

**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**



HAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- KNOWING AND GROWING - CARING AND SHARING -

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, November 4 – Subway note goes home and due back Wednesday, November 9
- Monday, November 7 – Poinsettia order forms go home and due back by Friday, November 18
- Wednesday, November 9 – Remembrance Day service at 10:30am, everyone welcome to attend
- Thursday, November 10 – NO SCHOOL – day off in lieu of evening interviews
- Friday, November 11 – NO SCHOOL-Remembrance Day-take a moment to remember our Veterans and Troops
- Monday, November 14- NO SCHOOL – Professional/Prep Day for staff
- Thursday, November 17 – Subway Lunch
- Friday, November 18 – Poinsettia orders are due
- Wednesday, November 30 – Progress Reports go home
- Thursday, December 8 – Subway Lunch
- Monday, December 19 – Christmas Concert – 10:00 am and 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 21- Last school day for students



This year we will be recognizing Remembrance Day by holding an assembly on Wednesday, November 9th. The assembly will begin at 10:30 and all members of the Hague community and surrounding area are welcome to attend.

Students will receive a poppy to wear and we encourage students to bring a silver collection for the Royal Canadian Legion. We will accept donations until Thursday, November 17. Thank you for your generosity.

BOOKFAIR-PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the pancake and sausage breakfast on Tuesday, October 18. It was so great to see families enjoying breakfast together before browsing the book fair. We sold approximately \$4500.00 worth of merchandise, earning \$1800.00 for our school to purchase more books for the library.



Hague Elementary staff and students send a huge bouquet of thanks to parents who volunteered their time to help with our book fair and pancake breakfast. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

BUS BEHAVIOUR

A meeting was held last week with our Hague schools bus drivers, administration, and our division's conveyance safety officer. Arising from that meeting are the following reminders for families and students:

- Please contact your bus driver if there are any changes on any given day to the normal bus routine for your child(ren).
- Guest riders (i.e. birthday party guests or friends visiting a bus student's home) are only permitted at the driver's discretion. These arrangements should always be made ahead of time by the host parents with their children's driver.
- Students are to remain seated **AT ALL TIMES**. This is a matter of safety for themselves and for others in the event the bus needs to make a sudden stop or turn. Remaining seated also prevents incidents of distraction for the driver, whose attention must remain on transporting students safely.
- Excessive and sudden outbursts of noise (i.e. shouting) are a serious safety concern, as they create distraction for the driver, putting all riders at risk. Students are reminded that horseplay and yelling/shouting/screaming are distracting for their driver.
- As stated in the bus rules by Prairie Spirit School Division eating is not permitted on the bus due to the resulting mess that is created on the bus, but most importantly to keep children safe from choking hazards.

As stated by Prairie Spirit School Division, riding on a school bus is a privilege, not a right. We expect excellent behavior and cooperation from students on our buses, just as we do in our classrooms. A student who fails to abide by the rules, or who misbehaves on a bus, may be denied bus transportation.

As well, inappropriate language will not be tolerated. After consulting with the bus driver, the principal may suspend a student from riding the bus for up to three days per incident. In the event that the principal recommends a suspension exceeding three days, the Director of Education, or designate, will decide on appropriate action to be taken in accordance with *Administrative Policy No. 409*.



SEVERE WEATHER

Buses will not run if the combined temperature and wind chill factor is -40 degrees C or below at 6 a.m. If the bus is not running, the bus driver will call each home on the route. In determining if buses should run, **Environment Canada** "Saskatoon" temperatures are used as a guide for all schools (except schools in Duck Lake, Blaine Lake and Leask, who use "Prince Albert" temperatures). Go to: www.weatheroffice.gc.ca to check the temperature.

In stormy conditions, bus drivers within the same district contact one another and compare local weather and road conditions and use their discretion whether or not to run. Bus drivers decide whether or not to run by no later than 30 minutes before the first scheduled morning pick up, and no later than one hour prior to the scheduled afternoon dismissal.

Buses that do not run at the regular time in the morning will not run at all on that day.

There will not be 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 will be notified by the school.

Schools will only be closed to students for reasons such as health and safety. As long as a school remains open for students, parents are welcome to transport their children to the school at any time during the school day.

All bus cancellations are prominently posted on the Prairie Spirit website by 7 a.m. daily at: www.spiritsd.ca/Buses

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Hague Elementary school presents its Christmas concert on Monday, December 19th with performances at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. This year's Christmas musical is entitled *Christmas Chronicles*, the story of The Bethlehem Chronicle, a newspaper in big trouble! If subscriptions don't increase, the paper will be shut down forever. Now it's up to Scoop Early, Sally O'Callahan and Rock Gibraltar as they search for the biggest news in Bethlehem to help save the paper. Add a heavenly host of angels and shepherds and you've got a miracle at just the right time!



Students who are preparing Christmas music as part of their piano lessons will be providing prelude music. Students in K to Grade 3 will play prior to the morning performance, and students in Grades 4 through 6 will play prelude before the evening performance. If your child is not enrolled in piano lessons with Mrs. Derksen or Mrs. Wiens and would like to be part of the prelude, please contact Mrs. Jackson at the school to include their name on the list.

