



Merry Christmas from the Staff of
Pike Lake School! May you have a
safe and happy holiday!



See you in the New Year!



Principal's Message

We've had an eventful November and December at Pike Lake School. On Nov 19th we held our second Truth and Reconciliation Day, where students participated in literacy and art activities based on the themes of respect, sharing and our relationship with the land. Our next T&R Day is planned for Jan 13th. Also in November, we held a Remembrance Day Service. Students laid wreaths, recited *In Flanders Fields*, watched a short video from the Canadian Armed Forces, and observed a minute of silence. This was the first Remembrance Day Service for many of our students and they were very respectful and thoughtful in their participation.

In December we've been taking advantage of the mild weather with tobogganing, skating, and sculpting snow. We also held our first field trip in two years with an outing to the Pike Lake Provincial Park Festival of Lights. Our students decorated our campsite, explored the other light displays, and even visited a petting zoo! Thanks to the staff, students, and families who donated decorations or helped plan, organize, and decorate our site. It looks fantastic!

2021 has been a challenging year, but it was also a year of growth and learning. As we look toward 2022, we plan to build on the strengths and accomplishments of our students by working together as a home & school community to address any challenges the new year may bring. I hope you have a fun and restful Holiday Season, with lots of time spent with the important people in your life.

Best wishes,
Brian Knowles

Upcoming Dates:



Dec. 10-12, 16-21, 28 & 29

– Winter Festival of Lights

@ Pike Lake Provincial Park

Dec. 10 – Festival of Lights Walking Night

December 17 – Last day of classes

- PJ Day

Dec. 18 – Jan 3 – Christmas Break

January 4 – Classes Resume



Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mom's Pantry and Growing Smiles Fundraiser. Some of the profits will be used to purchase extra helmets and skate helpers on skating days.

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to Dennis and Terry for their tireless work on maintaining the outdoor rink. We are so lucky to have a rink so close to use! And such dedicated volunteers making sure the ice is always in such great shape!

Thank you to all who spoiled our staff with goodies for us to enjoy this week!

WELCOME!



Students and staff of Pike Lake School would like to warmly welcome Ms. Jenna Atchison to our school. Ms. Atchison will be working as an Educational Associate at our school. We are happy to have you be part of our learning community.

Festival of Lights

Once again Pike Lake School is participating in the Festival of Lights, being held at the Pike Lake Provincial Park. Come check out **Campsite #28** and see the display the students have created using decorations that have been generously donated. We would like to thank everyone who donated items for us to use in our display. It keeps these items out of the landfill and helps us to create a fantastic display for all to enjoy!

PJ Day

On Friday, December 17 students can come to school dressed in their comfy jammies! Students can bring a small stuffie for company throughout the day. We will have a cozy day doing fun activities and maybe even a dance or two!



Dressing for the Weather

During winter we go outside for recess and curricular activities unless the combined temperatures plummet to -30 C or below, so it is *imperative* that your child is dressed for the cold. Please send your child(ren) with:

- A sweater
- warm boots
- ski pants
- winter jacket
- toque
- scarf or neck warmer
- heavy mittens or gloves

This will ensure they are able to fully engage in outdoor activities. Dressing for the weather is an important skill, thank you for helping your child develop an appreciation for how to have fun and stay safe during the winter.

Skating

Every Friday in January – weather permitting- the students will be going skating at the outdoor rink, starting at 12:45pm. We would appreciate anyone who would be able to come and help tie skates. You will need to show proof of vaccination or a negative rapid test.

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