

LIBRARY NEWS – YEAR END REPORT 2018–2019

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY! Everyone in our school has the opportunity to visit the library. Regular Library classes are scheduled for the Kindergarten to Grade 8 following the six-day cycle. Pre-School students visit me every Thursday. All students have the opportunity to visit me first thing in the morning any day of the week to exchange their books as often as they like!

All students from Grades from 9-12 have the opportunity to come down to the library during their study periods, lunch and regular breaks to sign out books, work on assignments, study and read.

This year we held two Scholastic Book Fairs. As always, I wish to thank everyone who purchases items at these Book Fairs as every purchase benefits our school by putting new books on our shelves and into the hands of our students! Your support helps us build a library that I am proud of! Our September 2018 Book Fair earned us 50% of our sales which was \$750 in free books; and our February 2019 Book Fair earned us 70% of sales which was \$865!! We qualified for the two extra bonuses in the month of February—10% extra for it being our second Book Fair of the Year and an additional 10% for having it during the month of February which is “I Love to Read Month”. Thank you to Mrs. Diane Sucharyna for running February’s Book Fair, it takes a lot of hard work to set up and run the Book Fair and Prize contests and we were fortunate she took on this event for us all! I look forward to next year’s September fair that again will be held during our Meet the Teacher/Open House Event!

I also organize the Scholastic Book Club Orders that are placed throughout the year from Kindergarten to Grade 12. We do receive a small percentage back on the monthly book orders as well, all of which is also put right back onto the shelves of our library. These orders are not sent out every month but are placed at key times of the year such as Christmas and some other months that are not our Book Fair months.

Is there a certain book you would like to see in our collection? I am always asking for ideas from students and staff as to which books they would like to see in our library. I do my best to order books that engage and interest all ages and if anyone has suggestions, I welcome them.

We have an awesome school website where the Library has its own web pages. You can search to find out which books we have by going to AlonsaSchool.ca ; click on **Programs and Services** and there you will find the **Alonsa School Library** pages where you can search by clicking on **Library Search**. You can also search Turtle River’s other school libraries as well.

Summer reading helps kids and teens avoid the “summer slide”, so have your child pick up their favorite books, relax and introduce them to the joy of reading for pleasure! After all, our favorite books are meant to be read over and over again!

2018-2019 was a great year! I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall! Thank you for believing in reading and the importance of books in your child’s life!

- Mrs. Barbara Anderson ☺

