

Prairie View School

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Upcoming Events:

May 20

Victoria Day – No Classes

May 22

Scholastic Book Fair (8:30 am – 4:00 pm)

May 23

Scholastic Book Fair (8:30 am – 12:15 pm)

May 23

Family Appreciation BBQ, Book Fair & Book Swap (5 - 6:30 pm)

May 24

Kindergarten “Kindness” Assembly

May 24

Subway Hot Lunch

June 5

Brown Bag Family Reading Lunch

June 10

High Low Track Meet for K - 6

As many of you know, I have announced my retirement. I have so many thanks and heart felt messages I want to give, but I still have a few more weeks left for this.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Lorraine Fitzgerald who will be the new principal of Prairie View School commencing with the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. Fitzgerald is presently the principal of Rosthern Elementary. Mrs. Heath will remain as VP of Prairie View. The rest of our staffing has not been finalized and will be shared in the June newsletter.

We always look forward to connecting with our families. Please make a point to attend our annual Family Barbecue on **Thursday, May 23.** Staff will be serving barbecue hot dogs and the SCC will be handing out freezies in the gym from **5:00 until 6:30 pm.**

Have a wonderful long weekend!

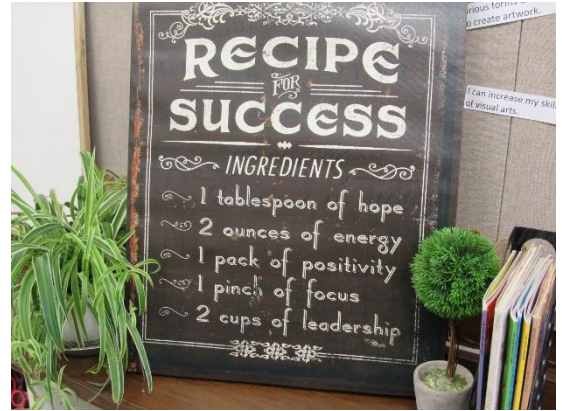
*Mrs. Janice Key
Principal*



*Mrs. Lesa Heath
Vice-Principal*

GRADE 6W CLASS HIGHLIGHT

This year has been such a blast! It is so sad that it is coming to an end. I can't believe we are going to high school next year! We have grown so much this year. We learned a lot thanks to our amazing teacher, Mrs. Waters! We have learned to work hard in groups, and get along in things like white board working and in our school jobs. The closer we get to June we are getting very excited for our field trips and our farewell. Before we say goodbye to Prairie View some of us would like to share some advice for the younger students. We hope it is very useful and helpful! - Claire



Bennett - Be kind to everyone no matter how different they are. This will help you have friends when you are older.

Savannah - My advice for all the kids in elementary next year is to always listen to the principal and the teachers. They know what to do and they are trying to help you!

Adam - I would tell them to try their best because if they don't no one would know how good they are.

Sarah - Always be kind and always treat others the way you want to be treated. That way you will/should be good.

Tayte - I would tell them don't worry because there is nothing to worry about.

Annika - Give it your all because then you know you tried your best.

Evelyn - Always be kind then you won't get into fights. That will make your next year awesome.

Addison - Always use caring words because if you don't, you might start to lose friends.

Claire - Always be confident, and always raise your hand because there are no dumb questions!

Keardyn - Just try to be nice because you can change yourself but you can't change others.

Aleida - Always finish and try your best because you will go far!

Morgan - You will be ok! You will have a better time learning than cleaning.

Colton - It will be ok as long as you do your job and have fun. Next year will be a good year.

Paige - Keep calm and make sure you're happy, but not all the time because if you're happy all the time you'd be a game show host. And, no matter how hard you work, it still counts, so make the best.

Cohen - Always try your best because if you do you will not fail in life, and you will find success.

Kimberley - Always work hard and do your job so that you don't have to do homework and miss out on the fun stuff!

Anonymous - Try your hardest to do your school work as best you can so you can learn and get more successful.

Layla - Be nice to each other and never stop being who you are, because they can be great and smart and can be happy.

Anonymous - Try your best and keep trying. Don't give up. If you give up you won't know how to succeed!



