# **PL School Newsletter**

# **DECEMBER 20, 2019**

We are at the end of December and when reflecting on the past three months, we see so much growth for the students! This has not happened by accident. We have a wonderful group of students who come to school everyday ready and willing to learn and engage in the activities of the day. Our Pike Lake School families, you are the support behind your children with your caring and love to help them grow in all ways, and in working with the school. The Pike Lake teachers put forth extra efforts to foster and develop positive, trusting relationships with the students and enhance student learning - from curricular learning experiences to the little extras that make our school a part of the larger community. And, our support staff works together to enrich the learning environment by working diligently with students and staff. Our learning environment is cared for with great pride by our custodian who makes the school shine and sparkle in appearance and sees that the processes 'behind the scenes' run efficiently. And our community members are always ready to support student learning by volunteering to help students learn in and about our local environment. Pike Lake School is a wonderful place of learning, made so by the people in and around it.

Best wishes to all Pike Lake families, staff members, and students for a joyful and healthy holiday break. I hope you enjoy a safe and well-deserved rest and our staff looks forward to resuming the school year with students on January 6, 2020!

Corinne Dutka

How might you support your child(ren) in becoming confident, capable readers? One of the most important, and easiest, ways to support this at home is to make sure that students have access to good books that they can and want to read. To do this at home:

- · Model reading.
- Read to/with your child regularly especially so over holiday breaks.
- Talk about books and 'think out loud' about books you read/ share - connections you make, what you wonder about, what you predict might happen, etc.
- Take your child to the public library this is a great way to access books without having to purchase them.
- Buy your child a book for Christmas or a book gift card. A trip to book store for your child(ren) to choose a book can be an exciting outing and picking out their own book usually sees the child choosing to read!



## **Upcoming Dates:**

Dec 19,20,21: Winter Festival of Lights
@ PLPP

Dec. 21-Jan5: Christmas Break

Jan. 6: Classes Resume

Jan. 21: SCC Meeting @ 5:30pm

Jan. 31: No School

#### **Winter Festival Of Lights**

Pike Lake Provincial Park is hosting their 1st Annual Winter Festival of Lights, taking place on December 19th, 20th & 21st, 2019. This family-friendly winter event will offer a drive-through light show, pond skating, Crokicurl, bonfires, snow-shoeing and more! Pike Lake School Students have decorated campsite #14 with all re-purposed items that were not being used anymore. Come out and enjoy some local displays and maybe play a game or two!

### **Christmas Concert Success**

Once again our K-4 students brought their best for the school Christmas concert. A lot of hard work goes into putting on a performance and our students certainly showed how talented they are!

Thanks to all the parents, family members and community members who came out to enjoy the concert.

#### With Thanks

\*\*We would like to acknowledge the PLCSA for their contribution of monetary funds for the treat bags at the Christmas concert and providing the use of the stage for our concert.

\*\*Thank you to the SCC who organized and set up the treats for the social after the evening concert. Thanks also for assembling the treat bags for the girls and boys on Santa's behalf.

\*\*Thanks as well to the SCC for their monetary support to help offset the costs of the rental of the mic/sound system.

\*\*Thank you to everyone who helped dismantle the stage and put chairs away. It was greatly appreciated!

\*\*To the students and their families who provided our staff with kind words, Christmas wishes, and yummy goodies to indulge in! We are certainly spoiled!

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mr. Bernie Howe who received a Life Membership from the Saskatchewan School Board Association for his service to schools and the division. He has been involved with the school board/division board for 28+ years.

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