

# PIKE LAKE NEWSLETTER



♥ A Small School With a Big Heart ♥



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## Dates to Remember

June 25 – Gr. 1-4 Only Mini - Golf & Swimming @ Pike Lake Pool

June 26 – Grade Four Farewell  
- Last Kindergarten Day

June 27 – Last Day of Classes  
- Progress Reports

June 28 – Teacher Prep Day

June 29 – Teacher Prep ½ Day

August 27 – Teachers Return to School

September 3 – NO SCHOOL Labour Day

September 4 – Students Return to School

September 5 – Kindergarten Students Begin  
- SCC Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

September 13 – SCC Welcome Back BBQ

September 27 – Terry Fox Walk

## Our Summer Wishes to You:

*Every summer has a story but this year we wish for you to make it a novel that ends with some great and satisfying memories! We hope you get to soak up the sun and have fun by the ton! Be sure to explore the summer paradise with those you love! Happy summertime everyone!*



## From Our Principal

*May and June are seeing continued learning opportunities for students to learn through their engagement with the natural environment and the Pike Lake community. Our recent Track/Play Day was filled with physical activity, fun, and fellowship as several volunteers came out to help make this a successful day for the students. Sincerest thanks go out to those volunteers and the Fire Department who provided, cooked, and served a delicious BBQ lunch for all who could attend. It was certainly a memorable day!*

*In May we participated in the David Suzuki Foundation's 30 x 30 Challenge. This was a terrific motivation to get outside for 30 minutes every day in May. At school, we now have a practice of starting our school day outdoors! Many thanks to Barb Dumanski, (Administrative Assistant), who organizes, oversees and drives this annual challenge. Being outdoors regularly in the natural environment has numerous benefits for health and learning!*

*As we reflect on the school year, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our School Community Council (SCC) members who were actively involved with supporting student learning. We are very grateful for their involvement and support which focused on the school reading goal. The SCC participated on this goal by hosting a Book Swap at the annual Community Luncheon, they raised funds for classroom books through a silver collection at the school Christmas Concert and two Mug 'N' Muffin mornings. The SCC also provided a book for each student to participate in our first One School, One Book event and book prizes for weekly draws around the reading of this novel. School staff looks forward to working with the new SCC in the upcoming school year. ☺*

*As we look towards fall, staff is eager to welcome a new staff member, Miss Lisa Lester, for the upcoming school year. This will bring our teaching staff up to two full positions. Miss Lester will join our existing team along with Intern, Miss Jade Charters from the University of Saskatchewan, . With the new staff members, our team is looking forward to continuing to provide quality education to the K – 4 students in the Pike Lake area and beyond. An aspect that we are very excited about is providing more education through the natural environment. With the abundance and variety of natural surroundings that our school has access to, we are planning to provide more learning opportunities through nature!*

*We wish you a happy, fun-filled summer and look forward to seeing all our students and new school members in the fall. Take care and play safe!*

Corinne Dutka



## Progress Reports

The last day of classes for the students will be on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The students will be given their final academic report of the year on this day and not before. If your child is absent from school that day, you will still be able to pick up their progress report during regular school hours on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you are unable pick up their progress report, **please provide in advance a self addressed AND stamped (it takes 4 stamps) envelope to ensure delivery**. You may also send a **signed note** (no phone calls please) stating that someone else has permission to pick up the progress report for you. Any progress reports not picked up will be held at the school until the fall session resumes. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the school @ 306-668-4808 to have them answered



## Year End At The Park



**Grades 1 to 4 ONLY** will be partaking in our annual fun day at the park on **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. As is usual, our school will begin our walk to the park shortly before 9:00 am. When we arrive at the park, we will test our skills at the mini golf course. We will eat an earlier lunch and then begin our swim (**Grades 1 to 4 ONLY**) from noon to 2:00 pm. Due to pool regulations for school groups, Kindergarten and preschoolers are unable to attend this event with us.

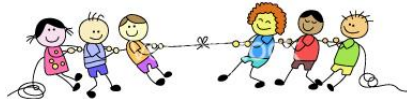
After the swim time we will head back to the school on the bus. A special and grateful thank you to Shauna Lingnau for volunteering to drive the students back to the school from the pool. As we know from experience, students are pretty tuckered by the time swimming has ended and they are very pleased to see Shauna and her bus. It is a treat that we all appreciate! Thanks so much Shauna!

## Play Day Success!

The students magnificently completed another year that tested their athletic and cooperative skills at the Play Day held on June 8<sup>th</sup>! The weather cooperated favourably for the day and we had many guests in attendance to add to the excitement.

We would like to thank our volunteers who assisted, steered and cheered their group of students throughout the events as well as the fine folks who managed the stations. We truly cannot offer this day without the help you have provided us and the time you so willingly gave! We give our gratitude to:

- Christy Schekk
- Udelle/Dwayne Milton
- Marisha Hammer
- Lindsay/Brian Lee
- Lisha Belliveau
- Deb Donaldson
- Susan/Duncan Gordon
- Sandy Ross
- Shirley Hammer
- Kim Puckett
- Darcy Kinzie



Our school was fortunate to have the Pike Lake firefighters share in our day! These gentlemen cooked and provided a free BBQ lunch for all those who were in attendance and did so with jovial attitudes! The kids were thrilled to see the truck and lights up close and to hear the siren sound off! Later in day, the students were screaming with delight as the pumper truck sprayed them with water! We wholeheartedly give thanks to these fine men for feeding us, for helping to make the day a success and to be able to share a little of what they do in their jobs. Thanks to Steven Gibbard for helping to get this great experience organized!