This year was my first at Prairie View Elementary, and I feel so honoured to have worked with such a special group of children. As we approach the end of the year we are filled with a mix of excitement for all of the things to come, and nervousness for the big changes as we prepare to enter Dalmeny High next year. With joy I have watched them grow, learn, and mature into kind and caring members of our community.

- Mrs. Waters

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Prairie View School continues to accept registrations for students who will be attending Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year.

For those students already registered, information was sent about our Orientation on June 3 and 4.

Please contact the school for more information.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Prairie View will be having a “**Buy One Get One Free**” Scholastic book fair on **May 22nd and 23rd**. Please feel free to come to our library and check out the selection of books between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm on the 22nd and between 8:30 am and 12:15 pm on the 23rd. The book fair will also be open during our Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque on Thursday, May 23rd from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. There will be a wireless debit/credit card machine available for book purchases.

Thank you to all those parents who support our book fairs throughout the year and thank you to the SCC for helping to organize and run the Book Fairs again this year.



PARENT AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ



Prairie View School invites all **parents** and **volunteers** to a barbeque on **May 23th from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m.** Food will be served in the gym. If the weather is warm, bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs to eat outside. We will eat in the gym if the weather is unpleasant. The food will be ready by 5:00 p.m.; therefore, you will be able to eat and run if you have to get your children to their evening activities. All siblings of children who attend Prairie View School are welcome to attend. The Scholastic "Buy One Get One Free" Book Fair will also be open for business along with the Book Swap in the gym during the barbeque.

We value the commitment of our volunteers who listen to children read, organize and prepare hot lunches, tie skates at the rink, serve on the Prairie View School Community Council, help at the High Low Meet, soccer tournament, curling bonspiel, and provide support in many other ways. Furthermore, we want to recognize the support given by parents who help with homework, contribute to fundraising efforts, provide quality parenting, and promote the school as a great reason to live in Dalmeny. You deserve a free meal!

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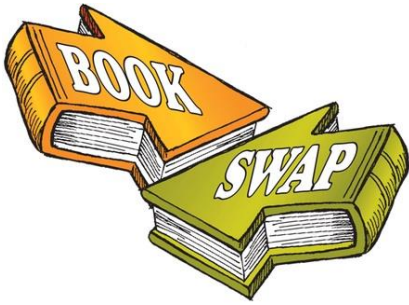
May 22nd is the last training session for the Marafun team to get their 38 kilometers in. May 26th is the final Marathon run at Diefenbaker Park. Students are asked to **PLEASE** be at the park by 10:00 am to check in with Ms. Ivey, Mrs. Roth and Mr. Coates before they are sent off in their Grade groupings. It is a VERY busy place with lots of people. A bright colored hat or bandana is always a great idea to help you find your child in the crowd.



HIGH LOW MEET

Our Track and Field High Low Meet will be held on **Monday, June 10.** Kindergarten – Grade 4 will run the dash at the beginning of the day, while Grades 5 - 6 will be starting on other events. We are running the races at the high school track and all other events on our school grounds.

PRAIRIE VIEW SCC BOOK SWAP



1. During the week of May 21 - May 23, students can bring good used books to their classroom. A good rule of thumb: a book that you would welcome into your home and is appropriate for elementary aged kids would be welcome in the book swap. All books will be set up on the afternoon of Thursday, May 23, so will need to be at school before then.
2. Maximum number of books to pick up is 5. You may bring more to school, but students will only be allowed to pick up 5. Any leftover books will be used to support classroom libraries or shared with families.
3. Classroom teachers will keep a tally of books brought in by students. These sheets will be at grade group tables when you show up at the gym on Thursday evening.
4. When you show up at the book swap, check in at the table for your child's grade and you will be given the number of books your child can pick up.

This event will take place the same evening as the PVS Family Appreciation BBQ. We look forward to seeing families participating in the BBQ and reading some new-to-you books on the playground and in the gym. Don't miss out on the opportunity to trade some of those books that are no longer read for ones that will encourage your child to spend their summer reading books!

PVS TRACK TEAM

Our PVS Grade 6 students participated in the DHS Track Meet on Thursday, May 9. The level of athleticism was excellent as students demonstrated their dedication and training. Twelve PVS students moved on to compete at the Conference Meet at DHS on Tuesday.

Good luck to all!

