



November 21, 2022

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

We want to thank all those who were able to attend our first set of progress conferences held Nov. 7th and 8th. We appreciated that we could celebrate the learning that has occurred and set some goals moving forward. We had a wonderful turn out so thank you for attending!

Our first **Progress Reports** for term 1 will be sent out later this week. You will see your child's academic achievement and learning behaviours reported within them. The progress reports will look a little different than in the past. Firstly, Grade 1-5 students will NOT receive a paper copy – reports will be shared through Edsby. Please watch for a notification from us to view the report. Secondly, a new coding system for sharing learning progress will be used. We have added the system that will be used with all learning and behavioural areas at the end of the newsletter. You will also see that comments will only be shared within the Language Arts, Math, and Behavioural areas. Kindergarten students will receive some documents to share their learning this week in paper format. Check your child's backpack for these. Please read the progress report and discuss it with your child. With the changes, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with any aspects of the reports. We are excited to share your child's learning progress with you once again.

We continue to make progress with our reading goal work around sharing the joy of reading and progress in our skills as readers. We look forward to our next reading challenge starting the first week in December as we will "Light up L.E.S.". Stay tuned for more details on that! We will take part in a virtual presentation put on by Earth Rangers on the 23rd. Please let us know if you DO NOT want your child to be part of this presentation. Thank you to Affinity Credit Union for sponsoring this for us.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please let us know. Stay warm,
Laura Prefontaine

Check out our web site at
www.spiritsd.ca/les

Important Dates to Remember

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| Nov. 21-24 | Spirit Week |
| Nov. 23 | Hot lunch |
| Nov. 24 | SCC Meeting at 6:30 PM |
| Nov. 24 | Progress Reports posted on Edsby |
| Nov. 25 | NO SCHOOL – Day in Lieu |
| Dec. 15 | Winter Concert 6:30 PM |
| Dec. 21 | Christmas Luncheon at Affinity Hall |
| Dec. 22 | Last Day of Classes before Christmas |
| Jan. 9, 2023 | Classes Resume |

Remembrance Day Service



Thank you to Mrs. Prefontaine and the Grade 5D classroom for their presentation for our school's Remembrance Day Service. We are thankful that we could honor and acknowledge our Veterans.

Thank you for your hard work in preparing this for all of us.

Supply Recovery Fees

Thank you to all parents who have paid their fees so promptly. If you have not yet paid these fees, please do so as soon as possible.

| | 2022-2023 Supply Recovery Fee |
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| Kindergarten | \$18 |
| Grades 1 - 5 | \$37 |

SCC Update

Highlights:

- Education week celebration was lots of fun! Winners received a certificate to be spent at the Book Fair! The Book Fair was lots of fun for the students

Upcoming:

- Monthly presentations are being explored
- Holiday Banquet – planning continues
- Reviewing ideas to keep our school community engaged and involved – new programs, information sessions for parents and students

Next Meeting date is November 24th, 2022, at 6:30pm

All are welcome to attend ☺

Spirit Week

Monday, Nov. 21st – Western Day

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd – Career Day

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd – Twin Day

Thursday, Nov. 24th – PJ/Stuffy Day



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 and at the CURLING RINK**. We encourage you to continue to drop off and pick up using this process and to have the students use the crosswalk areas.

Vehicles **CANNOT** block the road to wait for the buses to leave or to drop off students.

Vehicles **CANNOT** park across the street from the school.



We are asking that you **PLEASE DO NOT** enter the staff parking area beside the rink for pick up and drop off. We will add pylons for the next while to help as a reminder.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



Thank you for sending egg-free and nut-free snacks and lunches to



school. We continue to be an allergy aware community.

Cross Country Skis

We are looking for cross country skis and ski boots. If you have some that you are looking to get rid of, or see some for sale, please let us know. We are trying to add to our collection.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that supported our book fair during interviews. Through the proceeds, we are able to order additional books and resources for our students.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Tracey Beblow, who volunteered 2 days to help us with our Book Fair!!





WINTER Concert

Our school will be holding a
WINTER CONCERT the
evening of

Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 PM.

Due to space and accommodating
our large viewing audience, the
following classes will preform in this
year's concert:

Grade 2V, Grade 2D,
Grade 4J and Grade 5D

Location: W.W. Brown High School Gym
(as long as the stage area is available)

Don't see your child's class on the list
above? – we will ensure that you have an
opportunity to see them perform at
another time. We are just getting too big
to all fit at one time.

Grade 1M and 1.O "Cozy Up Christmas"

Grade 1 McGurk and Grade 1 Olson
classes will be having a winter picnic
celebration and performance on Friday,
Dec. 16th at 2 PM. More details to come
from those classrooms but mark your
calendars.

Missoula Drama Production

Our School Community Council will be
bringing back the Missoula Theatre
Company to Langham! Students from our
community (50-60 are needed) will be cast in
various roles. In five days, they will create a
drama production for all to enjoy. It will be a
great experience. Mark your calendars:

April 24th-29th with the
performance on the 29th!



