

# Prairie View School

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Spring is right around the corner and it sure is welcome after the bitter February! Time to start looking for those rubber boots and splash pants.

This **Friday, March 22** the Grade 1 – 6 progress reports will be coming home.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences are by teacher or parent request on **Thursday, March 28 from 3:15 – 8:00 pm**. An email from the school will be sent with information for booking a time on-line with your child's teacher. Parents can also call the office to book at conference time.

This school year is certainly flying by!

*Mrs. Janice Key*  
*Principal*

*Mrs. Lesa Heath*  
*Vice-Principal*

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## Upcoming Events:

### March 22

Gr. 1 – 6 Progress Reports

Gr. 5 & 6 Curling Bonspiel

### March 25

No School – Day in Lieu for Evening Conferences

### March 28

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (3:15 – 8:00 pm)

### April 18

Easter Hat Day

### April 19

No School – Good Friday and Spring Break Begins

### April 29

First Day Back After the Spring Break

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## KINDERGARTEN CLASS HIGHLIGHT (Mrs. Dahl)



I am lucky enough to get to spend my days with the youngest kiddos in our school. I just love watching these little ones show growth every single day. They are practicing important life skills like taking turns and being kind to one another while also growing academically when they work with patterns, numbers from 1 to 10 and recognizing and using print in their world.

It has been exciting to hear the many stories they have been sharing with each other while we explore storytelling through play. Many projects we have done this year have been sparked by their interests, such as a study about habitats and food chains after several students started making animals during an opportunity to create with clay.

Once we start to see some consistently nicer weather, we are going to be taking some learning walks to visit places in our community. Because we will be learning about places and workers in our community, I thought it would be great to share what the Kindergarten kids want to be when they grow up. The sky is the limit for these little stars!

A policeman ~ H.T.	A restaurant person ~ L.G.	A teacher ~ D.D.	A fashion girl ~ V.S.	An Olympics Gymnast ~ B.L.	A teacher ~ W.Va.
A teacher ~ P.P.	A shopkeeper ~ M.C.	A policeman ~ W.Ve.	A security guard ~ C.M.	A firegirl ~ P.K.	A police officer ~ L.R.
I don't know yet ~ K.M.	Work with my daddy at the shop ~ L.R.	A hunter ~ S.B.	A firefighter and a construction worker ~ C.T-R.	A baby Doctor ~ K.M.	I will be 6 when I grow up ~ A.E.
A farmer ~ T.E.	Everything ~ T.B.	A party planner ~ E.D.	An army man ~ L.G.	A miner ~ N.T.	A toy maker ~ Li.B.
A game creator ~ Z.S.	I guess an NHL player ~ M.R.	A person that does work ~ C.U.	Take care of sharks ~ M.C.	A baker ~ R.O.	An artist ~ L.J.
Maybe a pilot ~ T.L.	A shop worker ~ La. B.	A horse rider ~ A.N.	A cowgirl ~ L.W.	A McDonald's worker ~ P.D.	A mom ~ P.E.

## Kindergarten Clay Animals:



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020



We continue to update our list of kindergarten children for the upcoming school year. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2019, please contact the school and register them for the 2019-2020 school year. This is important information for planning programs,

budgeting and staffing for the upcoming year. Parents will be contacted later in the spring regarding our Kindergarten Orientation Day in June.

If you know of friends or neighbors who have kindergarten aged children, please share this information with them.



Hot Lunches: April 5 (Vern's Pizza)

April 12 (Hot Dog)

May 10 (Healthy Hunger Baba's Perogies)

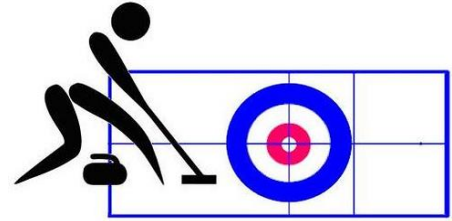
May 24 (Subway)

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## GRADES 5 & 6 CURLING "FUNSPIEL"

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> Prairie View School will hold a curling "Funspiel" for grade 5 and 6 students at the Dalmeny Curling Rink. All students will be placed on a team to play a total of 3 games for the day. Information has already been sent home with the students.



A variety of prizes will be distributed at the end of the day. We would like to thank the concession organizers Kerry Meyers, Pam Wiens, Jenn Bolld, Bernice Klimm and their committee for buying food, prizes and helping out in the booth. A thank you as well to those parents who have already volunteered to send baking and to help out on the ice and assist the students. Please contact the office if you are able to help. We appreciate and value all our parent volunteers who help make these big school events such a success!



*Thank you to the Town of Dalmeny for the use of the skating and curling rink facilities. We feel so fortunate to have close and easy access to the rinks to help support our Phys. Ed program. Grades 1 - 6 students enjoyed skating and grades 4 - 6 learned how to curl.*

## IN-MOTION

Prairie View In-Motion mornings are coming to an end. The last morning was Wednesday, March 13th. After that, the Wednesday mornings will be dedicated to Marafun training only.



