the group. JR Matthew, hypnotist, provided lots of laughter to close out the conference.

It is hard to believe that it has almost been three months since we hosted the province. Mr. Lew Bevan took over 700 pictures during the conference and has created a slideshow. Some schools asked for the pictures and the videos - these will be mailed out in the coming week.

A few quotes...

GREAT job on organizing and hosting a wonderful conference. My students at assembly this morning had to talk about their experience and they all said it was fantastic. The speakers, the food, the trade show, their billets not one complaint from any of the four kids! - Beechy School -

Congrats on a very well run conference. You had an excellent team of Rangers, Deputies and Ranch Hands plus many, many more who made it what it was. The rewards of hosting will manifest for a long time. Take pride in what you have accomplished with your kids. This is only the beginning of what is to come for them. - Gordon Rook, SASCA Treasurer -

It was fantastic. Very impressed with my billet girls. Everything went according to what we were told. It was a very positive experience and I heard the same comment over and over again from others in the community. Hurrah for the school for taking it on and doing such a great job! - Rhona Doig, Community Member -

Leadership Lesson from Don Wheler

At our last leadership session before Christmas we talk about what people are going to do over the holidays and about the precious gift of their time spent with loved ones. Then we do the following exercise as attached. I have them quietly contemplate each item and fill in the blanks then for the last one I have cards, stamped envelopes and paper. The take home assignment is to write a card or letter and mail it to a real person they care about. NOT email or text, tweet, etc. Real writing and real mail. Once they have sent their card, they just send me a note telling me who they sent it to and get 100% on the assignment. A nice pre-Christmas activity.

A Christmas Thought

If I could write only one Christmas card, it would be written to _____ I would tell them ...

If I could make only one long distance Christmas phone call, it would be to _____ I would say...

If I could travel to visit only one person at Christmas it, would be _____ I would tell them

If I could have only one special person join my family for Christmas dinner, it would be _____ I would serve them....

If I could make only one Christmas wish, it would be...

You have the power to make someone's life happier. Use the power.

- Write a Christmas letter to someone you care for. Send it. (Send me an email when you complete the task)