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Principal's Message:

We are into our last two months of the school year and learning continues to encompass Langham Elementary. As time winds down, our work around our learning goal (improving our literacy skills and mental health) perseveres.

In the last few months, we have been holding a Langham Elementary School Tournament of Books. Similar to a sporting event, two books “face off” in a head-to-head challenge. Classrooms received eight copies of picture books, which they read within the classroom and then students voted for their favorite. Winning books advanced to the next round until a winner was determined. The stories focused on supporting our Mental Health – and we were excited to crown “Beautiful Oops” by Barney Saltzberg the champion.

We kicked off May with a school-wide home reading challenge. Students received a challenge sheet last week in which they can complete tasks. The tasks earn the students a chance to win prizes – including “pop its”, kites, and an eReader. We hope this is another way to encourage our students to read, read, read!!

May and June are going to FLY by with the number of activities and events that are planned. Bike Rodeo is scheduled for the 20th (please let us know if you need a bike or helmet or if you can help), field trips are planned, K orientation is happening.... There is a buzz within the school, and it feels so great!! Please check out dates listed below for these events and activities.

A reminder that we continue to utilize our email system for alerts and messages, update our website and send out newsletters to ensure that information is getting to you promptly. Classroom teachers will also send messages to share important details. If you are not receiving emails from Langham Elementary, please call the school to let us know.

Enjoy spring and the sunshine,
Laura Prefontaine

Important Dates to Remember

May 18	2022 Kindergarten Orientation
May 20	Bike Rodeo
May 23	No School – Victoria Day
May 27	Vern's Pizza Hot Meal
June 6	PD/Prep Day – No Classes
June 16	Hi-Lo Meet (K-A & K-B to Gr.5)
June 23	K-B Farewell (2:00 PM)
June 24	K-A Farewell (2:00 PM)
June 27	Grade 5 Farewell (10:00 AM)
June 28	Last day of Classes/ Report Cards
June 29	Prep Day

The **APPROVED 2022-23 school year**
calendar may be seen at

www.spiritsd.ca

and on our website at

<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/les>



2022-2023 Kindergarten

Please contact the school office (283-4455) if you have a child ready to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2022 and have not been in contact with the school yet.

Orientation details have been emailed to our families. Please contact us if you have not received this information.

2022-23 Classroom Placements

A lot of time and energy goes into creating classroom lists for each school year. Our goal as a school is to place students in a setting that is appropriate for each child individually and for the group as a whole. Class placements are a group decision made by the classroom teachers, administrators and SERT teacher. The final placement of a child is a school-based decision that is made using the following criteria:

- * Academic needs (including program and learning environment)
- * Social needs (ex. supportive peer relationships)
- * Level of independence
- * Academic diversity within each group

Grade 5 Shadow Day

Grade 5 students will be attending an in person visit to Walter W. Brown to introduce them to the high school. Details will be shared with them soon.

BIKE RODEO



Round up your bikes (or scooters)! Langham Elementary School will be hosting a BIKE RODEO on Friday, May 20th. The

purpose of this rodeo is to educate our students on bike safety and the rules of the road.

Students will need a bike (or scooter) AND helmet on the 20th.

We are still looking for volunteers for the day. Please email or call the school if you are able to spend the day helping with this event.

Bus Safety

Please drop students off in the morning by approaching the school on Main Street from the east and park in front of the rink.

We ask that students do not cross the street in front of the buses. Thank you!



Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety

We are seeing more and more students walking and riding their bikes/scooters to school. Please chat with your children about how to safely travel to and from school.

A reminder that pets are not allowed on our school playground area. We would like to extend this to our front sidewalk area as well. We have noticed more and more animal friends coming to school with families - and this is causing some issues with drop off and pick up in the bus area. **For the safety of our students, we ask that you do not bring your pet onto the sidewalk in front of the school where the buses are dropping off/loading.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Kindergarten Farewells

Our Kindergarten Farewells are on Thurs., June 23rd and Friday, June 24th at 2:00 in the L.E.S. gym.

Come out and celebrate our Kindergarten students'!!

Please note, there **will** still be classes for the Kindergarten students on June 27th and 28th the next week.

Grade 5 Farewell

A Farewell Program will be held on Monday, June 27th,

10:00 a.m. at the Affinity Community Hall.



Everyone is welcome to attend

Hi/Lo Meet - June 16th (Note the new date)

Our Hi/Lo Meet is BACK on Thurs., June 16th!! Students from Kindergarten to Grade 2 will be participating in a jump, run and throw event as well as other fun activities throughout the day.

Students from Grade 3 to Grade 5 will be participating in the Dash, Long Distance Run, Running Jump, Standing Jump and Ball Throw. We will set out our Hi and Lo standards and students will work to meet those.

An outdoor assembly will occur at 2:30 PM to honor our Super Hi winners from each classroom.

