

Perdue School News

Principal – Mr. Jeff Chilibeck

Vice-Principal – Mrs. Kristal Mason

Important Dates to Remember

1. Thursday, May 7 – Grad Barbeque – 10 – 4pm – Perdue Co-Op
2. Thursday, May 14 – SCC Election (Nomination Form included in News Letter)
3. Friday, May 15 – PCPP Hot Meal
4. Monday, May 18 – No School (Victoria Day)
5. Tuesday, May 19 – Pizza Day
6. Wednesday, May 20 – Griffiths Stadium Track Meet
7. Tuesday, May 26 – Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 Hot Meal
8. Saturday, May 30 – Graduation
9. PLEASE NOTE: No Soup / Bun in May or June

Principals Message

I would like to invite everyone to join us on Wednesday, May 13th as we join the Credit Union to help clean-up garbage and debris around Perdue. We will be meeting at the Credit Union at 10:00am, and will work until 12:00 noon.

On May 28th the Wheatland Regional Library, Perdue Branch, sponsored a Puppeteer Show for the students and parents. The show focused on acceptance/bullying and was really enjoyed by all. Perdue School would like to thank the Wheatland Regional Library for giving us the opportunity to enjoy this show.

With the current situation of our budget, I am unable to confirm what classes will be offered next year at the high school level. Once everything is settled around staffing, I will be informing students and parents about course options. In the meantime, please look over the hand-out on the new science curriculum which will be implemented next year. Please call me if you have any questions.

I would like to thank all parents and students who attended the Student Led Conferences for Grade 7 – 12 in April. The turnout was fantastic, and we truly appreciated the feedback that we received from parents. It will be beneficial to us in the future.

Junior Badminton

I was another successful season of Junior Badminton at Perdue School. We played an exhibition match in Vanscoy in March before hosting the first round of playoffs in April. We had 4 teams advance to the second round and two teams made it to the conference playoffs on Saturday, April 18th in Warman. Memphis and Walker played well in boy's doubles competition and Cassidy and Meghan lost a heart-breaking gold medal match in girl's doubles to a team they had beaten in the round robin portion of the tournament. I would like to thank all the players for their hard work and the parents for supporting and driving the players.

Mr. Corrigan

Daycare

The Perdue Daycare wish to thank Perdue and surrounding community for attending our March 21st Spring Fundraiser. It was a huge success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Once again, thank you.

The Daycare still has chocolates available for sale if anyone is interested, just contact the Daycare (237-4403) and they can set you up with CHOCOLATE!!!



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Information for Parents and Students:

Changes to Senior Science Curriculum

The provincial senior high school science curriculum is changing. These changes will take effect in Prairie Spirit School Division in September, 2015. As a result of these changes, students will have new choices to make as they select courses for next year. Please note that students require Science 10 and one 20 or 30 level science course in order to graduate.

The goal of these changes, which the Ministry of Education calls a curriculum renewal, is that students will be stronger in the following areas:

- solving real world issues through interdisciplinary thinking;
- connecting scientific ideas to each other, to their own lives and to the world;
- understanding science in all careers and the careers in science; and
- exploring western, traditional and other knowledge systems to help gain a more holistic view of concepts and processes.

Three current courses will be phased out: Biology 20, Chemistry 20 and Physics 20. The following courses will be renewed or updated: Science 10, Computer Science 20, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30 and Computer Science 30.

Health Science 20, Environmental Science 20 and Physical Science 20 will be introduced as new courses this fall.

During the transition period of curriculum renewal, students will be allowed to receive credit for any combination of current and renewed secondary science curricula as long as prerequisites are met. For example, a student could receive credit for any or all of Physics 20, Chemistry 20 and Physical Science 20.

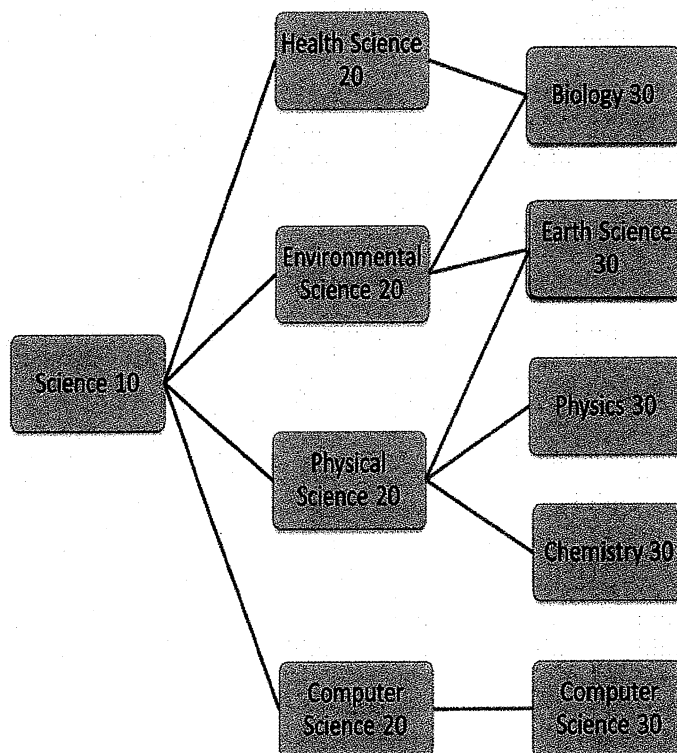
For more information about your child's specific situation, please contact your school principal.

