

## Perdue School News

Principal - Mr. Jeff Chilibeck

Vice Principal - Mrs. Kristal Mason

### Important Dates To Remember

1. Friday, May 2 - Michael Mitchell presentation
2. Wednesday, May 7 - Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off
3. Monday, May 12 - SCC Election
4. Wednesday, May 21 - Grade 6 - 12 Track Meet - Potash Corp Stadium
5. Thursday, May 29 - Jump Rope for Heart
6. Friday, May 30 - District Track Meet - Potash Corp Stadium
7. Saturday, May 31 - Grade 12 Graduation

### New School Website

If you haven't already done so, please check out the new Perdue School website. It is located at <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/perdueschool/>. The calendar feature is particular helpful for upcoming events and I have listed our booth's menu and specials as well.

Mr. Corrigan

### Principals Message

Report cards for grades 7 - 12 were distributed to all students on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please look over your child's report card and contact the school if you have any questions.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> the grade 11 and 12 students will be taking part in an online presentation with other students across Canada, dealing with impaired/distracted driving. Perdue School was one of two schools chosen in the province of Saskatchewan to take part in this online opportunity.

Over the Easter holiday Sheryl Taylor and several grade 11 and 12 students travelled to Europe as part of the Perdue School Travel Club. The students

travelled to several countries and had a wonderful time experiencing new cultures and visiting historical sights.

On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> five of our Grade 12 students will be walking across the stage to accept their Graduation Diploma. I would like to congratulate them in advance for their efforts in the classroom, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!!

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarten to Grade 8 students attended a presentation by Greg Wood on the topic of Bullying. It was a great presentation, allowing students to think and reflect on their actions.

### Perdue SCC

It has been a busy few months for the SCC and students of Perdue School. In March we kicked off our One School, One Book project. The One School, One Book project supports our school literacy goal. This year we read the book Frindle. The One School, One Book program is a wonderful way to engage students and their families in reading. The students and their families read the book over a three week period. Students participated in daily and weekly activities that pertained to the story. At the end of the three weeks a draw was made for six different word board games. Students had the opportunity to have their name entered into the draw for every correct daily trivia question. This year's winners were Hunter, Hilary, Jessy, Kassen, Skylar and Kierra. Congratulations to all the students for their active reading during this project. Thanks again to the SCC for sponsoring the purchasing of the books for each student as well as the weekly and grand prizes.

Also in March the SCC held their annual Mom's Pantry Fundraiser. It was a huge success again this year. The SCC would like to thank all the students, families and community members for their support. This year the fundraiser made \$1147.34. This money will be used to help support school and SCC goals. The SCC has already purchased a new deep freeze and a set of small folding tables for the school.

Reminder - The SCC election will be held on Monday, May 12. We are still accepting nominations. The election will take place at Perdue School at 7:00 pm.



# Home & School

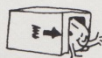
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#### SHORT NOTES



##### Dictionary games

Playing with a dictionary can teach your child to enjoy our language. Let him secretly choose a word from the dictionary and give family members clues to guess it. He might read its definition and then its synonyms or language of origin. Whoever figures it out first picks the next word.

##### DID YOU KNOW?

It's possible to get sunburned even on cloudy days. Help your youngster put on sunscreen every day before school, camp, or day care. For even more protection, have her wear a hat with a brim. *Idea:* Carry an extra bottle of sunscreen and a hat in your bag for unexpected outdoor adventures.

##### Yard sale

Consider having a yard sale this summer—and making your child your business partner. He could practice writing by helping you with the newspaper ad and creating signs to hang in the neighborhood. Then, use math to sort and price items together. *Tip:* Agree ahead of time on what share of the profits he gets for helping out.

##### Worth quoting

"Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy." *Guillaume Apollinaire*

#### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** Which hand is best to write with?

**A:** Neither. It's best to write with a pencil.



## Summer field trips

The school year is almost over—but the classroom isn't the only place your youngster can learn new things. Here are suggestions for family field trips that are fun and educational.



##### Ballpark

Batter up! Attend a local ballgame, and ask each family member to choose a batter and calculate his batting average for that game. Your child will need to track the player's number of at-bats and hits. Then, she'll divide the hits by at-bats. Whose player gets the highest average?

