



ABERDEEN COMPOSITE SCHOOL
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Dates to Remember
Jan. 23th, 24th, 25th & 28th Exams
Jan. 29th No School
Jan. 30th Semester 2 Begins
Feb. 4th School Community Council Mtg. 5:30
Feb. 4th to 8th Grade 12 Work Experience
Feb. 6th Miss Funk's Gr2/3 & Mrs. Cator's Gr. 4 Science Fair 1:30 to 2:30
Feb. 7th Elementary Musical The Lorax 1:30 and 7:00
Feb. 7th Gr. 9 to 12 Report Card Distribution
Feb. 13th Mrs. Pealo Gr. 1/2 Robert Munsch Book Fair 1:15—2:15 School Library
Feb. 18th to 22nd No School
Mar. 1st Grade 7 to 12 Winter Carnival
Mar. 6th Gr. 7 to 12 Ski Trip
Mar. 13th Persephone Field Trip Gr. 10 to 12
Mar. 15th K to 6 Winter Carnival
March 15th K to 8 Report Card Distribution
March 19th & 20th Student Progress Meetings
Mar. 20th Gr.7 to 12 Learning Fair 5:30 to 7:30
March 22nd No School
March 28th SRC FUN NIGHT
May 25th Grade 12 Graduation

PARENT ENGAGEMENT and MY PRAIRIE SPIRIT CLASSROOM

In Prairie Spirit School Division our goal is to provide instruction that leads to student growth and success which is an integral aspect of our Learning For Life vision and mission. Parent engagement in the learning process is also a major part of our work. We are appreciative of the support that parents/guardians give the school and are always very pleased to see so many supporters attend assemblies and other school events. We have some upcoming events that will provide amazing opportunities to engage in the learning process at Aberdeen School. **On Feb. 6th the grade 2/3 and 4 classrooms will be hosting a Science Fair in the mini-gym from 1:30 to 2:30. We will also be hosting a major Learning Fair involving all of our grade 7 to 12 students on March 20th from 5:30 to 7:30. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, see student work, and become involved in learning experiences with their children.**

Our teachers' work is guided by a document titled *My Prairie Spirit Classroom* that provides a basis for optimal learning experiences that include instruction where **learning opportunities for all students are characterized by high expectations (rigor), personal and purposeful application (relevance), collaborative learning environments (relationship), risk-taking to consider alternative instructional approaches (innovative) and student choice (engagement).**

We hope that these and all parent engagement opportunities will give occasion to learn about and experience a Prairie Spirit classroom in action.

Donna Duriez

Deane Martin Gray

Aberdeen Elementary Musical Theatre Presents

"THE LORAX"



Thursday, February 7th

Performances at 1:30 and 7:00

Admission \$2 (ages 5 and under free)
Cotton Candy "Truffula Trees" \$2

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



We would like to extend a warm invitation to any children who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2019 (a 2014 birthday) to register at Aberdeen School.

We invite parents to call the school at (306) 253-4333 to register their child for Kindergarten by **February 28, 2019.**

Parents will be contacted in the spring regarding our Kindergarten Orientation Day for the 2019- 2020 school year.

If you know of friends or neighbors who have Kindergarten age children, please share this information with them.

Register Your Child Soon!

CRUSADERS IN ACTION AT THEIR BEST

Thank-you to our Crusaders In Action who organized a community Bingo to raise funds for our breakfast program. This amazing group of students, supervised by Kelli White, are committed to making our world a better place. Feeding hungry children in our school is a great initiative and we are truly thankful for your support. We would also like to thank BOYCHUCK CONSTRUCTION, Dr. PAMELA MEIERS and the CHRISTMAS MIRACLES organization for their generous donations.



CRUSADER SPORTS

It has been a successful season for the Junior Boys Basketball team. We have participated in three tournaments with one more to come, and have come out with an 8 win, 1 loss record. In the process we have won both Colonsay's tournament as well as our own, defeating our rival Hepburn in the final game. The boys have progressed from a developmental team last season into a polished group of young ballplayers. We have worked hard at not only building up fundamentals but also taking a deep look at the team game, becoming more knowledgeable about the game and smarter on the court. This team has struck a balance between being unselfish enough to pass to the open man while at the same time being confident to take charge when the opportunity presents.

