

October 2, 2020

Pike Lake School Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 5 - Virtual Presentation/Chris Chittick
Oct 7 - Picture Day
Oct. 12 - No School - Thanksgiving
Oct. 26 - No School - Prep/PD Day
Oct. 29 - Halloween Activities
Nov 4&5 - Interviews
Nov. 6 - No School - Day in Lieu
Nov. 27 - First Progress Report

Parent and Caregiver Update from the SHA

Please follow the link to an update from the Saskatchewan Health Authority, including a description of what it's like to go for a COVID test from a child's perspective.

<https://www.spiritsd.ca/files/docs/SHA-Stakeholder-Update-Sept-10th.pdf>

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pike Lake Families,

We've had three great weeks of learning, reconnecting, and building new relationships at Pike Lake School. Many of the uncertainties we had in August have been replaced with healthy routines and updated information. The students are doing a great job of remembering to wear their masks when they can't distance, and to sanitize their hands and workspaces throughout the day. Some things look different this year, but Pike Lake School continues to be a natural place to learn. We've taken many opportunities to take our learning outside. An abundance of ladybugs has prompted exploration for the K, Gr.1 and Gr.2 students, while the Gr.3 and Gr.4 students have been investigating the properties of soil found around the school yard. We've also spent the last 30 minutes of each day outside learning together as a whole school through nature walks, art projects and activities related to what we've been learning in class. As we transition to colder temperatures, we'll continue to make use of our outdoor learning spaces, even though we may have to bundle up. It's been a busy start to the school year, and we appreciate your support. Thank you for helping us implement our Safe School Plan. Our return to school has been positive for students, and we look forward to the learning and growth this year will bring.

Take care,
Brian Knowles
Principal

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SCHOOL PICTURES

Since we can't have professional photographers come to the school, we'll have a DIY picture day at Pike Lake School on Oct 7th. We'll send families a digital copy of their child(ren)'s picture.



BECOME AN ONION!

With the fall season upon us, we know that there are temperature changes throughout the day – cool mornings and warmer afternoons! It is most important that the children be dressed appropriately AND in layers (like an onion!) to allow for these variant temperature changes. We encourage you to please help your child be comfortable with these changing temperatures by ensuring proper clothing is worn to school every day.



ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING PRACTICES

While our school is taking all necessary precautions to keep our students and staff healthy and safe, we continue to prepare for the possibility of moving to remote learning at some point in the year. Because of this, we have decided to provide three progress reports throughout the year, instead of one in June. We want to make sure you have an accurate picture of your child's progress. Also, you will notice a change to the progress report. We will be switching to a progress report that aligns more closely with other schools in Prairie Spirit. This change will support consistency and cohesion between Prairie Spirit schools. For weekly updates on your child's learning, please visit their Seesaw journal.

REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

IF we do have to switch to remote learning at some point this year, we would like to know what we can do to best support you. Please take a moment to fill out this [quick survey](#).

CHRIS CHTTICK - STORM CHASER

Chris Chittick from the Discovery Channel show "Storm Chasers" will be joining us Oct 5 for a virtual presentation on severe weather and the safety aspects of what to do, as well as talking about how not to be afraid of storms.