Perque School News

June 2014

Principal – Mr. Jeff Chilibeck

Vice Principal – Mrs. Kristal Mason

Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff at Perdue School, we hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing summer holiday!!

Congratulations to Sheryl Taylor on her retirement. Sheryl has been at Perdue School since 2000 and has not only been a wonderful teacher, but also a great friend. I would like to thank Sheryl for all her hard work during her time at Perdue School. She was not only a dedicated teacher, but she also volunteered her time to take several classes across the globe to experience the history and culture of Europe. We wish you all the best Mrs. Taylor!!

I would also like to thank Sarah Walker for her hard work In the Grade 5/6 classroom. She is going to be returning to the U of S to take classes in the fall. In her place, Jennifer Kinzel will be teaching in the Grade 5/6 classroom until Mrs. Dahl returns from her maternity leave.

For parents in Grades 7-9, please look over the letter from the PSSD regarding the new Progress Reports that will be implemented next year. All schools in PSSD will be moving away from percent grades, and we will be evaluating our students using a 1-4 scale as used in Grades 1-6 this past year. If you have any questions about the new progress reports please contact Mr. Chilibeck.

For all parents with students in Grade 10-12 next year, please look over the course offerings for the 2014/2015 school year. I have met with each grade and talked to them about their graduation requirements and credit selections. If you have any questions about the course offerings or distance educations, please contact Mr. Chilibeck. I have sat down with several parents to discuss their child's course selections in the past few weeks, so please contact me ASAP.

And finally, a big "Thank You" to each and every staff member. Your dedication and commitment to educating our students is second to none. Your ability to work as a team, and go the extra mile is inspiring. I appreciate all that you do for our students and each other.

The following information about the Progress Reports was sent to Perdue School from Warman. Once again if you have any questions please call Mr. Chilibeck.

As the current school year comes to a close, we reflect back on the learning and celebrate the growth. We also begin looking forward to the coming school year in the fall and with that, want to let you know about a change that you will be seeing in report cards for our school. All of the schools in Prairie Spirit School Division will be transitioning from current report cards to a Curriculum-Referenced Progress Report for all grade 1 to 9 students. In the past few years, there has been significant provincial curriculum renewal. The content to be taught, instructional strategies to be used, and how evidence of student learning is gathered, has transformed. The Progress Report has been designed to suit these changes. Both academic achievement and learning behaviours will be reported.

On the new progress report, instead of the traditional grading scale to communicate academics, you will see the following:

- 4 Mastery Demonstrates a deep knowledge and understanding
- 3 Meeting demonstrates a complete knowledge and understanding
- 2 Approaching demonstrates a basic understanding of the curriculum with frequent support
- 1 Beginning demonstrates a partial knowledge and understanding
- ME Missing Evidence missing, incomplete, or unacceptable work
- NT not reported at this time

The Progress Report will allow for continuity across Prairie Spirit School Division. Our target is consistency among teachers in grading and reporting practices that increase learning as well as communicating through reporting in an accurate and meaningful way.

Cardboard Boat Races

The Grade 7 and 8 students competed in a cardboard boat building / racing competition on June 13th. In teams of 2-4, they built the boats using only two sheets of cardboard, utility knives, duct tape and packing tape. They then placed one member of their team in the boat and raced 25m across the Harry Bailey pool. The team of Caden, Walker, Lexis and Jessica managed to build a boat that was strong enough to race 4 times before it fell apart. It was a great learning experience for the students and fun was had by all.

Mr. Corrigan

R & B Grill

As everyone knows, R.J. Matthews and Brad Elder, R & B Grill, looked after the Booth this year. They were supervised and were taught cooking skills by Mrs. Bell. They supplied different meals every day at a very reasonable price – grilled cheese, pizza, popcorn chicken, perogies, hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, french fries and many more items. These 3 people did an excellent job and should be congratulated!!!

The following letter was sent home to parents explaining how the profits from the booth were spent. Thanks guys!!

Dear Perdue Parents,

The R & B Grill would like to give a huge Thank-You for all of your support through this year.

With your support the R & B Grill was able to give back to the school in many ways.

- -Kindergarten Grad
- Kids in the Kitchen
- We Day
- First Aid and CPR
- New Weight Bench for weight room
- Elementary Skating
- Buses for many field trips
- Food and Entertainment for year-end parties
- Floor Hockey Club new sticks and googles
- Went in half on a new convection oven with the SCC for the staff room

We were also able to purchase well needed equipment to improve the products cooked in the booth such as: Cookie Sheet, cake pans, muffin pans, popcorn maker quesidellas maker, utensils and measuring tools.