##### Airport

Explore the science of flight by visiting a regional airport (call first to see if they allow visitors) or going to a viewing point. Beforehand, your youngster can read up on airplanes in a library book or online. Then, watch planes take off and land, and have her point out parts she recognizes, such as the jet engines, wings, cockpit, and landing gear. She

could time how long a plane rolls down the runway before takeoff or how long it takes to stop once it lands.

##### Farm

A local farm is a great place for your child to discover where her food comes from. Find one that's open to the public, and take a tour. She could see farm machinery, learn what crops grow in your area, or watch cows being milked. *Idea:* If possible, purchase eggs or farm-grown vegetables, and have your youngster help cook them. ♥

## Appreciating teachers

Encourage your child to tell his teacher "thanks for a great year" with one of these creative gifts:

- A photo book will make a lovely reminder of his teacher's year. Suggest that your youngster arrange photos (or draw pictures) in an album. Then, he should write a caption for each. ("Field Day was fun!") Inside the cover, he might write a thank-you note.
- Combine flowers with teaching supplies. Let your child arrange artificial flowers in a clear glass vase, fill it with colorful magnetic letters and dice, and use ribbon to attach a thank-you card. Or get a plant, and let him tape dry-erase markers or pretty pens around the outside of the pot. ♥

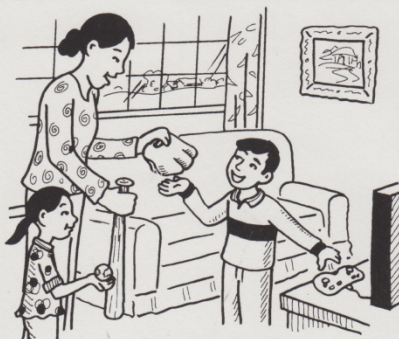




## What does respect look like?

Your child's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn respect.

**Respectful replies.** Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing, and he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Finally, have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

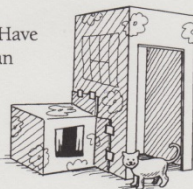
**Everyday acts.** When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your youngster about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might point out that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥

### ACTIVITY CORNER

#### Fun with boxes

Don't throw away that box! Encourage your youngster to be creative this summer by recycling empty boxes. Here are two ideas.

**1. Playhouse.** Have your child turn an empty appliance box upside down, and help her cut out a door. Then, she could paint the outside of the box and use construction paper to add windows and curtains. Perhaps she'd like to decorate the inside walls with pictures cut from magazines. *Variation:* Make a smaller box into a playhouse for dolls or toy animals.



**2. Garage.** Your youngster can use several box lids to make a multi-level garage for toy cars. Suggest that she glue black construction paper into the lids and draw white lines for lanes and parking spaces. Then, let her stack the levels, supporting each one with "posts" (toilet paper tubes).♥

#### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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### A strong finish

**Q:** My daughter seems to have a case of spring fever. Any tips for finishing the year on a high note?

**A:** It's normal for kids to start getting restless this time of year. Still, it's important for your daughter to continue a regular homework routine and go to school every day. Remind her to turn in all of her assignments on time, since just one or two zeroes could really hurt her final grade. If she is struggling with any subjects, call her teacher or schedule a conference to find out how she can get extra support.

It might also help for her to start thinking about next year. Maybe she's been waiting until she's old enough to be a safety patrol member, a student council officer, or a morning news reporter. Encourage her to ask her teacher how to apply. Having something to look forward to may motivate her to finish strong.♥



### PARENT TO PARENT

#### Share the load

Between work and taking my son to child care, swim team practice, and tae kwon do lessons, our summer days are anything but lazy. This year, with the help of some other families, I think it will be easier on us.

My next-door neighbor has agreed to pick up my son at child care and take him to swim practice along with her daughter, who

is also on the team. In exchange, I will watch her daughter on Tuesday evenings when she runs errands or has an evening out with her husband.

Then, I found another neighbor whose child is in my son's tae kwon do class.

So we're going to take turns driving the boys to lessons. I feel like this summer will be less hectic. And I've discovered it's nice to have local families who help each other.♥



# Prairie Spirit School Division **needs Substitute Bus Drivers**

## ***A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:***

- Supports the local community
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Follows the school calendar
- Is well supported by the school division
- Receives free training and other compensation

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver is an important and valued member of the school community!

*Call the Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496 for more information.*



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Prairie Spirit School Division

***Annual General Meeting***

**Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m.**

**Hanley Composite School**

**316 Bodeman Avenue, Hanley**

The meeting will include a report from the Board of Education, the Director of Education and the Chief Financial Officer.