A huge thank-you goes out to our Grade 6 leaders, Bennett, Brooklyn, Tobyn, and Evelyn for all their enthusiasm and support this year. As well, a big thank-you to all the Prairie View students who came out and supported our fun. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the new school year.

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## MARAFUN

The Prairie View **Marafun** training is once again about to begin. Beginning the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>, a number of PVS students will be running 4 km a week. On May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the students will run their last 2.2 km in Saskatoon at the **Marafun** marathon, to complete the 42km race.



This is an enjoyable and exciting time for everyone. We look forward to a fun and active few weeks.



The SRC would like to thank you for your participation in our dress up week. We were proud to present a cheque to Telemiracle for a total of \$512.80!!!

Raffle prizes were handed out this week, and grade 4R will be choosing an up coming dress up day for raising the most money.

Stay tuned for the kick off of our final school fundraiser occurring in April! We hope you like cookies!!



# PVS Spring Showcase

*An evening to show case Prairie View student talent!*

We are excited to be hosting another student talent evening on **Wednesday April 10 at 6:30**. Spring Showcase gives students an opportunity to show off their talents to our school community. We have so many talented students at our school and we look forward to celebrating them and the arts.

Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Boyko



## A Home and School Connection

*Ask Me About...*

*Ask me about...the Green Games Assembly*

- Tell me 3 things about the Green Games at school.

*Ask me about... Reading*

- If you could change the title of the book you are reading, (or a book that was read to you) what would you change it to and why?

*Ask me about...Our School Goal – Students will feel valued for who they are and the contributions they make to our school and community.*

- How did you show kindness or love today to someone who needed it?

*Ask me about... my physical education*

- What was the best thing about gym this week?

# Home & School

## Working Together for School Success

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#### SHORT NOTES

##### Display schoolwork

Saving work your youngster brings home is one way to show her that school is important to you. Consider creating a hallway gallery of framed papers and artwork, or store her work in a coffee-table binder. *Tip:* Take photos of her sculptures, dioramas, and other 3-D projects. Display the photos, or add them to her binder.

##### A list-making habit

Get your child in the routine of making checklists in a student planner or notebook. Suggest that he write down tasks in the order he needs to complete them. Encourage him to check off each item as he tackles it—he will enjoy a sense of satisfaction as his list grows shorter.

##### Promote a work ethic

A good work ethic, or a belief in the value of hard work, will make your youngster better at any job she undertakes. Develop this trait by giving her regular chores like taking out the recycling or sweeping the floor. Then, let her know how her contribution makes a difference. (“The kitchen looks nice and tidy thanks to you!”)

##### Worth quoting

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?” *Dr. Seuss*

#### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** “I pass before the sun but make no shadow. What am I?”

**A:** The wind.



## Be a STEM thinker

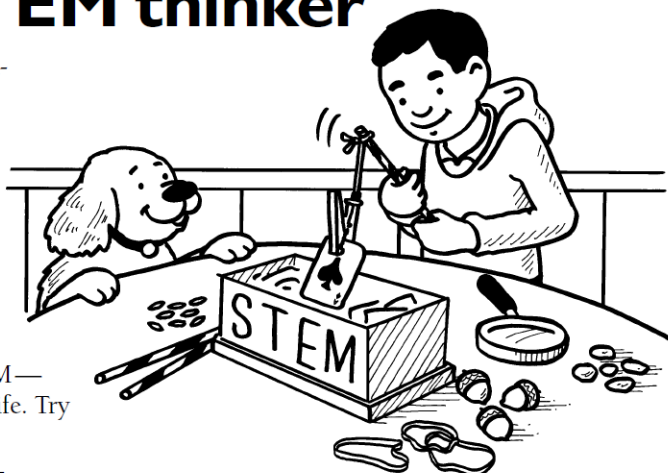
With science, technology, engineering, and math jobs in demand, STEM is a hot topic these days. Being a curious, critical, creative thinker who can solve problems will help your child do well in STEM—and in every area of life. Try these ideas.

##### Wonder out loud

Bring out your youngster’s natural curiosity by discussing what you’re curious about. (“I wonder why rainbows are curved and not straight.”) Then, he could experiment to find out. Perhaps he’ll create his own rainbows using a flashlight, a mirror, and a pan of water.

##### Make a “tinker box”

Your child will use critical thinking skills by tinkering with natural objects and loose parts. In a shoebox, let him collect items like pebbles, acorns, seeds, straws, rubber bands, and clothespins.



He could add new objects as he finds them. Maybe he’ll design a “claw machine” that picks up small objects or examine an acorn under a magnifying glass.

