

PIKE LAKE NEWSLETTER



Dates to Remember

September 30 - No School

October 6 – Orange Shirt Day

October 7 – No School – PD/Prep

October 10 – No School – Happy Thanksgiving!

October 11 – No School – Day in Lieu (Day 1)

October 12 – K Day – (Day 2)

October 12 – School Pictures

October 27– Mom's Pantry Orders Due

October 28 – Halloween Dress up and activities

BECOME AN ONION!



With the fall season upon us, we know that there are temperature changes throughout the day – cool mornings and warm 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.

Mom's Pantry

The SCC are once again holding a Mom's Pantry fundraiser. Catalogues with ordering information has been sent home. All orders are due October 27 with delivery mid-November. The funds will be put towards supporting our school goals of literacy and outdoor education. Information can also be found on our blog.



School pictures will be held on
Tuesday, October 12 by
McMasters Photographers.

Principal's Message

Greetings Pike Lake Families,

I love September. As a student, and now as a teacher, September has always been a fresh start. It is when we begin new adventures in learning, develop new relationships, and settle into new routines. Over the last month the students and staff at Pike Lake School have shown courage and commitment by exploring the new opportunities and challenges each school year brings.

Our Kindergartens have bravely taken their first steps on to the playground and are figuring out how this whole school thing works. Our Gr.1 and 2 students are growing more independent in their academics and social development – communicating their feelings to their peers and practicing conflict resolution strategies. The Gr.3 and 4s are exercising their growth mindsets and taking on more leadership roles within the school, like reading the morning announcements or leading small groups.

Our staff have also embraced change this year with new opportunities for collaboration and co-teaching. Mrs. Fafard joins us one day a week for reading support and outdoor learning. On these days Mrs. Fafard works with staff in the morning to provide extra literacy support through co-teaching and small group work. Then in the afternoon, Mrs. Fafard, Mrs. Roberston, Mrs. Picard and Mrs. Knittig take the whole school outside for various outdoor learning activities.

Mrs. Neu and Ms. Amy have had an excellent start to their internships. They already have a strong rapport with the students and put great care into their planning. Getting to work with them has been a learning opportunity for all staff as we regularly get to have reflective conversations about teaching and learning.

For myself, I've been working on building more opportunities for students to have physical activity throughout the school day. We know that exercise is important for our bodies and minds, especially for kids. The Gr.1 and 2s start each day outside with 20-30 minutes of warmups and games before heading inside for reading instruction. After recess we stay outside for an outdoor math activity before heading back to the classroom for math indoors. So far, it seems to help students start the day on a positive note and have an easier time focusing in class.

I'd like to commend all our students and staff for taking advantage of the fresh start September brings by exploring new ideas and taking on new challenges. I look forward to seeing the learning and development that will happen throughout the rest of the school year.

Take care,
Brian Knowles



If you have not paid your school fees, please do so as soon as possible. These fees help to cover the costs associated with field trips and special guests. Fees are \$25 per student. Cheques are made out to 'Pike Lake School'.

Before School Supervision

Morning playground supervision starts at 8:35am. If your child is not taking the bus and is being dropped off, please do not do so until 8:35am. The safety of our students is number one and they cannot be on the playground unsupervised.



Picking up Students From School

We need to be aware of where your child is at all times during the school day. If you are picking your child up during school hours ie appointments, illness, please touch base with Mrs. Knackstedt or a teacher before taking your child. If the students are outside on recess or outdoor learning, please find a teacher to let them know your child is leaving school. Staff do not always recognize vehicles, nor have they necessarily met all the people allowed to pick up your child, so it is imperative to student safety that we know with who and when your child leaves the school.

For the safety of our students, we reserve the bus turnaround area for buses only. To pick up and drop off your child we request that you park to the north of the school yard, in the community hall parking lot. This allows the staff supervisor to be able to see the safe arrival and departure of the students in our care. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

If there is to be a change in your child's daily bussing routine it is important to let the bus driver and school know by a phone call, email or a note in your child's daily log. This alleviates any confusion at the end of the day when bus supervision can be hectic.



Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters

Orange Shirt Day is recognized on September 30th each year and is part of a larger movement in the country to provide opportunity for First Nations, governments, schools and communities to unite in a spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. This movement grew out of the account of a young girl having her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the residential school she attended in Williams Lake, B.C.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, September 30 to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Pike Lake School will be participating and acknowledging Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, October 6 to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember all children who attended them.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to all the families who supported our Terry Fox Walk on September 29. All money given is donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Thank you to the Pike Lake School Community Council and the PLCSA for co-hosting a terrific Welcome Back BBQ for our school and community. It was great to be able to get together to socialize and enjoy some delicious food. Thank you to the cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up crews who made the night such a success!



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