

Hello Laird School families,

We are now half-way into the school year as we head into February! The cold weather we had in January slowed things down a little but we continued on with learning at school and this year at home too! We all had to pivot on January 14 when students, their families, and school staff members were asked to work together to have students learn from home for the day due to the weather. It wasn't ideal, but I feel we had much success that day with students connecting with teachers and engaging in learning activities. There is much to learn from Jan 14th, and together we can build on the successes of that day, and celebrate as we keep working together to support our children's learning! Thank you for all you are doing to help make Laird School a safe environment for our children.

Take good care,

Corinne Dutka, Principal [Corinne.dutka@spiritsd.ca](mailto:Corinne.dutka@spiritsd.ca)

Laird School (306) 223-4272

## Communication Highlights

- ⇒ Valentine's Day will look different this year - the last day to bring cards is Feb 9th.
- ⇒ Spirit days on Feb 12th, Feb 24th, and Mar 17th.
- ⇒ February break from Feb 15th-19th.
- ⇒ No classes March 8th and April 1st.
- ⇒ Grade 1-8 Progress Reports go home on March 19th.
- ⇒ Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences - March 30 & 31

We acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. We pay our respect to the First Nation and Metis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.



## Upcoming Events

- Feb 8-9 - Bring Valentine's Day cards
- Feb 12 - Spirit Day! Wear red, pink, white or hearts! Valentines go home.
- Feb 15-19 Family Day and February break
- Feb 24 - Pink shirt day to support anti-bullying
- March 9 - Virtual SCC meeting at 6:30 pm
- March 8 - Prep/PD Day - No classes for students
- March 17 - Spirit Day! Wear green or shamrocks!
- March 19 - Progress Reports for Grades 1-8 go home.

**PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
SCHOOL DIVISION**

*Learners for Life*

*Located within Treaty 6 Territory*

**Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be on March 30th from 3:30-7:00 & March 31st from 3:30-7:30. At this time, we anticipate that interviews will be done via phone calls, as in the fall.**

**The SCC virtual meeting will be on Tuesday March 9th at 6:30 pm Everyone is welcome! Please email Ms. Dutka by 3:30 pm on Friday March 5th at [corinne.dutka@spiritsd.ca](mailto:corinne.dutka@spiritsd.ca) if you would like to join our next virtual meeting.**



**Parents and guardians please take note:**

**March 8th is a PD/Prep Day at the school so there are no classes for students on Monday, March 8th.**

**Also, April 1st is a local “Day in Lieu of Conferences” for Laird and Waldheim schools, so there is no school on Thursday, April 1st, or Friday April 2nd (Good Friday) and April 5-9 (Easter Break).**

**Starting this school year, a bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold will run in the afternoon, if conditions have improved. In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning due to cold weather, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day.**

**Bus routes cancelled at 6 a.m. due to cold weather will operate on their regular routes at the end of the school day, provided that temperatures reported at 12 noon are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).**

**Families will receive notifications through the Versatrans My Stop app and the update will be posted on the Division’s website and phone hotline (306-683-2805) by 1 p.m.**

## **School Year 2021-22 Kindergarten Registration:**

Parents/Guardians of children born in **2016** 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](http://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.

## **Mrs. Glenna Regier - Special Education Resource Teacher**



**I love reading, walking, watching curling and the Oilers. I love playing board games and making puzzles. I am so happy to be working in the community that I live in. It has been fun to meet parents at the mail and make connections to who their kids are!**



## Level 4 Learning

On Jan. 14, we moved to Level 4 Learning where students were asked to learn from home for the day. This was no easy task! The news came quickly, students and staff were not aware a change would be made when they left school the day before, and parents still needed to tend to their jobs and work in the home. School staff greatly appreciate the efforts of students and their families to continue learning from home.

The SK Government has determined that learning is mandatory this year if students are learning from home and Laird staff want to support student learning, whether it is at the school or from home. To support increased student engagement from home if we move to Level 4 Learning again, please know that: :

- the school can loan families technological devices for use with learning activities. Let us know if you need a device and we can set up a loan. Internet access from your home would be required.
- the school can send images of learning assignments or possibly provide paper copies of student work if technology is not viable.
- *attendance is recorded by connecting with the classroom teacher. Students or parents **must** contact the classroom teacher via email or phone each morning by 10:00 a.m. and each afternoon by 1:30 p.m. to connect about learning and to be marked present. If your child attends a class meeting held by the teacher each morning and each afternoon, a call or email would not be needed.*
- teachers may need a little extra time to share work for each subject area that day and students are required to check for learning assignments each morning and each afternoon..
- staff are available to communicate about student learning and will send out information regarding class meeting times each morning and afternoon.
- staff members want students to engage in learning and want to support their efforts!

It may be necessary to move to Level 4 Learning again this school year and Laird staff appreciates working with you to make it a success. Thank you for your flexibility and collaboration!

## It's Okay to...Take Care of Yourself!

Laird School Families are invited to share images of ways your family takes care to have a balanced, healthy life during the pandemic when restrictions are in place. What activities does your family, or your children, engage in to have fun, to nurture your/their well-being, and stay involved with family and friends at-a-distance? We would like to bring back the family bulletin board to Laird School and to do it with this unique opportunity to share and model ways to take care of our well-being. Please send images to your classroom teacher.



### Bus Drivers Needed

Prairie Spirit School Division is looking for spare bus drivers!

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training, licensing fees covered
- Could take their young children along on route
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community

For more information about this flexible opportunity, please contact the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at **(306)374-2496** or go to **[spiritsd.ca/careers](https://spiritsd.ca/careers)**

(**GREEN** days are Kindergarten)

# February

# 2021

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Day 5/E	Day 6/F	Day 1/A	Day 2/B	Day 3/C	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Day 4/D Bring valentines	Day 5/E Last day to bring valentines	Day 6/F	Day 1/A	Day 2/B Spirit day—wear red, pink, white, hearts, etc.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	No school - Family Day	No school	Winter break	No school	Winter break	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Day 3/C	Day 4/D	Day 5/E Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying	Day 6/F	Day 1/A	
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# March

# 2021

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Day 2/B	Day 3/C	Day 4/D	Day 5/E	Day 6/F	
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	Day 5/E	Day 6/F	Day 1/A Spirit Day—wear green, shamrocks, etc.	Day 2/B	Day 3/C Progress Reports Grades 1-8	
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	Day 4/D	Day 5/E	Day 6/F	Day 1/A	Day 2/B	
28	29	30	31			
	Day 3/C	Day 4/D PTS Conferences	Day 5/E PTS Conferences			