

Pike Lake School Newsletter

May 22, 2020

Principal's Message

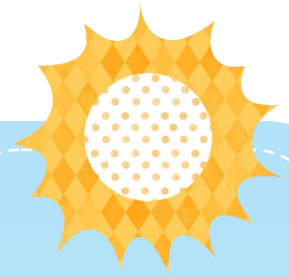
Thank you to all of our Pike Lake parents for your efforts and support with your child's learning. You have been resilient, committed and tireless through all that is being asked of you with your child's ongoing learning in this unprecedented time. You've taken opportunities in your homes and the community for your children to learn through. You've been following the student Learning Menus to keep your child further engaged and active in their own learning. You've been doing this while keeping your family connected and afloat. We appreciate communicating with you on a weekly basis through emails, phone calls and FreshGrade—our connection to you and your child is very important as we support them and you. Thank you for being true partners with us in your child's education!

Grade 4 Farewell

It is with much sadness that we will be saying farewell to our Grade 4 students as they move onto Grade 5 in Delisle. To honour their learning and special place in our school family, Pike Lake staff members are working on a farewell for these 8 students. Due to the Saskatchewan Health Authority safety policies we cannot hold a farewell assembly. Though it will not look like the traditional farewells of the past, we want to reassure our students that we are making plans to recognize them. We look forward to sharing what we are developing when we are able to in mid to late June.

Grade 4 Transition

Pike Lake Grade 4 students will be moving onto Delisle Elementary School to begin Grade 5 in the upcoming school year. Although we cannot honor the traditional way students are introduced to the Delisle Elementary School community, plans are underway for this important transition. Specific activities have not yet been determined yet, but as soon as there is news we will be in touch with Grade 4 families.



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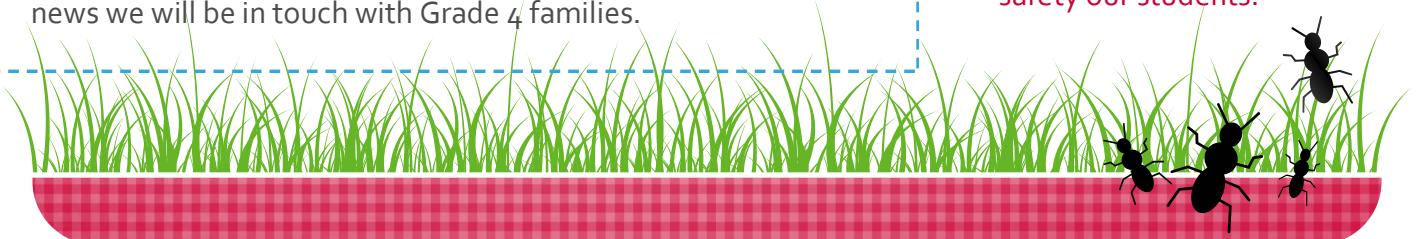
Important Dates

May 30 - 30x30 Challenge Ends

June 1 - No School - Teacher PD

Good Bye & Thank-You!

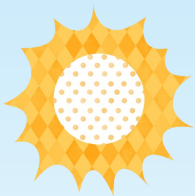
We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Shauna Lingnau for all the years she provided our students with safe transportation to and from school. Driving bus is a very important and difficult job to do and we appreciate the dedication you had to the safety of our students.



Kindergarten Registration

If your child is ready to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2020, please go to our website and click on the 'Kindergarten Registration' tab.

Here you will find the information and forms needed to register your child for the fall. Please feel free to e-mail the school with any questions.



Helping Your Child Cope

Linda Peters, our school counsellor has written an article for parents on how to talk with your kids about what they are feeling. If you are interested in reading it, please click on the following link:

[Talking With Your Child About Their Feelings](#)

2019 - 2020 Progress Reports

Progress Reports for students at Pike Lake School will be sent to parents at the culmination of this school year. We will be providing two progress reports, our regular progress report which will report on student learning and growth from September 2019 through March 13, 2020 and a second progress report specifically designed to report on supplemental learning from April through June 2020. Important information to note:

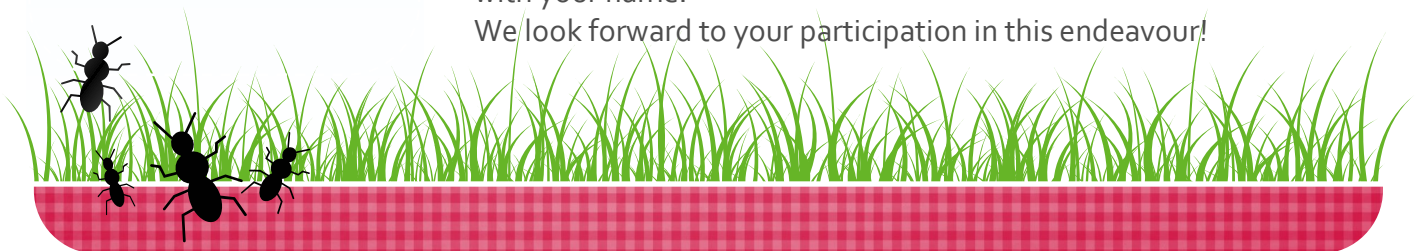
- All students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will advance to the next grade level.
- Grades on the Supplemental Learning Progress Report will be carried over from the regular progress report unless there is sufficient additional evidence obtained through supplemental learning to increase the grade.
- Supplemental Learning grades cannot be lower than they were when the indefinite suspension of school occurred

'In My Own Backyard'

Pike Lake is a special and unique community, both in location and with the amazing community members! Pike Lake School would like to create a book for our school and community that is unique to us. It is a sort of 'quarantine book', a nature book specifically for the region of Pike Lake. During this time at home, students have been engaged in numerous learning activities, both school initiated and those driven by student experience, curiosity and passion. We are asking families to send the school a photo or a drawing, showing the learning students have been engaged in. Pictures already sent to their teacher can be used. One per student is welcomed!

We are inviting community members to contribute to this historic book as well. You are welcome to contribute anything relating to nature that you have found interesting, or a connection with nature that has been meaningful to you and/or Pike Lake at this time. It may focus on flora, fauna, the community, your yard, the lake - anything related to the Pike Lake area. We will only be able to accept one submission per person. A photograph will be required and a sentence or 3 explaining the photo, the learning, what you noticed, why you found it interesting or important, etc. would be very helpful to the future readers of this book. Please send photos as a jpeg to pikelakeschool@spiritsd.ca along with your name.

We look forward to your participation in this endeavour!



Fresh Grade:

Our Grade 3 and 4 students have been busy creating surveys as part of their data collection in math. They have posted questions on Fresh Grade and would like the other students to answer and submit. If you could please check your Fresh Grade accounts and answer the questions it would greatly help them with their data collection.

30x30 Challenge

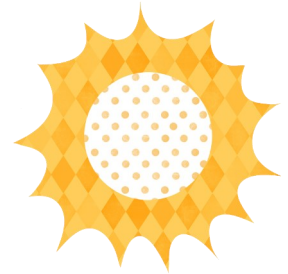


Mrs. Reed: Here I am planting some flowers with my helper, Leo.

The Pike Lake Staff wanted to share with you some of the things they have been doing during the 30 minutes for 30 days of outdoor activities. The weather so far has certainly made it easy!



Mrs. Dutka: I'm very happy to be able to spend lots of time in my garden! My favourite part is picking out all the weeds.



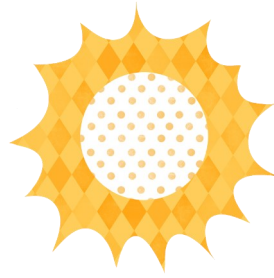
Ms. Picard:
Above: Where I go walking everyday.
Side: Enjoying a fire on my deck.



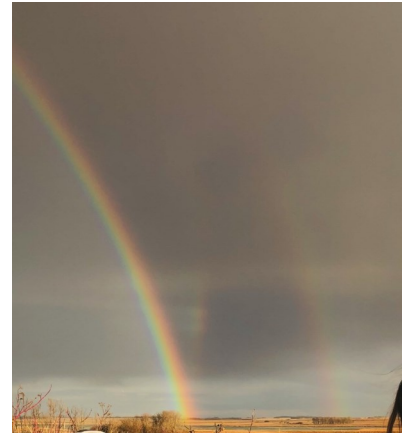
Mr. Knowles:
Hello Pike Lake! I'm looking forward to joining your learning community in August. Since classes were suspended my daughter, Georgia and I have been starting each day with a morning walk.



30 x30 Challenge Continued....



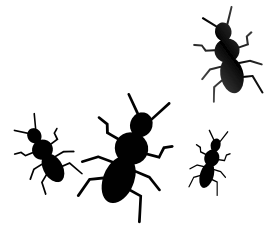
Mrs. Cole: For my 30 x 30 nature challenge I have been bird watching. So far this spring I have checked off 66 different birds on my check-list and I am looking for more!! I have seen quite a few in my own back yard.



Mrs. Robertson: I was lucky to spot a double rainbow April 25th.



Mrs. Coleman: I have been busy in my yard planting and having fun making Love Bugs for the bus!



Mrs. Knittig:
Same place, same time...
what differences do you see?



Mrs. K: Finished planting my garden...and our space tomatoes!!