Win a trip and support your school!



Our **Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation** is holding its second annual **Trip a Month Raffle** to raise funds to support innovative programming in Prairie Spirit schools.

For every \$100 raffle ticket sold through your school, the school will receive \$30 to support innovative student learning initiatives.

Details are as follows:

- There will be 12 draws for a \$2500 travel voucher (*winners can choose their own destination!*)
- EVERY ticket is in for EVERY draw (*12 chances to win!*)
- Only 1000 tickets will be sold (*great odds!*)
- Draw date: January 26, 2017
- Trip details will be finalized with Gateway Travel in Martensville

**To purchase a ticket with cash or by cheque,
please contact the school office.**

**To order online and for more information
(including Rules of Play), please go to:**

www.prairiespiritschoolsfoundation.ca

Prairie Spirit Schools
FOUNDATION

With its mandate to support innovation in public education by funding a range of experiences that help students realize their potential, the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation provides donation and investment opportunities for projects and partnerships which would not otherwise be possible and which will enrich learning opportunities for our students.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Hague Elementary School Community Council will be selling poinsettias as their fundraiser to help offset the cost of various school projects such as the cost of sound system for the Christmas concert. the purchase of books for classroom libraries, providing childcare at 3-way conferences, Mother Goose book of Rhythm and Rhyme for Kindergarten students just to name a few projects.



There is a choice of pink, red or white poinsettia for \$15.00.

The 22" Berries and Bows Wreath for \$30.00.

Back again for this year is the 10" Holiday Planter for \$30.00.

Description of these items can be found on the order form that will be sent home on Monday, November 7th. If you did not receive a form and would like one, call Mrs. Wagner or check www.spiritsd.ca/hagueelem under the SCC tab. Deadline for orders to be in is Friday, November 18th. Delivery should happen the first week in December. We will inform parents by sending an e-mail message, in the student planner or check the website.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, November 10 – NO SCHOOL – Day off in lieu of evening conferences

Friday, November 11 – Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 14 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

Monday, December 19 – Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 22 – Monday, January 2, 2017 – Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 3 – Classes resume for students

Monday, January 30 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

Monday, February 20– Family Day – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 21 – Friday, February 24– Mid-term Break – NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 27 – Classes resume for students

Friday, March 24 – Teacher Prep Day - NO CLASSES

Monday, March 27 – NO SCHOOL – Day off in lieu of evening conferences

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 17 – Friday, April 21 – Easter Break – NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 24 – Classes resume for students

Friday, May 19 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

Monday, May 22 – Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

Monday, June 5 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

Wednesday, June 28 – Last day of school for students-Progress reports go home

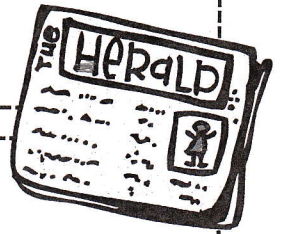
Thursday, June 29 – Teacher Work Day

Friday, June 30 – Teacher Prep Day / School Year Ends



HEADLINE NEWS

Grade 5 Flippin Out!



The grade fives from Hague Elementary went to Can Am in Saskatoon. We went on bars, in foam pits, on circuits, ropes, poles. This field trip was part of our physical Education course, we went on Thursday Oct, 27. At home we're going to use this experience for fun!

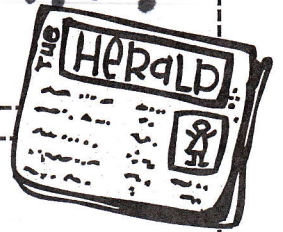


Marlo said, "It was more fun than in kindergarten and because it is good exercise!"

by Jared and DiAnne

HEADLINE NEWS

Can you eat it? Is it safe?
Will it kill you?



On Thursday October 27th the grade 5's from H.E.S went to Wanuskewin. Wanuskewin is right outside of Saskatoon. Maddax from 5N learned many things about the outdoors at Wanuskewin. "I learned that you can make bristles into velcro." said Maddax. If you go to



Wanuskewin you learn how First Nations used the land. Did you know that Walmart is all around you? Nature provides lots of stuff that you can buy in the store. We can use what we learned about plants when we are sick or lost.

Abinet and Mercedes

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SHORT NOTES

Fall back

Does your youngster know why people in most states will turn their clocks back an hour on November 6? Help her read up on the history of Daylight Saving Time—she'll practice research skills for a real-life reason. Then, she could share what she discovers with your family and change your clocks.

Assistant chef

Let your child help you with Thanksgiving dinner and look for ways to make it more nutritious. For instance, use whole-wheat bread for stuffing or mash cauliflower instead of potatoes. Involve him in every step of the process, and he'll learn about planning healthy meals, shopping for ingredients, and cooking.

Put away cell phones

Whether or not your youngster uses a cell phone, she'll notice the phone habits of adults around her. Make a point of putting away your phone during meals and while talking or playing with her. Your example will show her that it's polite to give others your undivided attention—and more fun to talk to the person you're with.

