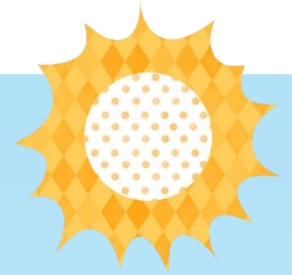


Pike Lake School Newsletter

May 31, 2021



Principal's Message

It's almost June, the Friday of the school year! It's the time of year when we look back and celebrate the learning that took place since September, and we look ahead to some well-deserved summer holidays. It has been a challenging and unpredictable year, but our students, staff and community have been there to make sure this school year was full of learning, fun, friendships, and growth.

As part of our look back over the school year we are conducting Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments for all of the Gr.1-3 classes. These assessments are required by the Ministry of Education and give us a sense of where each student is along their path to becoming an active, engaged reader. We will also be preparing the Term 3 progress reports, which will be sent home on June 28th. These progress reports will reflect learning related to curricular outcomes since the last progress report on April 1st.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome a new class of Kindergarten students for the fall of 2021! I'm sure they'll have a great start in the fall, and we look forward to welcoming them to the Pike Lake School Community. We will also be bidding farewell to our Gr.4 class, as they move on to new adventures next year in Gr.5. We are planning a Gr.4 Farewell Ceremony at the school for Friday June 25th. Unfortunately, families won't be able to attend, but we are planning to share a video of the event.

But, before we say goodbye to our Gr.4s and hello to our new Kindergartens we have an exciting month of learning ahead! Our newly expanded garden has been planted, we have painted lady butterflies ready to hatch, there are four spirit days planned throughout the month, and the weather is looking excellent for outdoor learning. It's a great time to be a learner in the Pike Lake School Community!

Have a happy June!
Brian Knowles

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Important Dates

June 4 – Backwards Day

June 7 – No School – PD/prep

June 11 – Beach Day

June 17 – Wacky Hair Day

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 25 – Formal Day

- Gr. 4 Farewell

- Report Cards

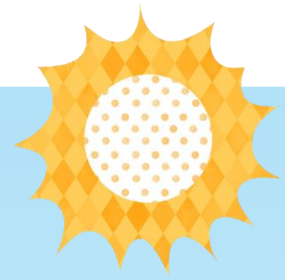
- Last Day of Kindergarten

June 28 – Last Day of School

June 29 – Last Day For Teachers

June 30 – Summer Holidays!





Grade 4 Farewell

On June 25 we will be celebrating our Grade 4 students as they get ready to move on to Grade 5. Due to Prairie Spirit Covid safety policies we cannot hold a public farewell assembly. A video of the farewell will be shared for parents to enjoy.

Thanks to the SCC for their continued support with our Outdoor Learning area. Flowers, vegetable, and herbs are being planted in our new raised garden beds.

PSSD Grant

As part our PSSD grant we are learning about plants that are native to the land and explain how Indigenous people have traditionally used those plants for food and the healing process. A couple of our new raised garden beds will be dedicated to growing native plants as well as plants that were used for medicinal purposes.

Below are just a few examples of native plants that can still be used for food and medicine:

Wild Fruit Trees: Saskatoons, Chokecherry, Raspberries
Strawberries, Buffaloberry, Blueberry

Medicinal Plants: Plantain, Sage, Stinging Nettle, Yarrow,
Wild Rose, Willow, Tansy, Wild Onion,
Cattails, Blue/Green Lichen

As a thank you to the PLCSA, students will be planting flowers in the garden beds in front of the hall. We would like to thank all the community members for their help with the rink this winter, we are so lucky to have such wonderful partners supporting our school.

Grade 3 & 4 Class Planting the Vegetable and Herb Garden Beds

