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Upcoming Events:

September 27

School wide Terry Fox Walk at
1:00 pm

September 28

Gr. 5 & 6 Soccer Tournament

October 4

Grade 4 Assembly

October 5

No School for Students

October 8

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 10

Parent/Teacher/Student
Conferences (3:30 – 6:30 pm)

October 11

Parent/Teacher/Student
Conferences (3:30 – 6:30 pm)

October 25

School Photo Retakes

The signs of fall are definitely here; falling leaves, cooler temperatures, back to school and our annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast! It was nice to see so many of our Prairie View families at our breakfast last Friday morning. Thank you to our staff who organized and served the breakfast and thank you to our SCC for helping to cook the ham. We strive to provide many opportunities to connect with our families and the community. The home and school is a very valuable and important partnership.



Caring to Learn Learning to Care

*Mrs. Janice Key
Principal*

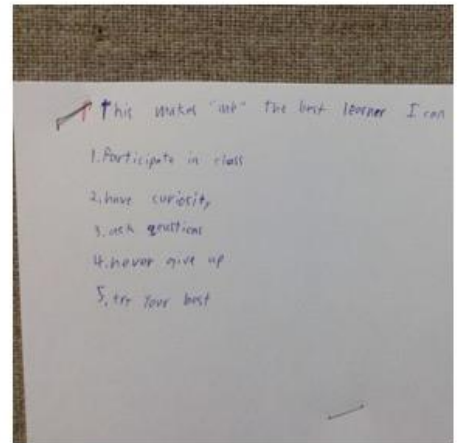
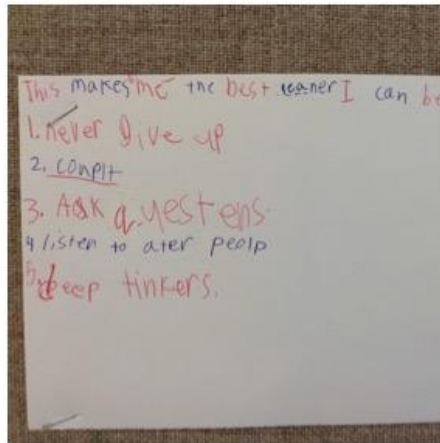
*Mrs. Lesa Heath
Vice-Principal*

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHT

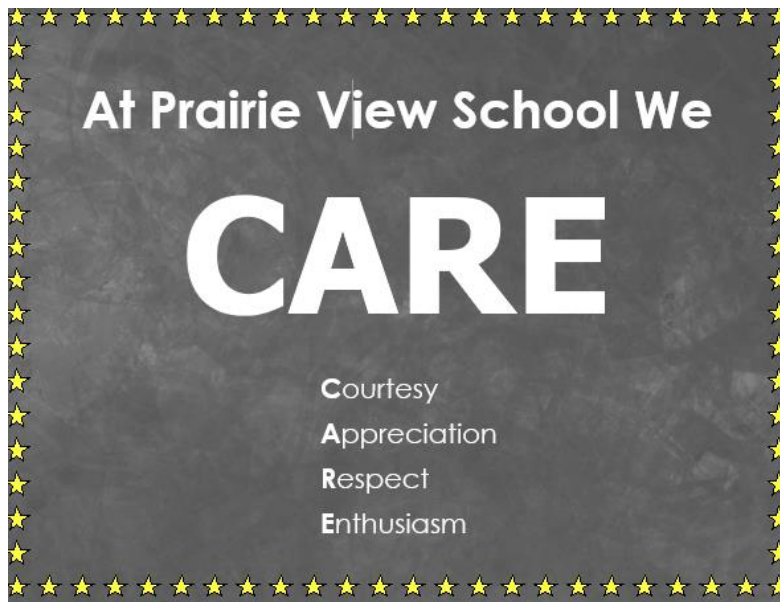
Each month we will feature one or two classrooms. This month we present Grade 5 Coates:

What a start we have had in 5C!