Thank you to coaches Mr. Schafhauser, Mr. Coates and Mrs. Waters



JUNE PROGRESS REPORTS

The last day of classes for the 2018-19 school year is **Wednesday, June 26**. Progress reports will be issued to students at **3:00 p.m. on June 26**.

Parents and students will be informed of class placement for 2019-20 in the year end progress report. Due to complexities of placing students in classes, decisions are considered complete and final once progress reports are handed out. If your child is unable to get their progress report on June 26, contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

Please also note that **progress reports will not be issued before 3:00 pm June 26**



A Home and School Connection

Ask Me About...

Ask me about...Reading

- If you could change the ending to the story you are reading, how would you change it?

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

- What have you done to make others feel valued?

Ask me about...Playing on a different playground.

- Which playground did you play on?
- What did you like about playing on a different playground?

School Community Council Update



On May 9, the SCC held elections for 5 positions on the 2019-20 council. Thank you to the many parents who allowed themselves to be nominated. We had 8 nominees and 4 positions available. The upcoming council includes:

Melissa Buhler (re-elected)
Scott Burant (re-elected)
Jennifer Doerksen
Tara Mayor
David Maier (elected)

Damaris Rempel (elected)
Carlena Scriven
Tracy Wright
Anna Zoller

Thank you to Crystal Derksen, who has served 3 2-year terms, and Amy McNeil, who has served for the last 2 years. Their terms end at the end of June. Their contributions to the council, school and community are very much appreciated.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **May 23 during the Appreciation BBQ**. You can find copies of our annual report and you can talk to any of the council members who will be wearing blue shirts.

As a council, we will also be operating the final book fair for 2018-19 in May. Hours are listed on posters around the school and on our Facebook page. We will also host the 4th Annual Book Swap on May 23 during the Appreciation BBQ. Information has been given to the students and is explained in this newsletter.

Earlier this month we welcomed families to PVS who have children entering kindergarten in the fall. Families participated in a school scavenger hunt, met students, parents, and staff and had an opportunity to explore kindergarten activities. Families will attend the second part of the welcome at the kindergarten orientation where we will provide each child with a special gift from the community to welcome them to school.

Scott Burant, SCC Chair

SCC Members include: Melissa Buhler, Crystal Derksen, Jennifer Doerksen, Anna-Marie Zoller, Amy McNeil, Tara Mayor, Carlena Scriven and Tracy Wright

 **We're on Facebook!**



DALMENY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 HOCKEY SEASON
ONLINE REGISTRATION STARTS MAY 15TH AT

www.dmha.goalline.ca

Looking for players from Initiation to Midget

Payment of fees is not due until season start

Season runs from October until March

For more information, please contact Christine christineleahsmith@gmail.com





2019/20
School Year
Calendar

August 5	Civic Holiday
September 2	Labour Day
October 14	Thanksgiving Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day
January 1	New Year's Day
February 17	Family Day
April 10	Good Friday
April 13	Easter Monday
May 18	Victoria Day
July 1	Canada Day

Legend		Days
	School year begins/ends for students	
	Statutory Holidays	
	School Holidays	
	Preparation Time (no school)	9.0
	PSTA General Assembly (no school)	1.0
	Professional Development (no school)	1.5
	School Operational Days (no school)	0.5
	High School Final Exams	8.0

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Home & School

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May 2019

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SHORT NOTES

Being neighborly

Show your child how neighbors can depend on each other. If a package is delivered on a rainy day and the family isn't home, she could write a note saying she's holding it for them. Or if someone leaves headlights on, knock on their door together to let the person know.

Everyday research

Sharpen your youngster's research skills by challenging him to use them for practical purposes. Say he wants a pet or wonders why he needs to go to bed on time. Ask him to look into what being a pet owner would require or how sleep affects kids.

Growing up

As your child approaches puberty, she might compare herself to others. Explain that everyone develops at their own pace. The tallest person in her class right now may not be tallest in a few months. Good hygiene can boost confidence, so discuss routines like showering and using deodorant.

Worth quoting

"It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see." *Henry David Thoreau*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do bees hum?

A: Because they forget the words!



Summer learning traditions

Your child has spent the entire school year learning new things. Help him hang onto that knowledge, and learn even more, by starting summer traditions like these.