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many community members here to partake in the lunch and visit with the kids and adults alike on this special day. We are fortunate to have marvellous community support for us in so many ways. We are sure that in the future we will have more opportunities to share activities with the citizens of our Pike Lake neighbourhood.

## 30 x 30 Challenge

*"When humans view natural scenery, the areas of our brain associated with empathy and altruism light up."*



Congratulations to the students and their families for their involvement in this fun challenge! We know that to be successful with this endeavor, there had to be parental/guardian encouragement, guidance, support and assistance with recording for the younger students. Perhaps your child even inspired, encouraged, supported and assisted you to accompany them in the outside world as well! We hope that the positive benefits of the natural encounters in May were noticeable and that you are in the habit of doing even more activities in the outdoors because of it!

This year we had 74% active participation from our students which shows a 15% increase over last year! Wow! *Everyone* wins when we get outside to enjoy the nature around us!

Besides seeing the common things in nature like a variety of birds, dandelions and wildflowers, squirming caterpillars and the ever so common tick, students noted on their log sheets some keen observations students made in their natural world:

- Leeches under the log in the water
- All the stars in the middle of the night
- How much fun it was to use umbrellas in the rain
- They could play many imaginary games outside
- There were bugs called fish flies swarming and that they made a loud humming sound
- Red ants were attacking the caterpillars
- The trees had blooms
- The clouds move and change shapes
- Hummingbirds going to the flowers on the deck

## School Community Council News (SCC)

The SCC welcomed our new members to the committee on June 6<sup>th</sup> and we outlined our goals, fundraising activities, and plans for the 2018/19 school year. We have lots of great ideas and we are already looking forward to next year!!

We say goodbye to some fantastic SCC members that will not be returning next year but we are truly grateful for their involvement over the past years. We sincerely appreciate everything they have done for the school. A huge thank you to these ladies: Udelle Milton, Char Knackstedt, Shauna Lingnau, Christy Schekk, & Lindsay Lee. Our school and community is so much better because of you!

A huge thank you from the SCC to Udelle Milton and her family for working so hard on the picnic table project. A lot of their time and hard work has been put into stripping, sanding, painting, hauling, and repairing them. They look so fantastic and the students and community already have been enjoying them.

There are a few fall dates with important activities upcoming so mark your calendars with these events:

- **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** for the Welcome Back BBQ that is open to school families and Pike Lake Community.
- **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** will be the next SCC meeting to start off the year. Anyone can attend.
- **Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** the Mug 'N' Muffin is back by popular demand

Please watch for more details in the fall for all these events.

On behalf of the SCC, enjoy your summer ☀



## Beauty!

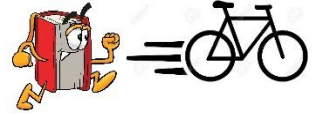


*Our gratitude is sent out to Mrs. Knackstedt who has been beautifying our school yard! She has transplanted and planted a variety of plants and flowers to help spruce up our school. She has pampered our grassy section to make it a lot nicer for the students to sit on. Mrs. K has done most of this during her lunch hours and breaks! We do appreciate your dedication and volunteer work ethics you display to make this school so beautiful on the outside! Thanks you Mrs. K! The bees are gonna love the flowers!*



## Bikes for Books

Recently, there was some pretty intense reading taking place as students raced towards the chance of winning a bike! Out of the box with abundant entries, Kalaya H. was the fortunate winner of the special prize! With special thanks to the Goose Lake Masonic Lodge, the students were inspired to read to increase their chances of winning the bike/helmet combo that the Masons donated to our school. The Masons aim to encourage children to read to establish a love for reading early in life and know that books enlighten, inspire and bring happiness to their lives. Not to mention an increase in comprehension skills as well! We would also like to thank Canadian Tire who donated the bikes and helmets for the Goose Lake Masons to distribute to the schools. Congratulations to Kalaya and all the students who took part in this reading challenge.



## Plastic Bag Challenge

The final results are in and unfortunately our school did not make the final cut of national winners. We did however make a win in our own school and community and that we can be proud of! We are already inspired for next year and have begun to think of different ideas about how to increase our collections, what to create and how to make more people aware of the need to stop the use of plastic bags! Start saving plastic bags now and watch what our school will be actively doing next year to make our world better! Thank you once again Pike Lake families and community for doing your part to keep our environment healthier!



## Nutrition Program

Another great year of learning in the morning snack program has culminated and a terrific year it was! The students were eager at the beginning of the year to head to the kitchen to see what they were going to make and how it was going to be made.

The students have learned how to read recipes (ELA), how to read and better understand fractions (Math), they better understand measurement and the accuracy of such (Math), learned about the food groups, what food fits in each group, which food groups their own morning breakfast/snack falls into and which foods are the healthiest choices to eat (Health) – just to name a few competences.

Students have been surprised at how some foods taste better than they thought (spinach, flax seed, chia, dates) and are thrilled and proud to share what they have made with the whole school! Mrs. Knackstedt and Mrs. Dumanski recently reflected on this program and have proudly noted the growth in the students and the skills they have acquired since the program's initiation. The staff have noticed the students have become quicker at preparing and deciphering the recipes, they are more attentive to the use of kitchen appliances, they have enhanced their understanding to follow the "whys" of safety and sanitation in food preparation, they are more curious, more confident with their own abilities. Of course the students have learned much more than can be listed in this newsletter and we are so proud of their growth in these academic applications!



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