In three weeks of school we have welcomed two new students to our classroom, both are boys named Jordan and Landyn. Besides that, we have had the opportunity to get acquainted with a new set of CARE Buddies from 2/3 Fichtner and we have had the chance to spend several opportunities reading, playing games and doing puzzles with them. The kids are very excited to see what this year brings with their new classroom, and also their new friends.

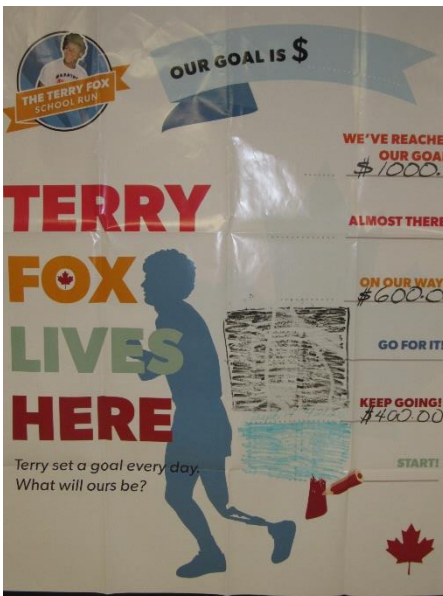


In 5C we are working on becoming curious learners and deep thinkers. We have been working on adapting to new challenges and new environments, including the chance to work in our classroom but also some outdoor ed. The students have all opened this year with a new set of responsibilities but also a new set of opportunities. This month will enable the students to partake in their first Wild West Soccer Classic in Dalmeny that many schools from the division attend. Along with that some students will be going to Delisle to partake in their first division wide cross country meet. The start of grade 5 has been amazing and we look forward to a great year in 5C!



IN MOTION

Wednesday In Motion activities will begin again on October 3rd at 8:10 am. Mr. Fisher will kick off the season with Karate. Due to Parent/Teacher conferences on October 10th, there will be **no In Motion on October 10th.**



TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER

PVS is once again collecting money for Terry Fox cancer research. To date we have collected \$578.90. We have a school goal of \$1000.00 to be collected by **September 27th**, 2018.

Dalmeny is always a very giving and supportive community. We have no doubt we will meet our goal. Come on Prairie View, keep those donations rolling in!



SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The 19th Annual Wild West Soccer Tournament will be held on **Friday, September 28**. The tournament is for Grade Five and Six students. We will have a total of 24 teams from Prairie View and various schools from across the division. We will be setting up 6 Grade 5 soccer fields and 6 Grade 6 fields. Thank you to the Town of Dalmeny and the Cindy Keet from the Dalmeny Minor Soccer Association for your help.

The Grade Five and Six classes will be organizing the concession. Thanks to Kim Slobodian, Scott Burant and Tracey Zak-O'Neill for organizing the parent volunteers. An email from the school asking for volunteers was sent this week. We appreciate all the help needed to make a huge event like this happen for our school community.

The tournament runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please come by and cheer on the teams! Next week, the students will be given a schedule, map and concession price list.

CROSS COUNTRY

Prairie View's Cross Country team this year consists of 13 students from grade 5 and grade 6. The students have been practicing for 2 weeks now and have slowly worked their way up from running 1.5 km to 2.5 km. The students practice 4 times a week running either first thing in the morning at 8 a.m., or at morning recess. Practices take place Monday to Thursday.

The kids have been training hard and have all managed to improve on their personal best times. We will be going to Delisle for the division meet on October 3rd where the grade 5 students will be expected to run 2 km and the grade 6 students will be expected to run 3 km.

Lee Coates and Aaron Schafhauser



*A warm welcome to Mrs. Jennifer Berg
who just joined
our staff as an Educational Associate.*

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Our **Grades 1 – 6** conferences will be on **Wednesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 11** from **3:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Kindergarten conferences will be later near the beginning of November to allow for more time between the Kindergarten home visits and the conference. Information for Kindergarten parents will be sent in the next few weeks

Parents will book student progress conferences online. We will send a separate email next week to notify you that bookings are open. The email will also include instructions for how to book online.

