

Newsletter **Pike Lake School**
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Upcoming Events

Oct 6 – No School: Teacher Prep

Oct 10 – No School

Oct 25 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Oct 26 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Oct 27 – No School – Day in Lieu

Oct 31 – Costume Day – Dress-up & Activities in Afternoon

Principal's Message

Hello Pike Lake Families,

I hope you have had a good start to the school year! September is a month of new beginnings and the students and staff at Pike Lake School have been busy building new relationships and learning new routines. Our school has grown slightly since last year, we now have 46 students and nine staff. We also have new members in our Before/After Care Program, which has doubled its numbers since last year. As our learning community continues to grow we benefit from the experience, diversity, and new relationships this brings.

Our school goal work this year will be focused on two areas that align with Prairie Spirit's Strategic Plan, they are "successful learners" and "safe relationships". On the "successful learners side" we will continue to focus on literacy and outdoor learning. We know that foundational skills in reading and writing set kids up for success later in life, and we also want them to have a strong connection to their community and environment. To support "safe relationships" we will focus on emotional/social learning at each grade, with the goal of each student being able to express their social, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs.

It's going to be a great year at Pike Lake School!

Brian Knowles (he/him)
Principal, Pike Lake School

Student Absences

If your child will be absent, arriving late or there is a change of plans after school, it is important that you notify the school as well as your bus driver. Please notify the school in one of the following ways:

- Sign into **Edsby** and enter the absence for your child.
- An e-mail to the school: pikelakeschool@spiritsd.ca
- Call the school at **306-668-4808** - there is an answering machine if there is no one available to answer
- A written note in student agendas (daily logs).

Welcome!

PLS is happy to welcome Ms. Paige Anderson who will be teaching on Kindergarten days! We are glad to have you join our learning community.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the SCC and PLCSA for all their help with the Welcome Back BBQ. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout.

Edsby Update

Edsby is a student information system used by most school divisions in Saskatchewan. It is used to communicate between the school and home about activities happening at school as well as student attendance and progress. Edsby can be accessed via an app or website. It can be used to:

- Enter your child's absence
- Book parent/teacher interviews
- View newsletters and calendars
- View report cards

As a parent with the app, you will have access to all your children in one spot, even if they go to different schools.

Pike Lake School will continue to use SeeSaw for sharing students' work and progress in classes.

To minimize the number of emails being sent out, our goal is that by January newsletters and calendars will only be accessible through Edsby.

We strongly encourage at least one parent to accept their invitation to Edsby. If you accidentally decline the invitation or if the invitation gets sent to a spam folder, contact the school and we can resend the invitation.

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

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 26 from 3:30-7pm. Bookings can be done through Edsby or by calling the school 306-668-4808. Instructions on how to book through Edsby are attached or Ctrl Click on the following link:

[Parent Instructions](#)

Bookings will start Oct. 5

SCC News:

Please see attached document to view the School Community Council Progress Report for 2022/2023 or Ctrl Click on the following link:

[SCC Yearly Report 2022-2023](#)

Mom's Pantry:

The SCC are once again holding a Mom's Pantry fundraiser. Catalogues and paper order forms will be sent home Oct. 3. Online ordering is easier than ever:

- 1.) Go to momspantry.ca, add items to your cart.
- 2.) On checkout, enter the group name or Order Number and Group Passcode below, along with the Seller's Name.
- 3.) Complete Payment

Orders are due: **Oct 27**

Group Name: Pike Lake School

Order Number: 378964

Group Passcode: 33693