Pike Lake School Newsletter

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Dear Pike Lake Families,

This month we will reach two milestones in the school year: progress conferences and the term 2 report card. These are important opportunities to check in on how your child is doing as a learner and as part of the school community. It's also a time to talk about next steps in your child's learning journey.

Please contact the office to book a time for your child's progress conference. These will be held on the evening of March 21st and 22nd. We look forward to discussing your child's accomplishments and next steps as we move into the last third of the school year.

On March 17th you will receive your child's term 2 report card. Like previous PSSD Gr.1-12 report cards, learning behaviours will be communicated separately from academic achievement. Learning behaviours will be assessed on a frequency scale (consistently, usually, sometimes, and rarely). There will also be a comment for learning behaviours which will detail your child's work habits, social skills, sense of self, and the qualities that make them a life-long-learner.

On the academic side, achievement will be communicated using the following codes:

MA – Mastery: The student can transfer what they've learned to new situations or use a higher level of thinking.

PR – Proficient: The student understands what they are learning.

AP – Approaching Proficiency: The student understands the majority of what they are learning.

BE – Beginning Knowledge: The student remembers/understands some of what they are learning.

You might also see an ME, which stands for "missing evidence". This would be used for cases where students have been unable to show learning in an area (usually due to extended absences). NR stands for "not reported", which means your child's teacher is not reporting in a curricular area that term, usually because that topic will be covered in a different term. There will also be a detailed comment for literacy and numeracy describing your child's progress, strengths, and areas for growth.

The Kindergarten report card will follow its own format and will contain a detailed comment in the areas of socio-emotional, physical development, well-being, and intellectual development.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions about progress conferences or the term 2 report card. We look forward to sharing the highlights of your child's learning journey so far this year!

Mr. Knowles

Dates to Remember:

Mar. 13 – No School – Prep
Mar. 17 – Report Cards
Mar. 21 & 22 – Progress Conferences
Mar. 14-23 – Book Fair
Mar 21&22 – Book Fair Night 3:30-7pm
Mar 30 – Winter Feast Lunch 11:45am
Mar. 31 – No School – Day in Lieu

Apr. 2 – World Autism Awareness Day Apr. 7-16 – Easter Break

Our Future Enrollment

The complete 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 know of any families in our community and area that may have young children who would attend Pike Lake School within the next five years, please call Pike Lake School @ 306-668-4808.

Progress Conferences

Progress conferences will be held in person on March 21 & 22 from 3:30-7pm. Please call or email the school to book your time: <u>pikelakeschool@spiritsd.ca</u> 306-668-4808



Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school! This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held from March 14-23. There will be in-person shopping and a virtual option as well. Profits from the Book Fair allows the library to purchase needed books and educational resources . . . and it's fun! More information will follow.

Welcome Teacher Candidates

We are very fortunate to have four wonderful student teachers joining our teaching team here at Pike Lake School. We warmly welcome Miss McDonald, Miss Luu, Miss Yaqub and Mr. Young to our school family. They will be with us each Tuesday and Thursday until the end of March and will progressively increase their time teaching and learning from our seasoned staff and students. We are happy to have these upcoming teacher candidates at our school to learn from and with us!

THANK-YOU!

**Thank you for all the wonderful treats and giftcards we received in recognition of Staff Appreciation. Our commitment to you and your children is very important to us. Thank you for your ongoing support to our school and your child's education.

** Thank you very much to **Dennis and Terry** for their endless work on the ice rink. We are so lucky to have a rink this close and be able to skate as part of our school day.



FREE Community Winter Feast

Thursday March 30, 2023

We are having a meal to celebrate our community volunteers using the Seven Sacred Teachings, this will include a free lunch at 11:45am, followed by volunteer recognition and a Hoop Dancing demonstration.

Volunteers are needed to help this event be a success! If you are able to help out (we will be starting at 9:00am) please give the school a call @ 306-668-4808 or e-mail pikelakeschool@spiritsd.ca Thank you in advance for ensuring a successful event.

Remember, ALL are welcome to come out and enjoy a delicious meal!

Before and After School Program

The Before and After School Program is offering **drop-in childcare** for those times when last-minute childcare is needed. The program does require that you pre-register your child/children beforehand. Once registered, if care is needed, you would contact Tobi to ensure there is space for your child/children to attend. Regular rates would apply: \$15 for after school care for 1st child and \$7.50 for any siblings.

Please email Tobi Torresan at <u>vanscoyelc@hotmail.com</u> to register