We have one more tournament on January 26th, traveling to Warman. After that, we will compete in CVAC "Junior A" playoffs. The boys are primed to make a run.



Thanks to all the parents and supporters who have made our season great!

BILLETS

It is that time of year again when anything could happen in terms of weather and resulting road conditions. If we do not have a billet on file for your child/children, please provide us with the name of a home

in the town of Aberdeen where your family could go in the event that it is not safe for the buses to travel at the end of the school day. Thank-you!

Office Workers

A huge thank you to the Grade 6 office workers who volunteer their morning and noon breaks to work in the Office. We certainly appreciate the cheerful, respectful and responsible manner in which you answer the phone and take messages. You are wonderful Crusader Citizens offering a valuable service to our school.



Flexible Employment Opportunities

Prairie Spirit School Division invites applications for substitute **Casual Caretakers, Administrative Assistants** and **Educational Associates** for casual and flexible work.

Please visit our website: www.spiritsd.ca/careers for more information and to apply.

Prairie Spirit School Division has 47 schools and over 11,000 students in 28 communities surrounding Saskatoon.



PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION

STUDENT EXTENDED ABSENCE



All students who will be absent for more than three days should report to the office to receive an extended absence form. The form must be completed by the student's teachers, signed by parents and returned to the office. The purpose of the form is to provide information regarding school work that will be missed when the student is away. We encourage students to plan ahead so we can minimize the disruption to their school program while they are away.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather each day. Students have recess in the morning and at lunch. Students need boots and snow pants in order to play in the snow. Also, please be sure your child is prepared for the cold days of winter and is wearing mittens and a toque.



SCHOOL BUS NON-OPERATION



The following is information regarding the non operation of school buses in inclement weather:

Winter weather conditions which result in a combination of factors such as severely limited visibility, dangerously high wind chill values, or icy roads, may be seen as reasons for non-operation of the school buses. Specific conditions which meet or exceed the following criteria can be seen as reasons for non-operation of the school buses to schools in the division.

- A) **combined temperature and wind-chill factor of -40°C at 6:00 am.***
- B) **severely drifted or extremely icy roads.**
- C) **limited visibility because of dense fog, heavy rain, blowing snow or severe dust storms.**

*These environmental conditions as announced by Environment Canada .

The decision not to run a bus **would be made by the bus driver**, who would immediately inform the school principal of the decision. The bus driver will also contact all families on his/her route to inform them that the bus will not be running. Buses that do not run in the morning because of weather conditions, are not to run at all on that same day. The only exception to this rule will be when the cancellation is a result of reduced visibility due to fog. In that event only, buses will run for charters and for the afternoon routes if the fog in that area has dissipated at the time of departure.

There is to be no early dismissal due to deteriorating weather conditions. If it is determined that the buses will not run at the regular dismissal time, previously arranged in-town billeting is to be used for bus students and families are to be notified of those arrangements.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL BUS STUDENTS HAVE AN IN-TOWN BILLET. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BILLET!

SRC NEWS

Mark your calendars for this annual fun-filled event.....

FAMILY FUN NIGHT Thursday, March 28th!!!



The SRC and the Fun Night planning committee would appreciate any donations for the \$2.00 raffle board, the popular raffle table and/or a large prize or cash donation for our annual Fun Night Raffle. Please contact the school office or email grace.wudrick@spiritsd.ca if you have items you would like to donate.

A book of tickets will be sent home with the youngest member of each family in February for the annual Fun Night raffle. We appreciate your support with the sale of these tickets

Once again, the SRC Christmas Banquet was a tremendous success. Thank you to all of the parents that volunteered their time to supervise the elementary classrooms to allow all teachers to come and enjoy the banquet over lunch, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to all the families that donated food for the banquet and to Tracey Hryniuk for making all of the perogies. A very special thank you also goes to Elma Wutzke who helped us out with everything. Her help is always very much appreciated. The leftover food was donated to Aberdeen Christmas Miracles and given to families in our community. We would also like to thank this year's SRC for a job well done.

