

Laird School Newsletter

APRIL

2019

Note from the Principal

Laird School Families,

It was great to see many of you during Parent Teacher Student Conferences last week. We also had the opportunity to share the progress of your child's learning through our progress reports that were sent out two weeks ago (luckily, we had no technical difficulties this time around!). After reading the progress reports, I could tell that our side by side learning goal continues to make a difference. It is quite clear that Laird School teachers know your children well and can communicate about what our students need in order to improve.

I am also happy to report that we have gone for over four weeks without an indoor recess! Students are definitely busy exploring the Laird School Lake and the accompanying snow and ice. I continue to be interested and impressed with how students entertain themselves without adult direction. Some students are playing baseball without a bat, some students are collecting ice, and some students are trying their hands at civil engineering, as they attempt to divert water away from our playground. I continue to be impressed with the engaging lessons that our teachers are planning as well. In the last week I have observed students making large scale models of everyday objects in math, creating closed circuits in play-doh, learning new dance choreography, and exploring our school to find objects that are magnetic. As we enter the last term of the school year, I look forward to seeing and hearing even more learning at Laird School.

Brent Guenther, Principal

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Dates of Interest

April 4 - Spirit Day: PJ Day

Apr 5 - Pizza Friday

Apr 19-26 - Easter Break

May 10 - Pizza Friday

May 17 - Prep Day - No Classes

June 14 - Pizza Friday

June 25 - Last Day of Kindergarten

June 26 - Last Day of Classes (Grades 1-8)

June 26 - Progress Reports

June 28—School closes at noon for the summer

It looks like spring has arrived at Laird School, even the tulips are starting to sprout! Along with the warm weather, come the puddles.

Please make sure your child brings rubber boots to school. Splash pants and a change of clothes would also be a good idea, especially for the younger students.



Our next Mobile Play program event will be on Thursday, April 4, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Laird School. The program has been designed for children ages 1-6 but other ages are welcome to join. Connect with your child through play and participate in fun activities to help your child prepare for school. All abilities are welcome!

Our newsletter can also be accessed on our website: www.spiritsd.ca/lairdschool

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.

Reminder: the school cell phone is for text messages regarding attendance. Please write all other information in dayplanners.



Monday, April 22, 2019 is “Earth Day”. The focus is on working toward ending plastic pollution, along with species protection and clean energy sources.

April  
 **SHOWERS**
 **BRING** **May**
FLOWERS 



K/1/2 “Ag in the Classroom” (photo by Mrs. Friesen)

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS IN APRIL: Thursday, April 4th - PJ Day

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

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

School Community Councils

A primary link between the home, community and school

Our School Community Council (SCC) supports student learning success and well-being and encourages parent and community involvement in the school. Prairie Spirit School Division believes that involvement with SCCs is a rewarding and meaningful activity for parent and community members. If you would like to make a difference at our school, please consider running in the upcoming SCC election. Parents and members of the community are eligible to run for the local SCC.

Our School Community Council has 4 positions open for members for two-year terms beginning fall, 2019. We have 3 members who will be remaining for their second year for 2019/20.

Our SCC election will be held May 6th, 2019.

Please contact the school office for more information and for nomination forms.

*Successful schools don't just happen.
They need parent and community involvement!*





**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**

Learners for Life

School Community Council Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Contact Information: _____

Nominee Signature: _____

I am standing for election as (Check One):

☐ *a Parent*

☐ *a Community Member*

Supporting Parent or Community Member

Name: _____

Signature: _____

***Please complete and drop off at the school office on or before our School Community
Council election on ____ May 6, 2018 ____.***

Basketball

The girls basketball season has wrapped up. After many lunch hours practicing, hosting an exhibition game against Rosthern, and the Stobart Community School Tournament, we concluded with a tournament in Rosthern. We are very proud of all the hard work and dedication the girls showed over the season. A special thanks to Skye for being the assistant coach. Congrats on an awesome season!

Ms. Jeske and Mrs. B.



Online Safety

For Laird School, part of Prairie Spirit School Division, the safety of our students is our top priority. Our school partners with parents and caregivers to support and protect our students. There has been a lot of attention on the news and through social media recently about online safety for youth. Parents and caregivers may have concerns and questions about keeping children safe online.


There are a number of strategies in place in our school and in our Division to protect and prepare our students with regards to digital citizenship and online safety. Led by our Division's Caring, Healthy and Safe School team, these strategies include:

- IT Department monitoring internet usage in Prairie Spirit schools, with a focus on security and privacy.
- Division supporting student-led peer mentoring program.
- Students learning about digital citizenship through the Saskatchewan curriculum.
- Sharing [Media Smarts](#) information with parents and guardians, as they are a trusted resource regarding digital and media literacy.
- Consulting with and working alongside our RCMP School Resource Officer (SRO).




Kindergarten Day

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 -Day 3/C	2 -Day 4/D	3 -Day 5/E	4 - Day 6/F PJ DAY	5 - Day 1/A 	6
7	8 -Day 2/B	9 - Day 3/C	10 -Day 4/D	11 - Day 5/E	12 - Day 6/F	13
14	15- Day 1/A	16 -Day 2/B	17 -Day 3/C	18 - Day 4/D	19 -Good Friday - no school	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 -Day 5/E	30 -Day 6/F				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 -Day1/A	2 -Day 2/B	3 -Day 3/C	4
5	6 -Day 4/D	7 -Day 5/E	8 -Day 6/F	9 -Day 1/A	10 -Day 2/B 	11
12	13 -Day 3/C	14 -Day 4/D	15- Day 5/D	16 -Day 6/F	17 - PD Day - No Classes	18
19	20 - Victoria Day - No School	21 -Day 1/A	22- Day 2/B	23 -Day 3/C	24 -Day 4/D	25
26	27 -Day 5/E	28 -Day 6/F	29 -Day 1/A	30 -Day 2/B	31 -Day 3/C	