Senior Science Pathways

The Ministry of Education has been in contact with post-secondary institutions within the province regarding the development of the renewed curriculum and they have been supportive and enthusiastic about the renewed curricula.

Both renewed and non-renewed 20 level courses will be suitable as prerequisites for both renewed and non-renewed 30 level courses during the transition to renewed curricula.

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Descriptions of new science courses

Environmental Science 20

Students will learn how to examine local and global environmental issues such as climate change, water, soil, and air quality, urbanization, bioresource management, waste handling and disposal, land-use planning and the impacts of agriculture and industry on the environment from scientific and Indigenous knowledge perspectives. Students will examine the role of environmental policies and ethics on decision making, and will investigate environmental science related careers. Student directed studies will lead to the development of environmental action plans.

Prerequisite: Science 10

Health Science 20

This course will challenge students to look at the health science field from holistic and analytic perspectives to provide a basis for making sound personal health choices. Students will apply information in the areas of medical knowledge systems and ethics, human anatomy and physiology, nutrition and metabolism and medical diagnostics. Understanding the basic anatomy and physiology of the human body will provide a context for studying the normal and abnormal functioning of various body systems and the tools and techniques used to diagnose those systems. Students will also investigate the range of health science careers and post-secondary programs available in Saskatchewan.

Prerequisite: Science 10

Physical Science 20

This course combines elements of Chemistry 20 and Physics 20 in an integrated hands-on manner to investigate concepts related to heating and cooling, the foundations of chemistry, including the mole and quantitative analysis of molecules and chemical reactions, and the characteristics and properties of electromagnetic radiation. An overarching theme is the study of the enterprise of public and private science as it occurs in agriculture, industry, and universities to help students better understand the physical science related career paths.

Prerequisite: Science 10

Earth Science 30

Students will examine our planet's geological origins and the geological timescale as a foundation to guide decision making with regard to the use of its mineral and energy resources, the maintenance and remediation of the environment, and response to geological hazards. Hands-on field experiences will enable students to develop visual-spatial reasoning skills and an understanding of the role of Geographic Information Systems. Students will also explore the historical and contemporary significance of Earth Science and related careers.

Prerequisite: Physical Science 20 or Environmental Science 20

NOTE: Earth Science 30 will be implemented in the fall of 2016.



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SHORT NOTES

Keep friendships strong

Encourage your youngster to stay in touch with classmates over the summer. Let her invite friends over or arrange to meet at a park or a mini-golf course. She'll enjoy the get-togethers, and staying close will help her be ready to work and play with peers when school starts again.

Saying thank you

As the school year comes to a close, teachers are sure to appreciate the best gift of all: a simple thank you. You and your child can write notes thanking his teacher for helping him learn to read or teaching fun science experiments, for example.

Plan ahead for snack time

Kids are more likely to eat foods they help pick out. Take your youngster shopping for healthy snacks, such as watermelon, plain popcorn, and hummus with whole-wheat pita bread. Stock them front and center in the refrigerator and pantry so your child can grab a nutritious treat when she takes a break from playing.

Worth quoting

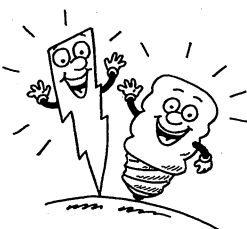
"The true delight is in the finding out rather than in the knowing."

Isaac Asimov

JUST FOR FUN

Kyle: What is the difference between lightning and electricity?

Jenna:
We have to pay for electricity.



Summer learning games

Learning is more fun when you turn it into a game! Try these family games that let your child play with words, numbers, and science.

Spelling cups

Be the first to unscramble the letters and guess the word. You'll need cups and magnetic letters or Scrabble tiles. One player secretly thinks of a word and places each letter under a separate upside-down cup. The other players take turns flipping over one cup. Let everyone see the letter, cover it back up, and slide the cups around to mix them up. At any point, a player can call out the word being spelled—but if he's wrong, he's out. Guess the word correctly, and you make the next word.