During this set of conferences, we want to meet with all parents and students. The focus of these conferences is to continue to build the home and school connection and to share accomplishments and goals.

Please call the office if you have any questions.



EDUCATION WEEK

This year Education Week runs from October 14-20. This year's theme is, "A World of Learning for Every Student". The Education Week committee is in the process of planning a fun filled week of activities. Please stay tuned for more information!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies/dayplanner fees are due next Friday, September 28. Thank you to those who have already paid. Cheques will be deposited the first week in October.

NUT ALERT



Please remember that PVS is on Peanut/Nut Alert. Help us to keep all our children safe by checking labels when packing lunches or bringing food to school.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – “Enchanted Forest of Books”

Our first Scholastic Book Fair will be held October 16 – 18, and will be open for purchasing from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 17 and 8:30 am to 12:15 on Thursday, October 18. The SCC will also host a **shopping evening from 6:00 – 7:30 on Wednesday, October 17.** Each classroom will have a chance to visit the Book Fair during the school day and make purchases if they wish. Thank you to our SCC and parent volunteers who help run the book fair.

Tuesday, October 16

Previewing Day

Wednesday, October 17

Previewing and Shopping Day for K

Shopping Day for Grades 1-6

(as scheduled by classroom teacher)

Thursday, October 18

Shopping Day for Grades K-6 (as scheduled by classroom teacher)

Parents are very welcome to visit the Book Fair and enter their child's name in the Family Door Prize. The ballot is on the back of the flyer your child will receive on Preview Day.

HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTION



We want to start off the year by **reading, reading, reading!** We have for you a reading bingo! Please spend some time reading each evening with your child. When you have completed the bingo sheet with them, and you have signed it, return it to school for a chance for your child to win a prize. We are asking that the completed bingo sheets be handed in by **October 15st**. Happy Reading! We look forward to hearing about your at home reading adventures!

READING BINGO

Read for 20 minutes	Check out a book from the library	Read a biography	Read a fiction book	Go outside and read
Read a newspaper	Read with a flashlight	Read for 10 minutes	Read a book that has won an award	Read on a comfy chair
Read to a parent or adult	Read on the couch	Free Space	Read in your pajamas	Read a book with no pictures
Read a poetry book	Read a non-fiction book	Read 3 books by the same author	Read for 30 minutes	Read a chapter book
Read 5 picture books	Read under a blanket	Read for one hour	Read by a tree	Read with a friend or sibling



School Community Council Update

The Prairie View School's Community Council (SCC) welcomes all parents to another school year! If you are a new parent to our community we invite you to contact one of our members or message us on Facebook to learn more about our school and our community.

Your 2017-18 council includes:

- Melissa Buhler
- Scott Burant, chair
- Crystal Derksen
- Jennifer Doerksen
- Lesa Heath, vice-principal
- Janice Key principal
- Tara Mayor
- Amy McNeil
- Carlena Scriven
- Rona Roth, teacher
- Tracy Wright, vice-chair
- Anna Zoller, secretary

Our mission is to strengthen the capacity of Prairie View School to improve student learning by helping families to support their children's learning and by gathering resources of the community to ensure student well being. We hope to develop shared responsibility for the learning success and well-being of all children and youth and encourage and facilitate parent and community engagement in school planning and improvement processes.

On September 19 the SCC held our first meeting of the 2018-19 school year. The first meeting consisted of meeting with George Janzen, Board member from Prairie Spirit School Division Board of Education, developing our calendar of events & budget and a school report. Our council will continue to provide support for the Book fairs, Book Swap, Kindergarten workshop, activities for parents, and support for students, teachers and the school goals. To shake things up a bit, we will be holding our annual **family dance on October 25** this year. We hope we see many families that evening. More information will follow.