The high school students have been busy throughout January preparing for exams but planning has begun for activities, including the Grade 7-12 Winter Carnival which will be held on Friday, March 1st.

Milk Sales



Milk Sales take place each day outside the Grade Two classroom. Milk cards can be purchased from Mrs. Pealo. We offer both chocolate and white milk. \$10 for 10 milk.
Help support our school sales!



ABERDEEN LIBRARY



Community Arts and Technology Programs

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WINTER PROGRAMS (January – May)

MONDAY

4:15 – 5:10pm – Drama, 5 – 11 years

5:15 – 6:10pm – Film Making Club, 7 years and up.

TUESDAY

11:15 – 12:00pm - Tots Sensory and Play

WEDNESDAY

7:15 – 8:15pm – Drama, 12 years – adult

THURSDAY

11:15 – 12:00Pm – Tots Time

3:30 – 4:15 pm – Coding Club

5:30 – 6:15pm – Story, music and art

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SHORT NOTES

A fresh start

Help your youngster begin 2019 on a positive note. As she returns to school after winter break, have her ease back into familiar routines. She may need gentle reminders to resume habits like setting an alarm before bed, packing a snack in the morning, or showing you papers from her backpack after school.

Everyday fitness

To inspire your child to lead an active lifestyle, look for ways to fit physical activity into his day. For instance, turn on upbeat music and dance while the two of you do chores. Or he could do jumping jacks while waiting for the microwave to beep.

DID YOU KNOW?

Laughing releases feel-good hormones that relieve stress. Take time each day to enjoy a good laugh with your youngster. Write a joke on a sticky note, and put it on her placemat at the dinner table. Share a funny video you find, or play a game that will make everyone laugh, such as charades or Pictionary.

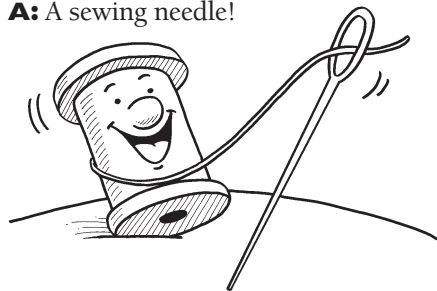
Worth quoting

“Children are our most valuable resource.” *Herbert Hoover*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What has one eye but can't see?

A: A sewing needle!



Read to succeed

Whether your child is solving a word problem in math or following instructions for a science experiment, strong reading skills play an important role. Here are activities to build his comprehension as he learns in three key subjects.

Math

Suggest that your youngster read a math story problem aloud and then retell it in his own words—leaving out the numbers! This allows him to focus on what the problem is asking him to do before he tries to solve it. *Example:* “A panda had a lot of bamboo. Then he ate some. Now he has less. How much bamboo does he have left?” He'll know that he needs to subtract.

Science

Diagrams, charts, tables, and other graphics help your child “see” science concepts. Encourage him to create his own visual aids. If he's reading about the

layers of the Earth, maybe he will draw a diagram and label the *crust, mantle, outer core, and inner core.*

History

Your youngster will go back in time by reading historical fiction about topics he studies. He'll feel as if he's walking the streets of ancient Greece, for instance, while also getting background information on people, places, and events. He might try a series like *Magic Tree House* (Mary Pope Osborne) or *Blast to the Past* (Stacia Deutsch and Rhody Cohon).♥



Stay in touch with teachers

Think of communication with your child's teacher as an ongoing conversation. Consider these tips.

● **Share the good.** Let the teacher know that your youngster enjoyed working on a project or that you liked the class play. Email her, or send a note to school with your child.

