Pike Lake School Newsletter

June 8, 2023

Dear Pike Lake Families,

This has been a year of growth for Pike Lake School!

Our learning community has expanded this year. We've welcomed new students, families, staff members, interns, student teachers, SCC members, special guests, and volunteers. We've added services by developing a partnership with the Vanscoy and Area Early Learning Centre, who provide before and after school care for our families. We've also developed our intercultural understanding by hosting traditional knowledge keepers to help us along our path to Truth and Reconciliation, which included hoop dance and teepee raising. Each of these additions to our community has had a positive impact the learning of our students, whether through direct teaching, providing care, or building relationships.

Recent renovations are causing our school to grow as a place of inclusion and accessibility. These renovations will ensure that any person regardless of ability will be welcomed at Pike Lake School for years to come. We look forward to using our new library and an additional breakout space that we will tailor to suit the needs of our students (ex. sensory activities, body breaks, and small group work). Perhaps the most notable growth has been in the academic, personal, and social achievement of our students. The Pike Lake staff would like to congratulate our students on the many accomplishments they've achieved over the last 10 months! They have taken countless tiny steps (and some big leaps!) toward their goals. Throughout the year they have worked to keep a growth mindset, encourage their peers, and care for our local environment. We are so proud of each of you! To our Gr.4s, we will miss you and wish you all the best in Gr.5!

Pike Lake School is a natural place to learn because we know that all our students are natural learners who thrive on curiosity, challenges, and encouraging support. I hope you all have a fun and restful summer; we'll see you back in September!

Brian Knowles, Principal

Grade 4 Farewell

On June 16 @ 11am we will be celebrating our Grade 4 students as they get ready to move on to Grade 5. Students will be relaxing and watching a movie in the afternoon.



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Important Dates

June 16 – Gr. 4 Farewell 11am

- 'Bikes For Books' Draw

June 18 – Happy Father's Day!

June 20 – Gr. 2,3,4 Swimming

- Gr. K,1 Field Trip

June 22 – Play Stations pm.

June 21 — National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 28 – Last Day of Kindergarten

June 29 – Last Day of Classes

- Report Cards

June 30 – Last Day For Teachers

July 1 – Summer Holidays!

Sept. 5 – First Day of Classes



Play Stations

Students will spend the afternoon on June 22 participating in Play Stations. We will be welcoming Delisle Grade 4's to join us! Please make sure your child has a hat and a water bottle for that day. Chances are very good that they will be getting wet that afternoon so a towel and a change of clothes would be a good idea!!!!

Chicks

In the beginning of May our students had a great opportunity to watch as new life happens! We have watched as our eggs hatched into baby chicks. With such close access to these creature's life cycles, students' curious inquiries have opened the door to excellent teaching moments. We are so grateful to have these natural teaching and learning opportunities at our school each year!



Thanks to all who helped to make another Mug 'N Muffin a success. It was wonderful to see people finding homes for the books that have been weeded out of our library!



Thanks to the SCC for their continued support with our Outdoor Learning area. Flowers & bee gardens are being planted in our raised garden beds.

Thank you to the students who planted flowers in the flowerpots in front of the hall. We are so lucky to have such a great facility to be able to have our gym and special activities at. It is truly wonderful to have partners like the PLCSA supporting our school.

Reminder that June 20 is the deadline to register your child for September 2023 Before and After School Program. Contact Tobi: vanscoyelc@hotmail.com



A huge THANK YOU goes to the members of the Goose Lake Masonic Lodge for continuing their Literacy Program for Kids. To promote reading and literacy, they once again donated a bike to our school to be given away to one lucky student!

The reading challenge began June 1 and concludes with the draw for the bike on June 16. This reading challenge is for all grades. Entry ballots are attached. An entry can be made for every book or for every 15 minutes that the children read. Students can fill in their name and parents initial the ballot. Once initialed, the students can put it in the draw for a chance to win the bike.

Reading is part of our everyday school lives, but it is important to try to make reading part of our enjoyment outside of school. The more you read the more chances you have to win!

