



WELCOME

“Learning For Life”

Welcome back to an exciting Aberdeen School year! It was fantastic to see so many smiling and enthusiastic faces yesterday.

We would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to Aberdeen School. We are proud of our school and hope that you will be too!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Gwen Peters and Ms. Alyson Werner to our staff. Gwen will be teaching Grade 5/6 and Alyson will teach Grade 6. We are also pleased to have two interns with us this year until December. Cassandra Thiesen will be working with Gwen Peters in the Grade 5/6 classroom and Adam Grant will be working with Mat Vedress. We are very happy that they have all joined our team and know that they will love the Aberdeen School environment. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Laurie Beaulieu back to our staff who will return to her position as an educational associate.

*Our school staff has been extremely busy preparing for the return of our students. We have reviewed the division mission and initiatives that we will address this year. Our mission in Prairie Spirit School Division: **Learning Without Limits in a World of Possibilities** provides purpose and direction for the educators in our schools and guides us in making appropriate choices for student learning. We are very proud of the many opportunities offered at Aberdeen School that center around the concept of educating students about the world around them and taking learning outside the boundaries of the classroom. Through our literacy, mathematics and engagement initiatives, we will continue to focus on creating 21st century learners who are self-directed, work both independently and interdependently and employ critical thinking and problem solving skills that allow them to learn to function as a contributing lifelong learner.*

We enjoyed meeting parents last night at our annual Meet the Teacher event. Many parents were able to learn about our student data system PowerSchool. All families will be required to update student information on-line using PowerSchool. Mrs. Lalonde will be sending home information regarding passwords in the near future.

Our head janitor, Rick Rance and his caretaking team including Denise Procyshyn, and Jennifer Norman have worked diligently over the summer to clean the school. I know we will all work together to keep it looking this way!

We would also like to acknowledge Reece Boyenko who was hired by the Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Board and the school to do summer maintenance on the school grounds. Reece has done an excellent job and we certainly appreciate the extra effort that he has put into caring for the school park. Also, thank-you to Brad Oleksyn and Mural Hingston who continue to work on the grass area adjacent to our playground. Our school grounds really look great because of the dedication of these individuals.

The SRC will be hosting a “Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast” on Friday, September 7th for all students, staff and bus drivers. .

Please feel free to visit the school and drop by your child(ren)s’ classroom. We welcome your input and are anxious for you to be a part of our team. We hope this year will be a challenging and rewarding one for everyone. We are looking forward to working with you and your children!

Donna Duriez- Principal

Deane Martin Gray- Vice-Principal



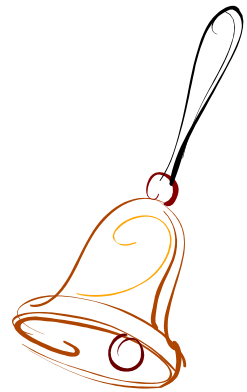
ABERDEEN SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENTS

**Understanding Digital Citizenship Workshop for Parents October 18th 7:00 pm Aberdeen School Gym
(Childcare Provided)**

The Aberdeen Community Council will be hosting a workshop featuring Dr. Alec Couros, who will present information regarding positive digital citizenship. Topics will include information for students, staff and parents regarding issues such as cyberbullying, sexting, and student access to inappropriate content on the internet. In his sessions, participants will be presented with many of the important issues that face our schools, children and parents in an era where access to information is abundant, and digital messages are easily spread. Through a balance of information-sharing and questioning, participants will come to better understand such issues and how to become responsible, healthy digital citizens. Dr. Couros will present to students and staff during the day and parents in the evening. If you would like more information, please contact SCC chairperson Bonnie Doige or the school principal, Mrs. Duriez.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

8:50 – 8:55	Move To Period One
8:55 – 10:00	Period 1
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2
11:00 – 11:15	Recess
11:15 – 12:15	Period 3
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Period 4
2:00 – 3:07	Period 5
3:18	Bus Departure



Students who live in town should arrive no earlier than 8:45, as there is **No Supervision** prior to this time.

Student Planners

A school planner will be provided for every student in Grades 1 to 6. This book is an excellent way for students to learn organizational skills. It is also a useful communication tool between school and home. The planners include important information regarding school policies, procedures and our safe school policy. We encourage students to use the planners and ask parents to take time to read the information in this book. We are asking for a small \$2.00 donation to help with the cost of the planners.

Bussing

All students will be given a handout regarding appropriate behavior on our school busses. Please review this information with your children. All issues related to bus conduct may be directed to Mrs. Duriez or Mrs. Martin-Gray. All other bus queries should be addressed to the PSSD Bus Shop (306) 374-2496. New bus students, who have not done so already, must complete a transportation request form available at the school office.

School Fees and Registration Forms

There are no school fees for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Students in Grade 7 to 12 are required to pay SRC fees in the amount of \$20.00 per student or \$40.00 per family. Fee forms can be delivered to Mrs. Lalonde or Mrs. Wruck at the school office phone: (306) 253-4333.