In addition, Hanley Composite School, Dundurn Elementary School and Colonsay School will share their learning improvement plans.



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## **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 Battleford/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](http://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!





## PERDUE DAYCARE NEWS – May 2014



May is here! We are hoping to see a lot of sunshine this month☺. May marks a Major milestone for Perdue Daycare. We will be celebrating our FIVE YEAR anniversary. On May 19<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Caregiver appreciation day. **Thank you to our Wonderful staff members for all you do!** Our themes for May will be Spring Time, Gardening,

**WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR VICTORIA DAY!**

*Please send a raincoat, rubber boots,  
mittens, splash pants and a toque to  
Daycare every day. Some mornings it's  
still cold out and with the weather  
changing the playground can get  
muddy.  
We Love  
to play outside.  
Please forgive us if we are a bit muddy☺*

Once again our Easter Chocolate fundraiser was a success!  
**A HUGE thanks to our parents, staff and the community of  
Perdue for your continued support of our Daycare!** Our fundraising dollars are used to  
purchase toys, art supplies, playground equipment and furnishings for the daycare.

*Congratulations to the winners of our "Create our Logo" contest:  
Kara Perillat and Jade Montgomery! Thanks to all who entered their artwork!*

### PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY MAY 24, 2014

11AM-3PM

PERDUE RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

BBQ LUNCH (PROCEEDS TO DAYCARE)

AND A FREE OF CHARGE AFTERNOON OF CELEBRATING FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES THERE!



## 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.
2. Students will begin classes on September 2, 2014, and the last day for students will be June 26, 2015.
3. 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

 <b>2014/15</b> <b>School Year Calendar</b>	
August 4	Civic Holiday
September 1	Labour Day
September 2	School year begins for students
September 19	No school
October 10	No school
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
November 10	No school
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 19	Last day of classes (Christmas break)
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 5	Classes resume
January 30	No school
February 13	Last day of classes (Winter break)
February 16	Family Day
February 23	Classes resume
March 20	No school
April 2	Last day of classes (Easter break)
April 3	Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
April 13	Classes resume
May 18	Victoria Day
June 26	School year ends for students
July 1	Canada Day

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	

2014	August							0/5
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31								

2014	October						21/22
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2014	December					15/15
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2015	April						16/16
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2014	September						20/21
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2014	November						18/19
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2015	January						18/20
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2015	March						21/22
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2015	May						20/20
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2015	July						
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185 Instructional Days  
 Semester I = 93 Instructional Days  
 Semester II = 92 Instructional Days

197 Operational Days  
 Semester I = 102 Operational Days  
 Semester II = 95 Operational Days



# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Day A1</i>	2 <i>Day B2</i> <i>Kindergarten</i> <i>Michael Mitchell</i> <i>10:30am</i>	3
4	5 <i>Day C3</i>	6 <i>Day D4</i> <i>Kindergarten</i>	7 <i>Day E5</i> <i>Jump Rope Kick Off</i> <i>Gr. 1—9</i>	8 <i>Day F6</i> <i>Kindergarten</i>	9 <i>Day A1</i>	10
11	12 <i>Day B2</i> <i>Kindergarten</i> <i>SCC Election</i>	13 <i>Day C3</i>	14 <i>Day D4</i> <i>Kindergarten</i>	15 <i>Day E5</i>	16 <i>Day F6</i> <i>Kindergarten</i>	17
18	19 <i>No School</i> <i>Victoria Day</i>	20 <i>Day A1</i>	21 <i>Day B2</i> <i>Kindergarten</i> <i>Grade 6—12</i> <i>Potash Corp Stadium</i>	22 <i>Day C3</i>	23 <i>Day D4</i> <i>Kindergarten</i>	24
25	26 <i>Day E5</i>	27 <i>Day F6</i> <i>Kindergarten</i> <i>Jump Rope for Heart</i>	28 <i>Day A1</i>	29 <i>Day B2</i> <i>Kindergarten</i>	30 <i>Day C3</i> <i>District Tract Meet</i> <i>Potash Corp. Stadium</i>	31 <b>Graduation</b>

# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Grad Hot Dog Sale \$2.00</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Chicken Noodle Soup &amp; Bun \$2.50</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Taco Salad \$3.50</i>	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Burgers \$3.00 With cheese \$3.50</i>	29	30	31