

# Pike Lake School Newsletter

## Dates to Remember

Nov. 4&5 – Phone Interviews  
Nov. 6 – No School – Day in Lieu  
Nov. 9 - No School  
Nov. 10 – No School  
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day  
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Nov. 27 – Progress Reports

## School Pictures

Picture proofs have been sent home. Please have orders returned to the school by **Tuesday, November 17**. Cheques are made out to McMasters Photographers.

## *Principal's Message*

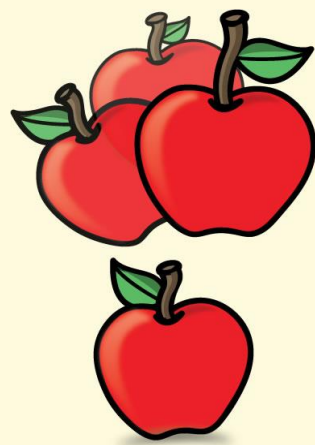
As we start the third month of school, I continue to notice the resilience and adaptability of our school community. Our students are adapting to new learning opportunities each day, whether it is through learning to use Google Classroom, or by breaking words into sounds so they can write their own stories. They are resilient in their efforts to jump back into learning after being absent from school with a cold, or by using their conflict resolution skills on the playground after an argument with a friend.

Staff are also practicing resilience and adaptability as we shift practices to accommodate new safety protocols and make learning more accessible from home. For example, Ms. Picard and I have made it so Gr.3 and 4 students can access part of their schoolwork through Seesaw and Google Classroom. Mrs. Robertson has continued to take advantage of our outdoor learning spaces, which allow students to spread out and apply their learning to the natural environment. Resilience and adaptability are important qualities for lifelong learners, and we'll continue to develop these traits as the year progresses.

By the end of this week we will have had a chance to connect by phone with each family to discuss students' learning. We will share the successes, areas for growth and next steps, as well as seek information from you. As your child's first teacher you know them as a learner, and we welcome your thoughts and ideas about how we can work together to support their learning. We look forward to these conversations and learning they will bring.

One final adaptation to point out: since we can't have a Remembrance Day ceremony with parents and guests, we will be creating a Remembrance Day video as a school. This will be posted to the class Seesaw pages. Please enjoy the video on Seesaw, but do not share it outside of the app.

Take care,  
Brian Knowles



## Progress Reports

Since we will be issuing three progress reports this year using the standard Prairie Spirit Progress Report, we wanted to go over what you can expect. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### Comments

Students will receive a comment for learning behaviours and each subject area. Our comments will provide you with a sense of what your child has been learning, as well as areas of success, areas for growth, and possible next steps.

### Grades

Students will receive a grade for each learning behaviour (sense of self, engaged citizen, lifelong learner, and work habits) and subject area. Grades you might see include:

*ME* – Missing evidence. This means the student has not yet completed enough of the learning activities to receive a grade.

*NT* – Not taught. This means that the area of the curriculum was not taught this term and/or will be reported on in another term.

*1* – Beginning: demonstrates a partial knowledge and understanding of the learning outcomes.

*2* – Approaching: demonstrates a basic knowledge and understanding of the learning outcomes.

*3* – Meeting: demonstrates a complete knowledge and understanding of the learning outcomes.

*4* – Mastery: demonstrates a deep knowledge and understanding of the learning outcomes.

These grades are intended to communicate growth and leave the door open for continued learning. If a student receives a 1 (beginning) this term, they could still receive a 2, 3 or 4 in the same area next term. It is important not to think of these grades as percentages, rather they should communicate where a student is on their learning journey at the end of each term. We would expect to see each student progress along their learning journey throughout the year.

## *PSSD Board Chair Elections- Mon. Nov 9*

Poll for election of Board Chair for Division 6 (Delisle, Vanscoy, Pike Lake) located at Delisle Town Hall.

PSSD Board Chair Candidates for Division 6 are (in alphabetical order):

Terry Brown, Bernie Howe and Shannon Wright.

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