Bull's-eye math

Have your youngster use sidewalk chalk to draw a target with four rings. He should write 10 in the outer ring, 25 in the next, 50 in the third, and 100 in the center circle. (Use 1, 2, 5, and 10 for a younger child.) To play, stand a few feet away from the target, and take turns



tossing a pebble onto it. Each time, add the number from the ring your pebble lands on to your score. Write the equation you made in chalk ($50 + 25 = 75$; $75 + 50 = 125$). Reach 500 points to win.

Science scavenger hunt

Together, think of 12 small natural objects found on the ground. Examples: twig, dandelion, berry, buckeye. Then, each person labels sections of an empty egg carton for the items. Go to the park, search for the objects, and put them in the matching spots. The first person to fill his egg carton wins.♥

Outdoor volunteers

Build a family helping habit this summer. These ideas will encourage your youngster to do community service while she enjoys the sunshine:

- Sign up to volunteer during a fund-raising walk. Your child could work with you at a pit stop, handing water cups to participants.
- Lend a hand at a charity yard sale at a school, community center, or place of worship. Together, you might sort and tag donations. Or your youngster could bag purchases for customers as you ring them up.
- Work in the garden at a school or an assisted-living facility. Your child can help weed, plant, water, and harvest. If you garden at home, consider giving some vegetables to a food pantry or soup kitchen that accepts homegrown produce.♥



Safe and occupied

What will your youngster do this summer? Whether you work outside the home or not, you'll want to keep her busy, happy, and safe. Here are tips.

Look for activities. Public libraries and parks and recreation departments have programs to match any child's interests. Look for free or low-cost activities like music workshops, board game clubs, and tumbling classes.



Take turns.

Neighbors can set up a schedule for watching each other's children play in a backyard or at a playground. Or consider swapping child care with a parent who works different days or opposite shifts. Also, you

could arrange carpools for driving to camps or day care.

Find low-cost camps. Check into city or county camps, where prices are typically lower than at private camps. You might qualify for help with fees or be able to use flexible spending account funds or earn dependent-care tax credits.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Stuck on crafts

Duct tape is all the rage these days. Look for it in fun patterns and colors, or let your child add stickers to plain duct tape. Then, encourage him to be creative with projects like these.

Bookmarks

Wrap duct tape around and around a craft stick to make a bookmark. Or cut two strips the same size, stick them together, and punch a hole in the top to tie a ribbon through.



Party decorations

Form miniature flags on toothpicks, and put each one in a cupcake. For place-mats, cut the front and back panels from cereal boxes. Add strips of tape arranged in different patterns and designs.

Containers

Cover baby food or canning jars with colorful duct tape to create pencil holders or vases. Make fun storage containers for small toys by decorating shoe boxes with duct tape.♥

OUR PURPOSE

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

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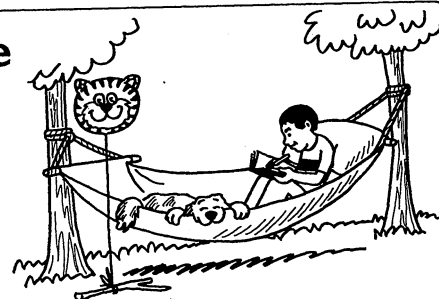
Q & A

Avoid summer slide

Q: I've been hearing about how children often lose skills while school is out. How can I keep my son from experiencing this "summer slide"?

A: It's true that students tend to forget some of what they learned during the school year. Talk to your son's teacher to see if there are specific subjects he should work on, such as writing or math. Then, use summer activities or time in the car to practice. You could give him a journal, and after a trip to the zoo or a museum, he can write about what he saw. Or as you drive, he might count red and green lights and say what fraction each color represents of the total.

Also, sign your child up for your library's summer reading program. Have him check out books and read at least 20–30 minutes a day. Ask him to tell you about the books, and talk to him about your own reading, too.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Back-to-school prep

Last year, I made the mistake of waiting until the last minute to prepare my kids for back-to-school. This year, with my younger daughter starting first grade and my older one going to middle school, we're going to try a few changes.

First, I will schedule their physicals right away, since their doctors' calendars filled up fast last year. Also, we'll shop early for school supplies to take advantage of

sales and make sure the kids get the colors they want.

Finally, we let the girls stay up later during summer, and last year they had a hard time adjusting to their school-year bedtime. So in August, we'll gradually move bedtime a little earlier each week.

We'll see if my plan works. I'm sure every year I'll learn something new about helping two kids get ready for school!♥





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School Community Council Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Contact Information: _____

Nominee Signature: _____

I am standing for election as (Check One):

☐

a Parent

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a Community Member

Supporting Parent or Community Member

Name: _____

Signature: _____

***Please complete and drop off at the school office on or before our School Community Council election
on May 14, 2015.***