

LAIRD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020

Here we are at the end of October! Students and staff have been enjoying the varied School Spirit Days held this past week - thanks to our Spirit Club members and teachers for organizing and planning these days. Spirit days are one way we are brought together as a community in ways that are familiar to past school years. Amid the many changes and adjustments we have implemented due to Covid-19, changes that may have been hard or inconvenient, we are growing together as a school community! Being together and working together at school has been a blessing for students and staff. I would like to thank Laird students and staff for their efforts and caring actions to make this school year positive!

Next week, a brief survey will be sent to parents to inquire about technology needs and to learn what you have available at home to connect online with teachers, so that we can prepare if the need arises in this school year. Thank you in advance for your responses!

Take care, Corinne

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- **Nov 6 - Picture day**
- **Nov 9-11 - No School - Holiday/ Remembrance Day**
- **Nov 27 - Progress Reports**
- **Dec 19 - Jan 3 Christmas Break**

**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**
Learners for Life
Located within Treaty 6 Territory

With the many communications during this time, here is a synopsis of key points for our families:

Communications Highlights

- Bus route cancelled in a.m. due to cold; will run in the p.m. if conditions have improved. Driver will contact families.
- symptoms for Covid-19 continually evolving. Families may self-monitor children using the regularly updated online Provincial Self Assessment Tool: <https://public.ehealthsask.ca/sites/COVID-19/>
- As we complete our first 6 weeks of school, health officials are directing us to continue with mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing, cohort groups, and forward facing. Families should continue to have students stay at home if they have symptoms, especially as we move into cold and flu season.
- Continue to show kindness and empathy.
- Extra-curricular activities are being phased in cautiously with guidelines.
- No group photos for school photos this year (only individual).



Scholastic Book Orders

Normally, around this time of year, we would be sending home book order flyers, and students would be hoping for books for Christmas. Due to the current situation, Scholastics has temporarily closed Reading Clubs, however, parents can order online direct at:

www.classroomessentials.ca

If you have previously placed student online orders on Reading Club Online, you can simply sign in to the new site with your email address and password. If you have not previously ordered, you may create a new account and follow the instructions. Orders submitted on classroomessentials.ca are immediately sent to Scholastic Canada and are processed and shipped pre-paid directly to your home. Please quote our "classroom code" at checkout; If parents place a \$35.00 pre-tax order, the teacher will receive classroom rewards from the order for Laird School. When using this code at checkout, families will also receive free shipping on a \$35.00 (or greater) order.

Our classroom code is: **RC155419**

Remembrance Day:

In lieu of having poppies for sale/donation in the school this year, we would ask that anyone wishing to donate please visit legion.ca or contact the Duck Lake Legion, Box 275, Duck Lake, SK S0K 1J0.



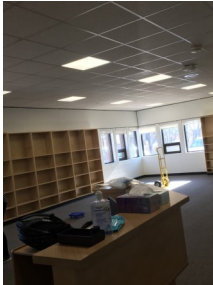
I would like to introduce Bethany, the tiniest member of my family. She arrived on Sept. 17, 2020, weighing 5 lbs, 12 oz and 19 inches long. I can't wait for all of my Laird family to meet her! **Mrs. B**



***photo credit to Joyanne Dufour**

Our grade 6/7/8 class made a big move this month!

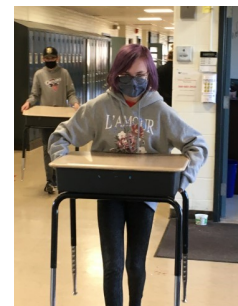
As our library is not able to be accessed for student book browsing with Covid-19 safety precautions in place, we have moved the grade 6/ 7/ 8 classroom into the larger library space for the remainder of the school year to accommodate the many students in grade 6/ 7/8. Our library books have been moved and set up in the previous grade 6/ 7/ 8 classroom and organized for staff and our Library Technician so they may continue to access the books for instruction and student use. We are thankful for the many hands and creative thinking that made this change possible for this unique time in the education of our students.



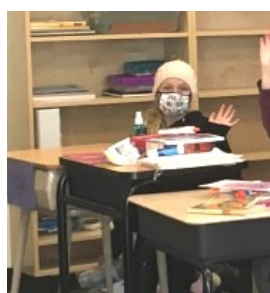
Before.....



During.....



After!



(**GREEN** days are Kindergarten)

November

2020

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Day 2/B	Day 3/C	Day 4/D	Day 5/E	Day 6/F PICTURE DAY	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	No School	No School	Remembrance Day – No School	Day 1/A Picture retakes (PM)	Day 2/B	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Day 3/C	Day 4/D	Day 5/E	Day 6/F	Day 1/A	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Day 2/B	Day 3/C	Day 4/D	Day 5/E	Day 6/F Progress Reports	

December

2020

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
Nov 29	Nov 30	1	2	3	4	5
	Day 1/A	Day 2/B	Day 3/C	Day 4/D	Day 5/E	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Day 6/F	Day 1/A	Day 2/B	Day 3/C	Day 4/D	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Day 5/E	Day 6/F	Day 1/A	Day 2/B	Day 3/C	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School	Christmas	Break	No School	Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	No School	Christmas	Break	No School	New Year's Day	