STEM Olympics

Boost your youngster's STEM skills with a series of household engineering competitions. For the first contest, each person could build a catapult with craft sticks and rubber bands. See whose catapult can launch a ball the farthest. Next, maybe family members will compete to engineer a boat that carries the most pennies without sinking.

Family celebrations

Have your child use math to plan special events, such as an Independence Day cookout. Give him a budget, and let him look through grocery and dollar store flyers for the best prices on ingredients and supplies. He should list items and prices, and add up the total. Next, perhaps he'll host a National Ice Cream Day party



on July 21 or a back-to-school celebration the last weekend of summer break.

Reading pals

For a fun way to stay in touch—and practice reading—help your youngster find a relative to be his reading pal. Maybe he and his grandfather will take turns reading chapters of a novel via video chat. Or record a video of your youngster reading a book to send to a younger cousin. The little one can do the same to show her big cousin how she's learning to read.♥

Let's limit screen time

For a healthier body *and* mind, your youngster needs to fill her days with something other than screen time. Here's how to encourage physical activity and real-life interactions:

- Decide on a daily screen time limit that is right for your family. Then, create rules to enforce the limit, such as "Play outside every day" and "Screen time ends at least one hour before bedtime."
- Be a role model by putting away devices yourself. For example, avoid using your phone when you're talking to or playing with your youngster. Or turn off the TV, and announce that it's time for a walk together.♥



Beyond please and thank you

Whether your child is at home, in public, or at someone else's house, using good manners shows respect for others. Consider these tips.

Acknowledge visitors. Explain how to welcome guests. If your youngster is playing a game and people visit, she should stop and chat.



Likewise, let her know to acknowledge when they leave by walking them to the door and saying goodbye.

Share public spaces.

When you use an escalator, you might say to your child, "We're standing on the right side. The left side is for walking." Or while waiting for the elevator, you could tell her, "Let's step back so people can get off before we get on."

Answer politely. "Would you like pretzels or grapes?" When your child is offered options at someone else's home, she may think it's good manners to reply, "Either one." Point out that it's more helpful for the host if she says what she wants. ("I'd like grapes, thank you.")♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

What's in the newspaper?

A newspaper brings plenty of learning opportunities to your youngster's doorstep. Take advantage of the paper with these activities.

Alphabet grab bag

Let your child cut out individual letters from headlines and use them to spell as many words as possible. He might also make sentences using uppercase and lowercase letters.

Comic relief

Your youngster can put events in a logical sequence with this idea. Cut out comic strip panels, mix them up, and ask him to arrange them in the right order. For a bigger challenge, mix up panels from several comic strips for him to sort and put in order.



Q & A

Musical experiences

Q: My daughter loves music class in school. She said she'll miss it this summer. Any ideas for "music class" at home?

A: It's great that your child likes music. In addition to bringing lifelong enjoyment, music can improve math and language skills by helping her recognize patterns and build vocabulary.

Luckily, music is everywhere. Explore styles by listening to different radio stations in the car. Or let her ask your smart speaker to play everything from rock and jazz to classical and bluegrass. Encourage your daughter to discover favorite genres and songs and to sing and clap along.

If your community has a summer concert series, plan to attend a few shows together. She'll get to see and hear a variety of instruments—not only guitars and drums, but perhaps banjos, bagpipes, or accordions.

Also, check the parks and recreation department for low-cost music classes. Maybe she'll learn to read music, sing harmonies, or even play the ukulele.♥



Picture this

Have your child practice critical thinking. Cut out a newspaper photograph and show it to him without the caption or article. Can he figure out what the article is about? He could write a caption for the photo, then read the article to see if his caption makes sense.♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Appreciating teachers

During a recent PTA meeting, parents were brainstorming low-cost gift ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week May 6–10. I wanted my son Aiden to recognize what his teachers do for him, so I wrote down the suggestions for him to choose from.

My son decided to put candy, pencils, and sticky notes into a jar for his classroom teacher. On the pad's

top note, he wrote, "Thank you for teaching me to write!" Since his art teacher's favorite color is yellow, he's making her a yellow-themed goody bag with dollar store items—including highlighters with a note saying, "You shine bright!"

Aiden is enjoying putting together the gifts. He can't wait to hand them out and express his appreciation.♥



OUR PURPOSE

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

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