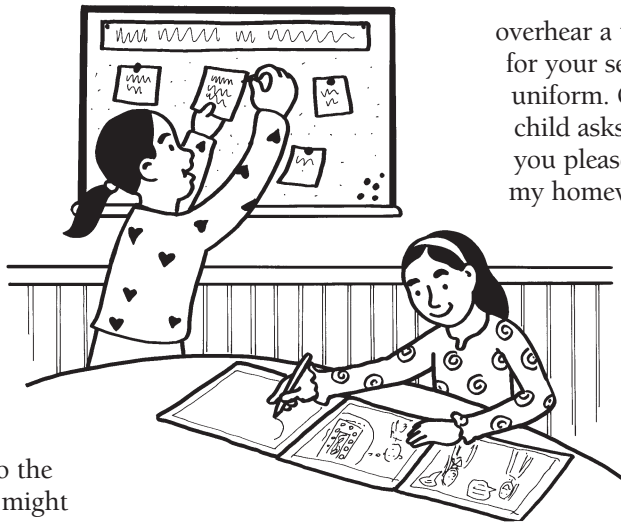
● **Work through problems.** If the teacher contacts you with a concern about your youngster, first listen to what she has to say. Respond calmly, and ask what you can do at home to help. Then, follow up with the teacher regularly to see how things are going.♥



What does respect mean?

Showing respect will be easier for your youngster if she knows what respect sounds like and looks like in everyday life. Try these ideas.

Make a “quote board.” Have your child label a poster board or a bulletin board “The Sounds of Respect.” When a family member hears respectful language, she can write it on a sticky note and add it to the board. For instance, your youngster might



overhear a teller at the bank say, “Thank you for your service” to a customer in a military uniform. Or maybe you’ll notice that your child asks her brother respectfully, “Could you please sing more quietly while I finish my homework?”

Draw a comic strip. Brainstorm ways people show respect, such as by keeping commitments or respecting others’ wishes. Then, your youngster can create a comic strip that illustrates one of the examples. Perhaps she’ll draw one panel that shows her arranging a get-together with a friend, a second panel where a different friend invites her to a movie she’s anxious to see, and a third with her sticking to her original plans.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Adventures by mail

Your child can explore the world without leaving home! This activity turns him into a “flat traveler” — like Flat Stanley in the popular book series.

First, let him mail a photo of himself and a letter to a relative or friend who lives out of town. He



could write questions that will help him learn about the place, perhaps about the weather, language, foods, geography, or landmarks.

The person should mail back answers, along with photos and even tourist brochures or postcards. For instance, his aunt may snap a picture of your child’s photo on a snowy mountain or in front of a famous skyscraper.

Suggest that your youngster put everything in a scrapbook that he can read to remind him of the places “he” has been. Then, he can send his photo on another adventure with a different long-distance relative or friend!♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Participating in class

My son, Sam, has always been a quiet kid. This year, his teacher told me that he rarely speaks up in class and prefers to work alone. So together, she and I came up with strategies to help Sam participate more.

Now as part of Sam’s homework, he decides on one question or comment about the material to share in class the next day. Practicing what he plans to say prepares him to speak up. Also, when the teacher assigns group projects, she tries to put Sam on a team that includes at least one student he knows well.

The teacher reports that Sam is speaking up more often. And the other day, he came home excited about a great idea his partner had for the diorama they’re working on together.♥



Q & A

Sharpen critical thinking

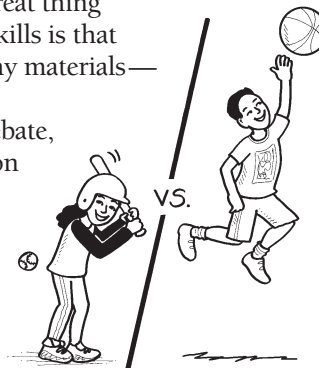
Q: At a recent curriculum night, the principal talked about critical thinking. Are there fun ways to work on this at home?

A: Absolutely! And the great thing about building thinking skills is that your child doesn’t need any materials — just her brain.

Try holding a family debate, with a twist. Ask a question like “Which is better, basketball or baseball?” Let each person answer, then argue in favor of the sport she *didn’t* choose. Your

youngster will need to think critically to take a view that’s the opposite of her own. For instance, a baseball fan might say that basketball is more fast-paced and exciting.

Or encourage your daughter to look at familiar situations in new ways. Have her pick a situation or an event (say, a snowstorm). Now take turns looking at it from others’ perspectives. How would a truck driver, a toddler, or a squirrel feel about the snow?♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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