Personal Belongings

Please label all articles and school supplies with your child's name. The "Lost and Found" can be checked if an item is missing. **Students should not bring games, toys, i-pods, cell phones and other valuable items to school.**

Lockers

All students have been assigned a locker. Students in Grades 6 to 12 who do not have a school lock, must purchase one from Mrs. Lalonde or Mrs. Wruck at a cost of \$6.00.

Aberdeen School Newsletter

The school newsletter is distributed on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Most school events will be indicated on a school calendar that is published each month with the school newsletter. Please keep it in a handy place for future reference. If there are community groups that would like information put in the school newsletter, please submit the information to Mrs. Lalonde at the following address crysta.lalonde@spiritsd.ca. The deadline for newsletter items is the Monday prior to the distribution date. The next newsletter will come out on September 19th.

Picture Day is Coming!

**Mark your Calendar for our School Picture Day on
Thursday, September 20, 2018**

Picture Day information forms will be sent home with all students.

Please review the information form and send it back with your child on Picture Day. All students will be photographed for school service products. Proofs will be sent home for you to preview the images before you buy!

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit lifetouch.ca
Questions call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca



PICTURE RETAKES ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 18th.

Extra Curricular Activities

The Crusader staff is planning to offer a wide array of activities for students this year. The Senior Girls' Volleyball team home tournament is Saturday, September 22nd, the Junior Boys' tournament is September 29th and the Jr. Girls' tournament is October 27th. The cross country and golf teams are starting to practice and the Student Representative Council and Crusaders in Action have had their first meetings and are already making plans for student activities. All Students are encouraged to listen for announcements regarding extracurricular activities. Everyone is welcome to participate!



Milk Program

Milk sales will continue each day by the Grade Two classroom. Our starting date will be Monday, Sept. 10th. We sell both chocolate and white milk. A milk card will cost \$10.00. Each card buys 12 milks and they can be purchased from Mrs. Pealo. Cheques need to be made payable to: Aberdeen Composite School. Thank you.

Student Timetables Grade 10 – 12

Please take a moment to discuss your child's timetable and ensure that their class selections coordinate with the decisions that were made in the spring.
If you have questions please contact Mrs. Duriez at the office.

Communication Protocol for Parents/Guardians

If students or parents have concerns or questions about an issue at school, please follow this communication process:

The classroom teacher is to be the first person to hear and address any concerns from a student or parent.

If the issue cannot be resolved with the teacher, the principal is to be contacted.

If the matter remains unresolved, the parent may request a meeting with the Director or designate (Superintendent).

The parent may also request a hearing with the Board of Education to further appeal the decision.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Prairie Spirit provides accident insurance through Industrial Alliance Insurance that provides insurance cover if your child has an accident at school during the school day. Children are also covered if the accident occurs at a time when they are involved in any extra-curricular activities before or after school hours, including school trips. In the unfortunate circumstances of needing this insurance, the school will need to be notified of the accident immediately so that they can submit an incident report to the insurance company and provide the parent or guardian with a claim form. The parent or guardian will need to pay any expenses initially, and then ask the appropriate medical authority to complete and sign the form. The parent will then submit the form directly to Alliance Insurance. The claim process is between the parent or guardian and the insurance company.

Industrial Alliance Insurance does offer additional KidsPlus Accident Insurance should you wish to purchase it. Details can be found in the KidsPlus Accident Insurance Package that will be distributed to students.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Prairie Spirit School Division Policy 501 – Sections 7 and 8 - Criminal Record

Checks for Volunteers

As a School Division we are always working to create a safe environment for our students. We have learned about extra measures we should be taking to ensure safety beyond the regular classroom with respect to our volunteers. We are hopeful that our parents and community will understand and support this new measure to further protect our students.

Beginning at this fall, our School Division will require criminal records check for some volunteers. Those who must provide a criminal record check are:

- Any person who is a non-parent and is acting as a volunteer for school sponsored activities in Prairie Spirit School Division.
- Any person acting as a volunteer for school sponsored activities that have direct or sole responsibility for providing supervision of students.
- Any person acting as a volunteer for school sponsored overnight activities.

Parent volunteers (including grandparents or legal guardians) who are volunteering and are under the supervision of a Prairie Spirit employee do not require a criminal records check if they

are simply working in the school on a daily basis. Schools may, however, ask new parents or parents unknown to the school to provide personal references from known members of the community or, in lieu of meeting these requirements, may require them to provide a criminal record check.

If you are a person who is volunteering in one of our schools and we require a criminal record check, we will ask you to read our policy, so that you understand the implications. Please check with the Principal or Vice-Principal to confirm if a criminal records check is required. If while volunteering, you are charged with a criminal offence, we are asking you to provide us with that information, again, with the thought that we always want to do what is best for the safety of our students. We are proud to work toward creating the safest possible environment for our students.

**You are Invited to
ABERDEEN SCHOOL
MEET THE TEACHER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
Free Hamburger Supper
5:30 to 7:00 pm
Classroom Visits 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Student PowerSchool Web Access
Parent Information Session 7:00**

**Supper Sponsored by the
Aberdeen School Community Council**