This year we are focusing on parent engagement. One event we encourage parents to attend is a workshop for parents **Social Media Awareness + Parenting in the Digital World**. This is being held on October 2, 7-8:30 PM at Martensville High School. Email erin.olexyn@spiritsd.ca to RSVP and reserve your spot. Childcare is provided.

Our next meeting will take place at **6:30 PM on November 15th**. This meeting is our annual appetizer meeting where everyone brings an appetizer to share. Free childcare is provided and all parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Scott Burant, SCC Chair

 **We're on Facebook!**



Social Media Awareness + Parenting in the Digital World



PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!
Childcare will be provided; please RSVP

Tuesday, October 2
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Martensville High School Theatre
150 Mike Sands Boulevard, Martensville

With society heading in the direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology?

The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come.

Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more!

Social Media Update – The most current apps and trends in their social media lives

Pick Your Battles! – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promoting independence while taking a strong stance on certain subjects

Current Research – Brain development and technology, violent video games

Digital Footprint and Reputation – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note. What will they find? What will they leave behind?

Tips and Tricks to Use at Home

Please email: erin.olexyn@spiritsd.ca to RSVP and reserve your spot!



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018



HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

MOVIE NIGHT

DALMENY BIBLE CHURCH
DOORS OPEN 6PM
MOVIE STARTS 6:30PM
ENTRY BY DONATION
CONCESSION AVAILABLE

WEAR YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

PROCEEDS GO TO DALMENY SPRAY 'N PLAY

Home & School

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SHORT NOTES

Attendance adds up

Students who attend school regularly tend to have better attitudes toward school—and they're more likely to read at grade level. Try to schedule your child's doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours. Also, be sure to create a backup plan for getting her to school if she misses the bus or you can't drive her.

The importance of integrity

What would your youngster say if a classmate asked him to cheat? Talk to him about how to respond if he's pressured to share answers or let others copy his work. For example, he could say, "Let's study together so we both do well," or "I don't want to risk getting a zero."

DID YOU KNOW?

The average child with a parent in the military moves every two to three years. Encourage your youngster to introduce herself to all new students. If you're a military family, contact your school liaison officer and the school counselor about programs available to help your child adjust.

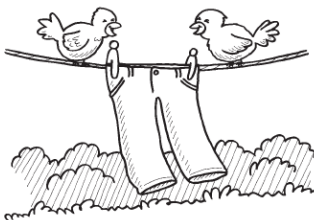
Worth quoting

"All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind." *Martin H. Fischer*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What has two legs but doesn't walk?

A: A pair of pants!



A great beginning

The story of your child's school year is about to unfold. A strong opening chapter will help to set the tone for a great year. Try these strategies.

Introduce the characters

Your youngster's teacher will play an important role in his life this year. Write her a short note, and attach a picture of your family. You might mention your child's hobbies, favorite school subjects, and family members' names. Also, find out how the teacher prefers to be contacted. Getting to know each other now will help you work together in future "chapters."

Get to know the setting

Invite your youngster to tell you about his classroom, the library, and other places at school. What decorations hang on the walls? What books or games are on the shelves? When possible, see for yourself by going to events like book fairs and



math nights. *Idea:* Encourage him to draw you a picture of his classroom to hang on the refrigerator.

Enjoy the plot

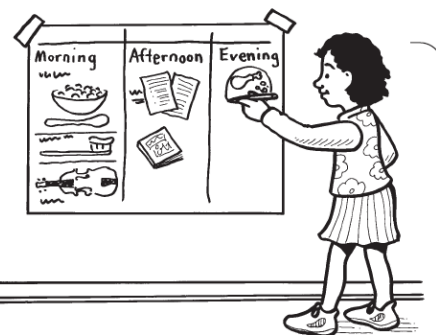
Attend back-to-school night to find out what your child will learn this year. Then, plan family outings or activities related to the topics. If he'll study your state's history, you could visit historic sites. Or if there's a plant unit, let him help you work in the garden or plant seeds in pots. ♥

Routines that stick

Little habits make a big difference in the kind of day you and your youngster have. Here are things each of you could do to create routines for smooth days.

