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### Principal's Message:

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Can you believe it is December? We are so very thankful for the months of learning that we have had together within the walls of Langham Elementary.

**A BIG thank you to all who could attend the interviews to celebrate learning.** These interviews were a wonderful opportunity for not only our students, parents and teachers to connect around learning but also for important learning goals to be set. Doing them virtual created a few challenges BUT we sure did LOVE seeing our parents and celebrating the learning of our students.

As a staff, we have set our goal for this school year of **BUILDING OUR CAPACITY AS WE LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER.** Building Capacity means developing and growing our skills. We have been focussing our time on developing and growing our relationships with our each other, our students, and our families. We hope that utilizing SeeSaw and having our online Google Classrooms will allow us to continue to develop our relationships with our parents. Staff members have also been working on growing their technology skills on Google Classroom and other online resources.

Our SCC had sent a survey earlier in the school year asking what families GET to do within the pandemic we are finding ourselves in. I asked the kids to share some of the things that they are excited about – what they get to do – since being back at LES. Here are some of those things:

- learning lots
- math, art, reading and writing
- learning phonics secrets
- having fun with other people
- drawing cool things
- getting to do gym
- having recess
- outdoor learning
- being with my friends/playing with my friends
- spirit weeks
- seeing the teachers/learning from my teachers in person
- learning for the entire day
- having my own desk and supplies

We are excited to learn with the kids and hear the things that they appreciate GETTING to do within our school. We will continue to look for opportunities to embrace learning and FUN at LES.

On behalf of the entire Langham Elementary School family, I want to wish each and every one a very merry holiday season. Happy Holidays!

Merrily,  
Laura Prefontaine

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## Important Dates to Remember

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Dec. 8	SCC Meeting – 6:30 PM (Virtual)
Dec. 18	Last Day of Classes before Christmas
Jan. 4, 2021	Classes Resume
Jan. 29	No classes for students
Feb.15-19	February Break (NO SCHOOL)

Thank you to all that purchased through our **Virtual Book Fair**. Although this was a new format for our book fair, we still sold over 100 books! Each purchase will contribute a portion to Langham Elementary to complement our classroom libraries. Thank you for your support!

### CountDown to Christmas

In the Spirit of Christmas, we thought we would hold a **COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS from Dec. 14th-18th.**

We have some activities planned for students and staff to take part in throughout the week, as well as our favorite - Spirit Days!

#### Spirit Days:

**Monday 14th** - Christmas Morning - PJ Day

**Tuesday 15th** - Christmas Decorations - Wear your Xmas socks, hats, decorations, etc.

**Wednesday 16th** - Christmas in July - Wear your summer gear

**Thursday 17th** - A Formal Christmas - Dress in your Christmas best

**Friday 18th** - Christmas Sweater Day - Wear your Christmas Sweater or dress in red and green.

*Merry Christmas*



## SCC

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 positions open for members for two-year terms beginning NOW.

Please contact the school office for more information and for nomination forms. Successful schools don't just happen. They need parent and community involvement!

**Our SCC election will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Please consider stopping in VIRTUALLY and joining us for an SCC meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. We would like to hear your comments and ideas.

### Outdoor Supervision in Morning

*Just a reminder that LES staff is available to supervise students on the playground starting at 8:35 a.m. in the morning. Students should not be at the school before 8:35 a.m.*

## **Drop Off & Pick Up**

We thank parents who are parking to drop off and pick up by the rink (**Main Street**) and on **1st Street East**. We encourage you to continue to drop off and pick up using this process and to have the students use the crosswalk areas.

We continue with no parking on the opposite side of the street in front of the school.

**Vehicles CANNOT block the road to wait for the buses to leave or to drop off students. Please consider parking in the CURLING PARKING LOT**

We appreciate your support in this matter!

## **Holiday Countdown BINGO**

The SCC is inviting you and your family to take part in a school-community event in the lead up to the holidays...from the comfort of your home and yard!

A BINGO card and instructions were emailed to student families last week. Playing runs until Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

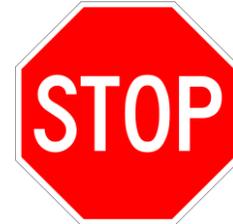
**One entry per line OR blackout = 10 entries!**

Email [langhamelem@spiritsd.ca](mailto:langhamelem@spiritsd.ca) with number of entries (pictures also welcome) by Dec.17, 2020. **Draws to be made on Dec. 18, 2020.** Three prize draws: LES K-gr.2, LES gr.3-5, and community players! See the prizes below.



## **Missoula Musical Theatre**

Due to the pandemic and uncertain future for international travel, we have postponed inviting the Missoula Musical Theatre for another year. We are very hopeful to bring this wonderful group back to Langham Elementary for the 2021-22 school year.



Please remember that parents and guests are not to enter the school. Please call the school (306-283-4455) if you need to drop something off or need to pick someone up. THANK YOU!

## **TOY GUIDE PROVIDES ACTIVE OPTIONS FOR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING**

Saskatchewan parents looking for a little help with their holiday shopping can find relief in Saskatchewan *in motion's* Active Toy Guide.

Parents can check out the new Active Toy Guide at [saskatchewaninmotion.ca/activetoys](http://saskatchewaninmotion.ca/activetoys).

Saskatchewan *in motion* is a province-wide movement of decision makers, influencers, leaders, educators, organizations and families that works to get more kids, more active, more often.

*Happy Holidays!!*  
*From the Staff of*  
*Langham Elementary School*