##### Promote problem solving

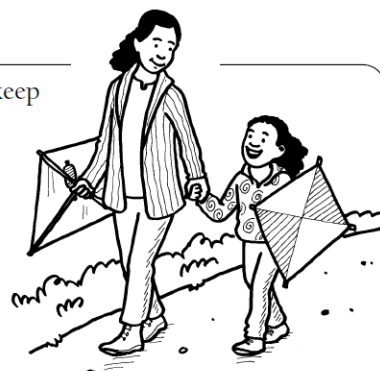
Treat everyday problems as learning opportunities. Say the TV remote won’t work, even though you just replaced the batteries. Have your youngster think of solutions and test them. He might check that the batteries are inserted correctly, try batteries he’s sure are fresh, or turn the TV off and on again. ♥

## Parent-child chats

Regular conversations with your youngster keep the two of you close—and build her language skills. Here are suggestions for making chats more meaningful.

• **Phrase questions thoughtfully.** Questions that require more than a one-word answer will lead to more informative answers. Try “What made you laugh today?” rather than “Did you have a good day?”

• **Show you’re paying attention.** It’s easy for busy parents to respond out of habit without focusing on what youngsters are really saying. Instead, look your child in the eye, and stop to consider her words. She’ll know that what she has to say matters to you. ♥





## Learning to be patient

Patience is a skill that can be learned. Kids who develop it tend to have greater self-control and even do better in school. Foster patience in your youngster with these tips.

**Live in the moment.** Encourage your child to enjoy what's going on right now, rather than looking forward to what will happen next. For example, she could look out the window at the sunset while she waits for you to get off the phone. Or if she's having trouble falling



asleep because she can't wait to visit her friend tomorrow, she might focus on how warm and cozy she feels in her bed now.

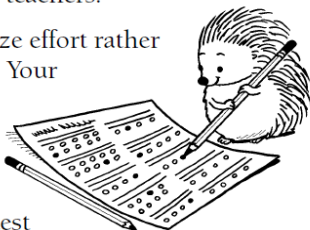
**Enjoy the payoff.** Have your youngster think of something that took her a while to master, such as learning to read music. Then, remind her of how good she felt when she succeeded. Share an example from your life, too. *Idea:*

Let her take on an activity or a project that requires patience, like growing a plant or putting together a jigsaw puzzle. ♥

## Top tips for standardized tests

How can you help your child do well on standardized tests? Consider this advice from teachers:

- "Emphasize effort rather than scores. Your youngster will feel more confident and relaxed on test day if he knows that doing his best is what counts the most."



- "Have your child do any practice tests or packets that the teacher sends home. Ask him about the material, and look over the work to be sure it's complete."

- "Make sure he gets enough sleep, at least 9–11 hours, each night. He'll be more alert and focused during the test."

- "Give your youngster a balanced breakfast on test day so he has energy and isn't distracted by a growling stomach. Whole-wheat toast, fruit, and yogurt make a brain-boosting combination." ♥

### OUR PURPOSE

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

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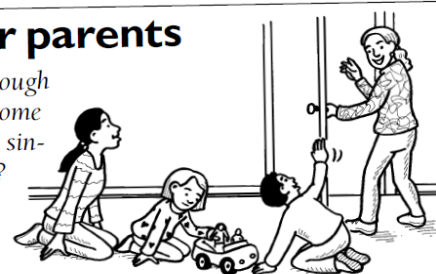
## Autism: Support for parents

**Q:** My daughter has autism, and although she's making good progress, she has some behavioral challenges. I'm a working single parent—how can I handle the demands?

**A:** To take the best care of your daughter, you need to also take care of yourself. If possible, try getting up before she does. Take a warm shower, and enjoy a cup of tea. You'll feel calmer and ready to start the day on a positive note, which can help her behave better.

Also, look for people who will stay with your child while you recharge. You might run errands or try a new hobby. Ask friends, family, and neighbors if they're able to help or know anyone who can.

Finally, consider joining an autism support group. Connecting with other parents who face similar challenges will make you feel less alone, and you'll get information and advice for helping your daughter. Check online, or ask your child's doctor for referrals. ♥



## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Pump up your memory

A good *working memory* lets your youngster switch back and forth between tasks and do work that involves more than one step. Sharpen his memory with these activities.

#### Story chain

Build a "repeating story" by remembering what everyone before you has said. One person starts with a sentence like "I'm riding a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_," filling in the blanks. ("I'm riding a kite to the moon.") The next person repeats the sentence and adds his own sentence. Continue until someone

skips a sentence, says them out of order, or can't remember one.

#### The last time I...

When was the last time you used a ruler or saw frost on a window? This game strengthens your child's power of recall. Take turns calling out a question, such as "When did you last eat an egg?" To answer, everyone needs to think about details and context.

("We had tacos in school on Monday. So it must have been Tuesday, when I got the salad bar and put hard-boiled egg slices on my lettuce.") ♥