Your child can: Make a picture chart of what she needs to do every morning, afternoon, and evening. She might draw a backpack as a reminder to show you papers she brings home. A picture of a violin could prompt her to practice her instrument.

You can: Have her go to bed in time to get 9–11 hours of sleep and to eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. Set aside downtime after a busy day (perhaps 20 minutes when she gets home) so she'll be recharged for homework, chores, and family time. ♥



Strengthen social skills

School is more pleasant for everyone when children share classroom materials and compromise to solve problems. Consider this advice for improving your youngster's social skills so she learns to get along with others now and later.

Practice sharing

Do activities with your child that require sharing. For example, color together, and let her



practice asking for the purple or the green crayon nicely. She could say, "May I use that when you're done?" And you might reply, "Sure, I'll give it to you as soon as I finish coloring this dragon."

Learn to compromise

Your youngster and her classmates may disagree on how to approach a group project or a science experiment. Help her prepare by looking for ways to find middle ground at

home. Say she and a sibling argue over what book they'd like you to read at bedtime. They could take turns choosing a story every other night or ask you to read one chapter from each book. If they can't compromise, offer a suggestion like reading a book you pick. ♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Outdoor magic

I used to play outside all the time when I was little, but my sons never seem interested in leaving the house. One day, while reminiscing with my sister about all the fun we had outdoors as kids, an idea struck me.

I labeled a

bin "Outdoor fun" and put it near the front door.

Then, I asked my boys

to fill it with

things to play with outside. They found a yo-yo, balls, a Frisbee, a jump rope, and sidewalk chalk. I added a magnifying glass, a jar for collecting rocks and other treasures, and a bucket and shovel for digging in the dirt.

Having this bin in plain sight reminds my sons how much fun it is to play outside. I love seeing them using their imaginations outdoors and getting exercise. And surprisingly, they're not asking for screen time as often. ♥



Q & A

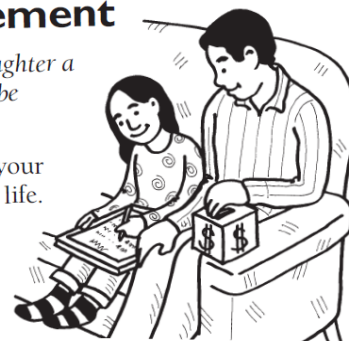
Smart money management

Q: We've started giving our third-grade daughter a small allowance. How can we teach her to be responsible with her money?

A: Learning to manage money wisely will give your youngster financial skills to use throughout her life.

Encourage her to write a budget for herself. She could list inexpensive items she asks you to buy for her, such as hair accessories or slime-making supplies. She can also include something she wants to save up for and gifts she'd like to buy others for birthdays and holidays.

Help your daughter look up prices of the items. Then, she should decide how much money to save each week. Consider letting her open a savings account, too. You can show her how to check the balance—she'll feel pride as she watches her savings grow. ♥

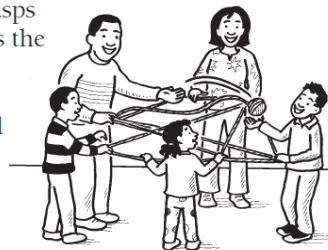


ACTIVITY CORNER

Attention stretchers

Boost your child's attention span with these hands-on ideas that use everyday materials:

- Create a "spiderweb." Have everyone stand in a circle with one person holding a ball of yarn. That person grasps one end of the yarn and tosses the ball to any other player. Your youngster must pay attention so he'll be ready when the ball comes his way. Toss it back and forth enough times, and your child will be delighted by a giant web of yarn!



- Try this classic game that requires focus. You'll need three cups and a small toy like a plastic frog. While your youngster watches, put the toy under one cup. Now slide the cups around for 30 seconds, constantly mixing up their order. Can your child tell you which cup the toy is under?

Then, let him try to stump you. *Idea:* For a bigger challenge, increase the time or add more cups. ♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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