

January Newsletter Pike Lake School

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 7&14 – Skating

Jan. 21 – Jamming Friday - am
– Rocks N Rings - pm
– No skating

Jan. 28 – Skating

Jan. 31 – No School
Semester Turn Around

Feb. 4,11,18 – Skating

Feb. 21-25 – No School
Winter Break

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful break and found somewhere warm to hunker down during the latest cold snap. Fortunately, the cold has lifted, (for now...) and we can get outside to enjoy the snow!

January will be a busy month with a variety of learning activities taking place. On Thursday Jan 13th we spent the morning outside participating in outdoor activities for our 3rd Truth & Reconciliation Day. Students snowshoed, competed in teams in "log push" (a Dene game like tug-of-war, but pushing the opposing team outside of a circle), and challenged their friends in "stick pull" (another Dene game meant to build hand strength for grabbing fish out of the water). It was a fun morning with lots of connections to the land and Indigenous pastimes.

On Friday Jan 21st we will be hosting PSSD's Jamming Friday. A band of music educators will visit our school to perform and lead our students in song and dance. The event will also be streamed to other classrooms in Prairie Spirit, so they can sing and play along. And if that's not rockin' enough, Rocks and Rings will be visiting in the afternoon on the 21st to teach us how to curl!

COVID-19

With the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and changes to testing procedures families might have questions about what to expect in the coming weeks. Please check your email for letters from Prairie Spirit that outline current procedures and expectations. Here are a few important points:

- If a student or a staff member has symptoms, they should not return to work or school until symptoms have significantly improved for 48 hours or the end of isolation date (if COVID positive or close contact) – whichever is later.

- Rapid tests are available at the school. Please let us know if you'd like a pack sent home. Frequent testing, even without symptoms, is a good way to reduce the risk of transmission.

- We have been told to prepare for the possibility of moving to online learning, fortunately, our students are familiar with Seesaw and Google Classroom and we have technology available to lend, if needed.

Thank you for continuing to monitor for symptoms and for keeping your kids home when they're sick.

Brian Knowles



Bus Note

****Please ensure that your child is dressed for the cold weather in the morning getting on the bus. This includes toque, mitts, a warm coat, ski pants and boots. If the bus were to break down, or worse, have an accident, it would only be a matter of minutes before the bus temperature would drop to close to outside temperatures. Therefore, it is important that students are wearing their outdoor clothes, not having them in their backpacks for school.**

Student Absences

If your child will be absent, arriving late or there is a change of plans after school, please notify the school in one of the following ways:

- Calling the school at **306-668-4808** - there is an answering machine if there is no one available to answer.
- An e-mail to the school: pikelakeschool@spiritsd.ca
- A written note in student agendas (daily logs)
- Please ensure that you notify the bus driver, Lori Coleman 306-292-6440 as well so that she can keep the bus on a timely schedule. The school **DOES NOT** notify the bus driver of absences in the morning as she is well on her route before staff arrives at school.

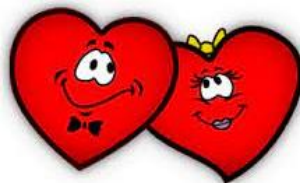
Our Future Enrollment

The five-year projected enrolment for our school is being compiled from the information we have to date, which is vital for our future planning. If you have a child or know of any families in our community that may have young children who would attend Pike Lake School within the next five years, please call Pike Lake School @ **306-668-4808** or email **pikelakeschool@spiritsd.ca**



Congratulations to our wonderful teacher, Kimberley Picard, who got married on New Year's Eve!!

We wish Mrs. Picard lots of love and happiness!



Every Friday - 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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