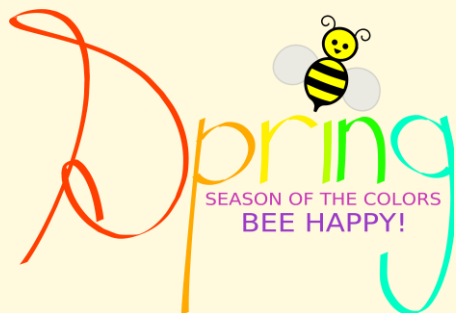


Pike Lake School Newsletter



Dates To Remember:

- May 1-30: 30x30 Challenge
- May 10: Happy Mother's Day!!
- May 15: "No School" Teacher PD
- May 18: "No School" Victoria Day

Principal's Message

A school is not just a building, a school is the people. Our students are the life of the school and we miss them! We miss you, our families too and our School Community Council! Together we have a dynamic community built on our shared care and concern for the children. Even though we are at our homes - keeping safe, maintaining routines and working, we are all joined in our common goal to support your child's well-being and learning. Our staff is working from home, continuing to support your child's learning by sending learning activities and will continue to evolve the ways we support this. Families have been following the interests, passions, curiosities of children and experiences for learning that come along in daily life. Pike Lake students are natural learners, and we thank parents for all your efforts to support your child's learning at home. Thanks to parents for what you are doing each day with your child and their learnings. We know this will vary day to day; please do what you can. Your child's teachers want to see and celebrate the children's learning - please share in any format that best suits!

Although we miss the students, our families and SCC, we are grateful that you all are safely tucked in at home. You can stay updated through our school blog on learning related information and news we receive on school re-opening.

<https://blogs.spiritsd.ca/pikelakeschool/>

We are all in this together and we are here for you. Please stay in touch with us, reach out if you need any supports - even those beyond your child's learning. We may be able to help, we want to help.

Take care,
Corinne



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We Are Here For You

During these unprecedented times, families are faced with all types of challenges. Please know that the staff of Pike Lake School is here to help in any way. If there is ANY type of support that we can help provide to you and your family, please contact Corinne Dutka at Corinne.dutka@spiritsd.ca

Tree Removal

Unfortunately the Russian Olive tree that had been planted by the swings needed to be removed. Its beauty had been enjoyed for many years but as happens in nature, its lifespan came to an end. Hopefully once back at school a new tree can be planted to take its place.

Q: Why is the letter 'A' like a flower?

A: A bee comes after it!

And Change Continues...

It is with mixed emotions that we are saying good-bye to our wonderful principal, Mrs. Corinne Dutka. Mrs. Dutka will be the new principal at Laird and we wish her all the best. It has been a privilege to have Mrs. Dutka for the past 3 years and Laird students are very lucky to be getting such a caring, enthusiastic and brilliant leader to their school.

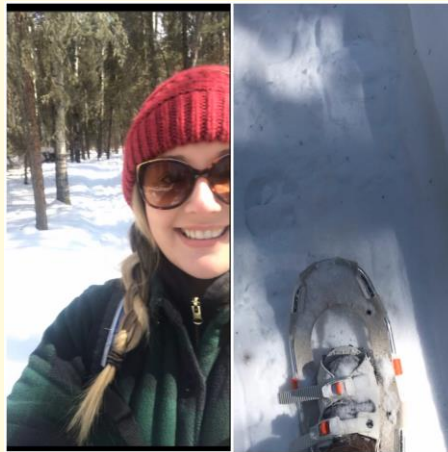
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Brian Knowles to our school community as our new principal starting in 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Knowles is currently a teacher at Osler school. We look forward to creating new and exciting learning experiences with Mr. Knowles.

Pike Lake School: #PLSnaturally learning:

Since we cannot see your wonderful faces in person, the Pike Lake Staff would like to share some of the things they are doing at home to continue their own natural learning.



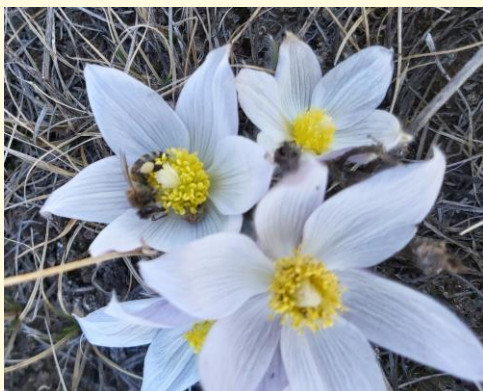
Mrs. Dutka: I have learned about growing flowers and vegetables from seed so they are ready for my garden!



Miss Picard: This was my first time snowshoeing at Candle Lake through a trail in the forest. It took a couple of minutes to get the hang of walking with the snowshoes. After trying to walk the trail without them, I realized how much they helped keep me from sinking down into the deep snow!



Mrs. Cole: My project I have been working on is refinishing a chair that I have had in the garage for a number of years. I have retied the springs - something I have never done before and painted the chair. Now I have to distress it and upholster it. Then I will be able enjoy sitting in it and reading a good book.



Mrs. K: My favourite signs of spring – a crocus with a bee- found on my noon hour walk. Can you see the pollen on its leg???



Mrs. Knittig: 'My April Morning Walk'



Mrs. Robertson: We have been heading out on walks and watching for spring to sprung!

The 30x30 Challenge is Back!!!

It's time to fall (back) in love with nature! Join us in taking the One Nature Challenge through the David Suzuki Foundation! For the month of May, we challenge you to spend 30 minutes a day in nature for 30 days to kick-start a nature habit that lasts all year-round. To participate, simply track the date, activity and time spent everyday outdoors. You can also print off the form below to help you track.

The goal is simple: to reconnect with nature for the sake of our health and mental well-being!

30 x 30 Challenge

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