THANKS AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!!
Mrs. Bell, R.J. and Brad

Dear Parents,

I have listed the course selections for our grade 10-12 students below for the 2014/15 school year. I have talked to our students about these courses and the **option of pursuing online courses if it helps their post-secondary options**. Again, we have limited staffing and we are trying our best to provide alternate means for our students to obtain credits that would benefit them at the post-secondary level. If you have any questions about course options and scheduling please call me and we can set- up an appointment to discuss your child's schedule and future.

Sincerely,

Jeff Chilibeck

<u>First Semester</u> <u>Second Semester</u>

Grade 10 Grade 10

English A 10* English B 10*

Math Workplace and Apprenticeship* Math Pre-calculus

Science 10* Home. Ec/ IA*

Wellness 10* Wellness 10*

Entrepreneurship 30 Psychology 20

History 10* History 10*

Grade 11/12 Grade 11/12

English 20*/A30 Law 30

Physics 20 Physics 30

Math workplace and Apprenticeship 20/30* Math TBD

Biology 20*

Biology 20*

Phys Ed. 20/30

Phys. Ed 20/30

History 30*

Home Ec. / IA*

Please note that * denotes that this is a compulsory course and students are required to take it.
 Students are required to have a science credit at the 20/30 level. That means a credit in Biology,
 Physics or Chemistry.



Heartland Health Region







Re: Public Health Advisory for Measles issued by Prairie North Health Region

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Health officials in Saskatchewan are strongly encouraging parents to ensure their children's measles immunizations are up to date as we have seen an increase in the number of measles cases identified across Canada, and most recently in Prairie North Health Region (this is the North Battelford/Lloydminster/Meadow Lake health region located directly north of Heartland Health Region).

Measles is a highly contagious infection and can cause serious illness and complications. It is easily spread through the air. Symptoms include high fever, cough and runny nose, red eyes, all followed by a rash.

Vaccination against measles is highly effective in preventing most cases and greatly reduces illness in those who are immunized but happen to get it.

All pre-school children in Saskatchewan receive the publicly-funded measles vaccine as a series of two doses, usually given at 12 and 18 months. People born after 1970 are also eligible to receive a free measles vaccine.

Measles vaccination is particularly recommended for:

- people who have recently arrived in Canada and do not have a history of receiving two doses of a measles-containing vaccine;
- people who are planning to travel overseas, particularly to countries with measles outbreaks;
- · health care providers; and
- · staff and students at daycare or education institutions

More information on measles and the provincial immunization programs is available through HealthLine 811, or online at www.health.gov.sk.ca



If your child has received immunizations from a doctor or other health care professional in another community, please notify us to update your child's records.

To make an appointment or speak to your local Public Health Nurse:

Davidson Community Health Services - 567-2305
Rosetown Community Health Services - 882-2672 Ext. 3 option 3
Outlook Community Health Services - 867-8676
Kindersley Community Health Services - 463-1000
Kerrobert Community Health Services - 834-2646 Ext. 251
Unity Community Health Services - 228-2666
Biggar Community Health Services - 948-3323 ext. 2730

We look forward to seeing you soon!





2014/15 School Year Calendar

Dear Prairie Spirit Parents and Guardians:

On behalf of Prairie Spirit School Division, I am pleased to provide the 2014/15 school year calendar. We want to thank all those staff members, parents and students who provided feedback and helped shape the development of the new calendar.

Key things to note about the 2014/15 calendar:

- 1. The number of instructional days (185) and the length of the school day (5 hours and 9 minutes) will remain the same as in the past year.
- Students will begin classes on September 2, 2014, and the last day for students will be June 26, 2015.
- Feedback from Prairie Spirit staff, parents and students strongly indicated a preference for a two-week Christmas break, a week-long break in February (including Family Day) and a 10-day break in April (including Easter).
- 4. Schools will continue to provide parent/teacher/student conferencing in the fall and early spring. Two additional days off for time in lieu of conferencing will be determined at the local level and communicated to you through your school's newsletter.

We believe the school calendar for 2014/15 reflects our priorities and provides a positive schedule for students, staff and families.

David Wipf Learning Superintendent



Legend	Days
School year begins/ends for students	
Statutory Holidays	12
School Holidays	15
Preparation Time	9.5
PSTA General Assembly	1
Operational/Professional Development days	1.5
High School Final Exams	

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185 Instructional Days Semester I = 93 Instructional Day Semester II = 92 Instructional Days 197 Operational Days Semester I = 102 Operational Days Semester II = 95 Operational Days



September 2014

	28		21		14		7	P		Sun
	29 Day AI	Kindergarten	22 Day B2	Kindergarten	15 Day D4		8 Day E5	No School Labour Day	1	Mon
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