Christmas Luncheon

*The LES School Community Council
invites all students and staff to the
Christmas Luncheon*

*to be held Wednesday, Dec. 21st at the
Langham Affinity Community Hall.*

*We are very excited for this event – a
time for our students and staff
members to celebrate a holiday meal
together. We encourage students to
dress in their Christmas "best" as we
enjoy this meal together. The K-B class
and a parent are invited to join this
school community event. Please let us
know if you will be attending by Dec.
15th so we can plan accordingly.*

*The SCC is again seeking donations to
help offset the cost of this fun tradition.
Each class will be asked to bring a
specific item for the luncheon. If you
are able to donate an item, please
contact Sheila by Dec. 16th either at
306-283-4455 or at [sheila.wiens-
neufeld@spiritsd.ca](mailto:sheila.wiens-neufeld@spiritsd.ca) . The SCC would
like to thank you in advance for your
generous contributions.*

*We ask that all donations be brought to
the school by Monday, December 19th.*

**** Please contact the school if you
plan on donating an item.**

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| Kindergarten | 8 (2 kg) bags frozen corn |
| Grade 1M | 8 x 5 lb bag of potatoes |
| Grade 1.O | 8 x 5 lb bag of potatoes |
| Grade 2D | 8 x 5 lb bag of potatoes |
| Grade 2V | 10 large jars dill pickles, sliced |
| Grade 3G | 18 lg red Jell-O; 4 Lg Cool Whip |
| Grade 3.4L | 18 lg green Jell-O; 4 Lg Cool Whip |
| Grade 4J | 8 (4 L) jugs apple juice |
| Grade 5D | 8 (4 L) jugs apple juice |
| Monetary Donations towards purchase of the hams will be gratefully appreciated. | |

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will be needed for the Christmas Luncheon.

We will need people for set up and prep, both in the evening on Dec. 20th and in the morning of Dec. 21st. We will also need several people to help serve the food over the lunch hour on the 21st.

***Please contact Sheila if you are able to help.
Thank you!***

EDSBY

- All our school events for the year are listed on the **CALENDAR** on Edsby – check it out!!
- We are sending our **weekly communication and information** to you through Edsby – check it out!!



The roads around our school are busy with vehicles and people. Our students need to be aware of the dangers as they move to and from school.

Please connect with your child on the safety tips as well as model and practice with them.

Pedestrian Safety – Walking to and from School

From - <https://caask.ca/about-caa/advocacy-safety/pedestrian-safety>

Did you know: Young children are not capable of understanding the dangers and do not develop the skills necessary for crossing a street safely until they are at least nine years of age.

Please look through the list of safety tips shared by CAA for pedestrians:

1. Be alert and aware of your surroundings.
2. Stop, look both ways, listen and think before safely crossing the street.
3. Ensure all vehicles come to a complete stop and make eye contact with motorist before crossing the street – never assume that they will stop.
4. Never run out in traffic or between parked cars, buses, or buildings.
5. Follow traffic signs and signals. Only cross at designated locations or crosswalks. Do not jaywalk.
6. Eliminate distractions such as using your mobile devices for texting, listening to music, social media, or gaming.
7. Avoid wearing headphones or anything that can obstruct your vision or hearing.
8. Allow for extra time to cross the street safely with older adults, individuals with mobility issues and younger children.
9. Wear reflective clothing or accessories at night to make yourself more visible.
10. Parents, caregivers, or older children should hold hands with younger children when crossing the street.



Spare Bus Drivers needed in our community

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Follows the school calendar
- ➔ • Earns pension and accesses health and dental benefits as a regular route driver

For more information, contact the Bus Garage:

(306) 374-2496 or busingespiritsd.ca

Details at spiritsd.ca/careers



PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION

Reporting Student Progress – Term I

On November 24th, your student's first Progress Report of the school year will be available to view on Edsby.

You will notice a NEW progress report being utilized this school year with new codes to report academic achievement and another coding system to report behaviours.

PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION

Grade 1-9 PSSD Academic Achievement Scale Parent-Student Version

| Term | Code | Student Friendly Language |
|-------------------------------------|------|---|
| Evidence of Mastery | MA | I can transfer what I've learned to new situations or use a higher level of thinking. |
| Evidence of Proficiency | PR | I understand what we are learning. |
| Evidence of Approaching Proficiency | AP | I understand the majority of what we are learning. |
| Evidence of Beginning Knowledge | BE | I remember and/or understand some of what we are learning. |

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| Missing Evidence | ME | I have not yet provided evidence on what we are learning. |
| Not Reported | NR | I was not asked for evidence of this. |

Note: An asterisk (*) applied to any of the levels above indicates that students are working on outcomes outside of the grade level.

PSSD Assessment

Understanding Behaviour Score Terms

In PSSD, behaviour marks are scored using frequency terms. The following terms are used across all grade levels when scoring learning behaviours:

| Consistently | Usually | Sometimes | Rarely | Insufficient Evidence |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| <i>is synonymous with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Almost always• Unchanging over time | <i>is synonymous with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majority of the time or in most cases• Happens often, but not consistently | <i>is synonymous with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happens occasionally• Not most of the time, nor a rare event | <i>is synonymous with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occurs seldomly or in very few instances• Does not occur often | <i>is synonymous with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inadequate• Not observed enough to decide |

Reminder: Behaviours are scored on characteristics that are observable.

Please NOTE:

- ELA and Math will report as in the past - by strand. (This is a continuation of existing practice.)
- All other subjects will report an overall score per subject. (This is a change from past practice.)
- Comments will ONLY be included for ELA, Math, and one other general comment box.

“anything a student does, says or creates is evidence of learning:

– Damien Cooper