

Laird School Newsletter

OCTOBER

Note from the Principal

Laird School Families,

2018

Dates of Interest

As I mentioned last month, Laird School's theme for this year is "Side by Side Learning". Teachers have committed to consciously spend more time sitting next to students to help them and to talk to them about their learning. This work has already begun and students and teachers are beginning to reap the benefits. I believe that we are beginning to better understand our students as individual learners, and this makes it easier for us to help them. It also makes it easier to create engaging and effective lessons in the future. For me, it has also meant that I have probably left my Tim Horton's coffee cup on students' desks too many times. We look forward to this commitment this year, and we look forward to seeing what this does for student learning in our building. I would also encourage you, as parents and guardians, to take some time when you are home with your children to sit next to them while they are reading or doing homework. What are you noticing? We look forward to talking about your children's learning at PTS Conferences on October 17 and 18.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. As I noticed many times today, I am very thankful to be working in a school where students are so eager to help one another.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Brent Guenther, Principal

Laird School (306)223-4272

Oct 5 - Prep/PD day - no classes for students

Oct 10 - SCC Mtg 6:30

Oct 12 - Pizza Friday

Oct 17 & 18 PTS Conf

Oct 17 & 18 Book Fair

Oct 19 - Day in Lieu - No School

Oct 22 - Picture Day

Nov 9 - Prep Day - No classes for students

Nov 16 - Pizza Friday

Nov 16 - Progress Rpts

Nov 19 - Picture retakes



Picture Day

Picture day in Laird School will be on
October 22.

This is NOT a Kindergarten day, so we are asking the parents/guardians of Kindergarten students to bring their students to the classroom for pictures no later than 9:00 am on October 22nd. Picture retake day will be on November 19th.

PTS (Parent/Teacher/Student) Conferences will take place at Laird School on:

Wednesday October 17th from 3:30 – 7:00 pm

Thursday October 18th from 3:30 – 7:30 pm

Students are encouraged to attend. Families will have one 15 minute interview time slot per student. Please phone 306-223-4272 (during school hours) or email laird@spiritsd.ca to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher. You may also text message the school cell phone at 306-212-7979 to set up a time. If you do not contact the school by the end of the school day on Thursday, October 11th, 2018, we will assign a time for you and advise you of your allotted time.

The School Community Council (SCC) will have some refreshments available during this time. They will also have some activities, supervised by a student, for childcare purposes.

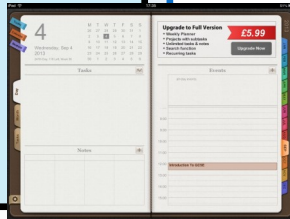


**SCC MEETING: 6:30 PM OCTOBER 10TH IN THE
LAIRD SCHOOL LIBRARY**



General Housekeeping Information

If your child is going to be late for school or absent from school, *we need to know!* Please call us at 306-223-4272, text us at 306-212-7979 or email the school at laird@spiritsd.ca. Another option is to write a known absence in your child's day planner.



Please remember that the Laird School cell phone is for TEXT MESSAGES ONLY for attendance purposes. Feel free to text the school at 306-212-7979 with attendance information. We will reply to all text messages received, so if you do not get a reply, please phone the school with your attendance information. Please use day planners to communicate reminders for children.



Parents/Guardians of Bus Students:

It is very important that any time a change occurs in your child's schedule that will impact whether or not they are on the bus, that you contact the bus driver directly, along with contacting the school. Please continue to follow the instructions given to you by your bus drivers regarding any changes .



Scent Aware Policy: Students and guests are asked to refrain from using strong scents (perfumes, colognes, sprays, essential oils) to ensure the well-being of those who are impacted by these scents.



LAIRD SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY
(WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
12:45 PM - 3:30 PM



HALLOWEEN SAFETY




If your child is going out for Halloween, please remember:

- ♦ **Children should not go trick or treating alone; go with an adult or older sibling and communicate where you will be and when to be home.**
- ♦ **Wear bright coloured costumes with reflective tape, and carry a flashlight**
- ♦ **Do not go to houses that have their lights out**
- ♦ **Do not go inside the house or vehicle of anyone you don't know**
- ♦ **Do not eat any treats your parents have not checked first**
- ♦ **Have a good supper, dress warmly, and wear good shoes**
- ♦ **Always stay in the neighborhoods you are familiar with**
- ♦ **Trick or treat within designated times; start early and finish early**
- ♦ **Stick together!**



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	2 -Day 3/C	3 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	4 -Day 5/E	5 -PD/Prep Day No Classes	6
7	8 - Thanksgiving No School	9 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	10 -Day 1/A SCC MTG 6:30 Library	11 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	12 -Day 3/C 	13
14	15 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	16 -Day 5/E	17 -Day 6/F Kindergarten PTS CONF	18 -Day 1/A PTS CONF	19 -Day 2/B Day in lieu - no classes	20
21	22 -Day 3/C <u>Picture Day</u>	23 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	24 -Day 5/E	25 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	26 -Day 1/A	27
28	29 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	30 -Day 3/C	31 -Day 4/D Kindergarten			

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 -Day 5/E	2 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	3
4	5 -Day 1/A	6 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	7 -Day 3/C	8 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	9 -PREP DAY No classes for students	10
11	12 Remembrance Day	13 -Day 5/E	14 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	15 -Day 1/A	16 -Day 2/B Kindergarten 	17
18	19 -Day 3/C <u>Picture Retakes</u>	20 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	21- Day 5/E	22 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	23 -Day 1/A	24
25	26 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	27 -Day 3/C	28 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	29- Day 5/E	30 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	