All are welcome to attend this event!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Langham Elementary School's SCC is organizing a Community Calendar Fundraiser to raise money for the school as well as bringing the community and school community together. All proceeds from this calendar fundraiser will go to support programs, initiatives, and activities within Langham Elementary School.

The calendars will include birthdays, anniversaries as well as important dates in both the community and the school community. All information added to the calendar will be shared with all who purchase a calendar. Adding dates to the calendar is optional. **Calendars are \$15.00 each. Each family can have a maximum of 10 entries per family. Additional entries are \$10.00. The forms can be either mailed or dropped off at Langham Elementary School Office by May 25th.**

Calendars will be available for pickup or arrangements can be made for delivery if unable to pickup. The calendars will run from September to September.

Let's Work Together!

Our playground and school yard are very important to us and our community!

We work hard to up-keep and maintain this area for all to enjoy. Please inform us if you are noticing anything that is in need of repair or if you witness anything happening. RCMP can be connected as well if you witness damage, danger, or harm to the school area - as their response may be quicker. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

A big thank you to our Grade 4/5 and 5 students who helped clean up the playground - clearing out the flower beds, raking and picking garbage. The school yard is looking great.



Before & After School Program 2022-23

The Before and After School Program is run by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Saskatoon. You can find more information on their website:

www.bgcsaskatoon.com.

Ervin Wiebe Award

The Ervin Wiebe Award is awarded each year to a Grade 5 student who contributes positively throughout his/her school life

The Ervin Wiebe Award recipient assumes the responsibility to decide, in cooperation with Langham Elementary School staff, how to allocate a specified amount of money set aside each year towards bettering the Langham Elementary School community.

Last years recipient, Norah, has decided to spend the money on creating an outdoor garden. The garden will consist of six planter boxes to be used by the students at the school.

The Walter W. Brown IA Program agreed to make these for us. **We would like to THANK the following individuals for making the planter boxes possible:**

- Mr. Neufeld
- Kaylan B.
- Grade 9 class
- Kaidon L.
- Mr. Dunville
- Steve Wiebe



Thank you, Norah, for making this available to our school.



Langham Minor Hockey Registration

Registration site will be open
June 2nd – June 16th, 2022

Current Players will receive an email with details

If you are a new player please contact

langhamminorhockey@gmail.com

to be added to the email list

2021-2022 SCC AGM Report

The primary goal of our School Community Council (SCC) is to promote learning success and the wellbeing of our students at the Langham Elementary School through parent and community engagement. We support Mrs. Prefontaine and the teachers and focus on the school-community.

We met virtually in September and elections were held for the Executive positions of council.

Throughout the school year we have continued to meet monthly, both virtually and in person. This hybrid way of meeting has really allowed us to contribute while also keeping up with our own busy schedules. We have members joining from the car outside a sports practice, from home with a sick kiddo, and then some who come in person and love the in-person engagement.

We are excited about planning more activities as restrictions have lessened. Our Christmas Break Bingo had great participation with over 40 participants. We awarded sleds and snowman kits for prizes.

We have talked a lot about school safety this year. We have met with representatives from the school divisions, the RCMP and the town regarding safe site access for our kids coming and going to the school to make sure we are being as proactive as possible.

In April, Prairie Spirit School Division presented their exciting news regarding the renovations happening over at WW Brown High School and we are happy to hear funds are being spent to upgrade facilities in our town.

We are currently organizing a Community Calendar Fundraiser to raise money for our SCC as well as to bring the community and school community together. The calendars will include important school dates as well as important dates in the community. Individuals will also be able to submit birthdays and anniversaries to be included. We have reached out to businesses in the area to offer advertising opportunities in the calendar.

Exciting news for next year - we are working on offering Langham Elementary School clothing and are excited to share the options with you early in the new school year.

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Safe Bicycling

Your child may be going to be bicycling for the first time or hitting the road as a pro. Either way, this activity can be very risky for children and they need to become familiar with, and use, safe cycling practices.

To help prevent serious injury, teach your child the following:

Rules of the Road:

- ride in single file
- ride one to a bike
- always ride with traffic
- use the bell on your bicycle to alert pedestrians that you are near
- at busy corners, stop and walk your bike
- keep your eyes on the road and traffic at all times
- use hand signals to tell others what you are doing
- ride in the daytime and wear brightly coloured clothes
- if you must ride after dark, use a headlight and red rear reflector
- keep your bike in good condition

Always wear an approved helmet

- wear your helmet whenever you ride your bike
- wear your helmet squarely on top of your head (no more than 2 finger-widths above your eyebrows)
- your helmet should fit snug with very little movement from side to side or front to back
- you should not be able to take your helmet off when the chin strap is done up
- you should be able to put no more than our index finger between your chin and chin strap

Helmets: Wear one, wear it right!



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