Laird School Newsletter

Note from the Principal

Laird School Families,

We really enjoyed putting together the Christmas concert last month and we are thankful for the support and positive feedback we received from the community. I want to thank the SCC for organizing the snacks and refreshments following the concert. I also want to thank community members, teachers, and students who donated items for our Christmas Kindness Sale. Finally, I want to thank some specific SCC members: Daneen Peters, Michelle Dueck, Pam Smith, Susan Jeske, and Susanah Hamm, for all of their help in preparing and running the Christmas Kindness Sale. I am proud to say that we raised a total of \$513 for the Ronald McDonald House.

I hope time spent with family and friends over the past couple of weeks was enjoyable. I think the best part of the holidays was helping my daughter put together a Lego set that she received for Christmas. I also realized why my parents often got us Lego when we were children – it is fun for child and parent alike! Despite a football game being on, I still found myself completely engaged with the pieces my daughter and I were putting together, and sometimes I had to remind myself that this was her gift and not mine. As teachers, this level of engagement is what we want for our students. We want our students to find that "Goldilocks" zone where they don't want to put down their book, they want to keep going on a math concept, or they want to keep working on a science experiment. Our side by side learning goal has helped us learn about individual students as we make time to sit and work with each student. Staff members then find resources or adapt lessons so that each student can find that "Goldilocks" zone, and I'm thankful for our Laird School staff who take the time to do so.

Brent Guenther Principal Laird School

Dates of Interest

2020

Jan 15 - Spirit Day: Hawaiian Day

Jan 17 - Pizza Friday

Jan 31 - Prep Day - no school for students

Feb 12 - Spirit Day: PJ and Stuffy Day

Feb 14 - Spirit Day: Red/White/Pink Day

Feb 14 - Pizza Friday

<u>School skating</u> will be starting soon. Please make sure your child has an approved helmet to wear <u>(no bike helmets)</u>. If you need to borrow a helmet or skates, the school has some for student use. Please consider donating any extra equipment that you might have (skates or helmets) to the school. Donations are greatly appreciated. School skating schedules are updated on our website as well

LAIRD SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.spiritsd.ca/lairdschool

Parents are reminded that effective September 3, 2019, the bus garage will no longer be calling families to advise of buses that have broken down or buses that will be running late. This information will now be relayed to individual families through the My Stop app. This information will also continue to be updated on the PSSD website bus cancellation page and the hotline.

Parents can monitor the location of their bus and have notifications of late or cancelled buses sent directly to their smartphones with an app called My Stop.

REMEMBER: NO CLASSES on JANUARY 31st due to a prep day.

School Year 2020-21 Kindergarten Registration: Parents/Guardians of children born in 2015 are invited to contact Laird School at 306-223-4272 or email laird@spiritsd.ca to pre-register for fall Kindergarten. Registration forms can also be found online at www.spiritsd.ca under "registration" and can be completed in electronic form online as well. Blank paper copies can be obtained from the school office, if preferred too. Please also be prepared to provide a photocopy of the child's birth certificate or passport, as these documents will be needed for proof of name/ spelling and birthdate.

Thank you for your generosity and your support of our December Christmas Kindness Sale. Thanks to a community effort, we were able to raise \$513.00 for The Ronald McDonald House.

> LAIRD SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY (when school is in session)

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

(GREEN days are Kindergarten)

January 2020

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 New Year's Day - School Closed	2 Christmas Break - School Closed	3 Christmas Break - School Closed	4
5	6 Day 3/C	7 Day 4/D	8 Day 5/E	9 Day 6/F	10 Day 1/A	11
12	13 Day 2/B	14 Day 3/C	15 Day 4/D SPIRIT DAY: Ha- waiian Day	16 Day 5/E	17 Day 6/F Pizza Friday	18
19	20 Day 1/A	21 Day 2/B	22 Day 3/C	23 Day 4/D	24 Day 5/E	25
26	27 Day 6/F	28 Day 1/A	29 Day 2/B	30 Day 3/C	31 PREP DAY - NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS	

February 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
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2	3 Day 4/D	4 Day 5/E	5 Day 6/F	6 Day 1/A	7 Day 2/B	8
9	10 Day 3/C	11 Day 4/D	12 Day 5/E SPIRIT DAY: PJ and Stuffy Day	13 Day 6/F	14 Day 1/A Pizza Friday and Red/ White/Pink Spirit Day	15
16	17 Family Day - School Closed	18 February Break - School Closed	19 February Break - School Closed	20 February Break - School Closed	21 February Break - School Closed	22
23	24 Day 2/B	25 Day 3/C	26 Day 4/D	27 Day 5/E	28 Day 6/F	29