

Pike Lake Newsletter

October 31, 2022



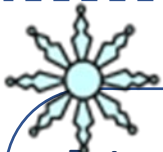
Hello Pike Lake Families,

In previous newsletters you might have seen the phrase “the five pillars of reading”. These include phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. I would like to quickly explain each area and how families can help their child(ren) develop in these areas at home.

1. **Phonological awareness** refers to the ability to recognize and manipulate sounds to make words and sentences. It is the foundation of further reading development. Students use their phonological awareness when they rhyme, separate words into syllables or individual sounds, and when they blend sounds into words. Signing and poetry are excellent ways to practice.
2. **Phonics** refers to the knowledge of how letters correspond to sounds. It can be as simple as *A is for apple* or more complex like knowing *ight* makes the same sound as *ite*. Students use phonics when they write their own stories, journal entries, or letters to friends and family.
3. **Vocabulary** is the amount of words we can understand and use. Taking a moment to explain the meaning of a new word to your child when reading a book, watching a video, or having a conversation, and then using that word later in the day is a simple way to develop vocabulary.
4. **Fluency** is our ability to read smoothly, accurately and with expression. One way to promote fluency is to read the same book several times, practicing it like a musician would practice a new song. Often, children will have a favourite book that they want to read over and over; feel free to encourage this as it will help them develop their fluency when reading aloud.
5. **Comprehension** refers to our ability to understand the content of what we read or what is read to us. The simplest way to foster comprehension is to have conversations about books; after reading with your child (or after they read to you) ask open-ended questions like, “can you tell me about your favourite part of the book?”, “what do you think will happen next?”, or “how might that character be feeling? How do you know?”.

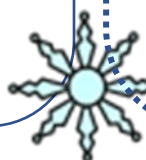
The staff at Pike Lake School love teaching children to read and are happy to talk with you about how we can work together to support your child’s reading development.

Happy reading,
Mr. Knowles



Dates To Remember

Nov. 1 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 2 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 3 – Comfy/Cozy Day
Nov. 7 – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am
Nov. 9 – No School – Teacher Prep
Nov. 10 – No School – School Holiday
Nov. 11 – No School – Remembrance Day
Nov. 18 – SCC Fall Bingo 6pm-9pm
Nov. 27 – PLCSA Craft Sale 10am-4pm



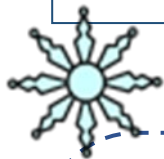
Nutrien
Feeding the Future™

Once again, Pike Lake School has received a grant from Nutrien in support of our Nutrition Program. It is because of their generosity that we have been able to supply students with snacks at school at no cost. Pike Lake School is truly appreciative of the support that has been given from Nutrien in the past years.

THANK YOU NUTRIEN!!

Student Photos

Picture proofs have been sent home. Orders are due back by Nov. 14.



Pike Lake Community & School Association Craft Sale

Once again, we will be supporting the PLCSA Craft Sale that is taking place on **Sunday, November 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The school will be providing the food and operating the concession during the sale. The students, along with their parents/guardians, will be assisting the staff and applying their academic skills at the order window. Please come down and support the PLCSA Craft Sale and our school students. Watch for an email from the school to schedule a time to help with your child at the concession!



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REMINDER

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.

Family Fall Bingo *November 18*

*At the Pike Lake hall
Doors open at 6:00pm
Balls drop at 6:45pm
Until 9:00pm or prizes
run out.*

Hosted by the
Pike Lake
SCC

*Turkey's
Cash
And other
prizes to be won!*

*Hotdogs and other
snacks along with
refreshments
will be available
through the kitchen*

50/50
*Tickets
will be
Sold*