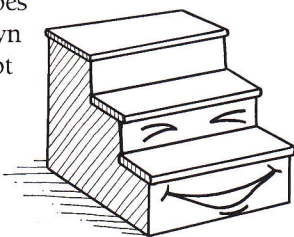
Worth quoting

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What goes up and down but does not move?

A: Stairs.



Secrets to better behavior

You know what they say: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That's true when it comes to effective discipline, too. Try these ideas for heading off problems, and then sit back and enjoy a more pleasant household.

Notice triggers

Being aware of what causes misbehavior goes a long way toward preventing it. Perhaps your youngster acts out when he's tired—make sure he's getting 9–11 hours of sleep. Or maybe he misbehaves when he's bored. Let him write a list of activities for when there's "nothing to do" (examples: play solitaire, finger paint, do crossword puzzles).

Offer choices

Give your child some control in situations where he struggles to behave. Does he typically grumble or whine while you're running errands? Consider letting him pick the order in which to do them. ("We need to go to the laundromat and the store. Which should we do first?") Is it hard to get him to dress



up for family events? He might like to choose the color of his shirt or pick out a pair of fun socks to wear.

Be a coach

Coaches demonstrate, encourage, and celebrate. Why not use this approach for behavior you want your youngster to change? If he should be putting dirty clothes in his hamper, for instance, "coach" him on tossing in his T-shirts. He'll see that it's more fun to "make a basket" than to drop clothes on the floor. When you find his floor free of dirty clothes the next time, give him a high five. ♥

Questions for parent-teacher conferences

Parent-teacher conferences go by fast! Make the most of your time by writing a list of questions in advance. Consider these suggestions:

- "What are some of the most important things my child should learn this year?"
- "How does she get along with classmates when she works in a group?"
- "What subject do you think she enjoys the most?"
- "What are my youngster's strengths?"
- "What can we do at home to help her do her best in school?" ♥



Household elections

An election lets a group of people make a decision, whether it involves citizens electing a mayor or children choosing student council officers. Show your youngster democracy in action by holding elections in your home.

1. Choose topic. Have your child pick an issue to vote on. It could be practical (“Should we paint the bathroom green or blue?”) or fun (“Should we get a fish or a hamster?”).

2. Campaign. Each person can campaign for her side, presenting reasons why others should



vote her way. You may decide to make posters or give speeches to persuade family members.

3. Create ballots. Let your youngster make a ballot for each family member and get an empty tissue box to put the ballots in.

4. Vote. Select an evening for your election. Cast your votes, and your child can tally them and announce a winner.

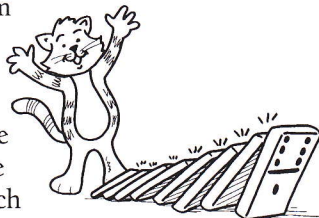
Tip: Use this activity as an opportunity to talk about the national elections this month. Take your youngster with you when you vote, explain the choices you make, and watch the results together on election night.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Create a chain reaction

Your youngster can watch a chain reaction before his very eyes—all he needs is a set of dominoes.

Have him stand the dominoes in a line, making sure the distance between each one is about the same. What happens when he knocks down the first domino? (It will topple the whole line of dominoes in turn.) Suggest that he try putting them closer together or farther apart, or even arranging them in a circle, U-shape, figure 8, or spiral. He could use a timer to find out which spacing or arrangement makes the dominoes fall fastest.



As he experiments, he'll learn about chain reactions, where energy is transferred from one object to another.

Idea: Encourage your child to look for examples of real-life chain reactions, such as how the pins fall when he bowls.♥



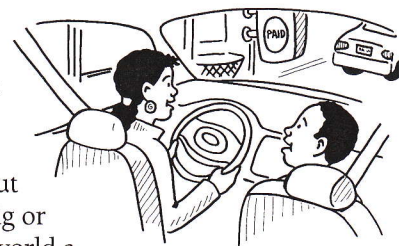
PARENT TO PARENT

It pays to be kind

We recently stopped to pay a toll, only to be told that the driver ahead of us had paid our way. My son John said, “But he doesn't even *know* us!”

I explained that the driver had done a “random act of kindness”—something kind without being asked or expecting anything in return. Big or small, I told John, these good deeds make the world a better place. My son said he wanted to do a random act of kindness, too. So after raking the leaves in our yard, he secretly raked our next-door neighbor's. He felt so good seeing her smile when she got home that he started looking for a way to be kind to someone else.

Now random acts of kindness have become a regular thing in our household. And John has discovered that when he does something for someone else, *he* is the one who feels good.♥



Know your library

The local library is a great place for your child to discover books she will treasure, find information for school projects, or simply settle in and read. Help her establish a library habit with these ideas.

Get a card. Have your youngster sign up for her own library card. This will make her feel like she belongs at “her” library.

Become acquainted. Explore different sections of the library together. Encourage her to get to

know the librarians—they will recommend titles or help her locate resources.

Return books on time. Fines can add up and keep your family from checking out more books. Suggest that your child decorate a reusable bag to hold books and add a sticky note with the due date. Each time she checks out books, she could replace the note with a new one—and a new due date.♥



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

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