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NOTES FROM ADMIN

Spring is here! We are excited about the warm weather! With this warm weather, we have more students walking and riding bikes. Please continue to adhere to our pick up and drop off guidelines to keep our students safe.

Enjoy this beautiful weather...maybe try reading a book outside with your kids!

REMINDERS

Don't forget to check out our Virtual Book Fair!



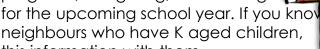
WILLOW AWARDS - P.V.S. CHOICES

During January, February and March, our Grade 1 - 4 students enjoyed listening to the ten books nominated by the Saskatchewan Willow Awards in the Shining Willow category. The students all voted for their favourite book, and the winner was a delightful tale inspired by the true story of a brave goat war hero called <u>Sergeant Billy: The True Story of the Goat Who Went to War</u> written by Mireille Messier. After all the votes by student participants throughout Saskatchewan have been tabulated, the awards will be presented to the winning authors at a Gala.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2021 - 22

We are continuing to compile our list for students who will

be attending Kindergarten in the school year. Children born in 2016 be 5 years of age on or before Dec. eligible to begin Kindergarten in the important information for planning programs, budgeting, and staffing



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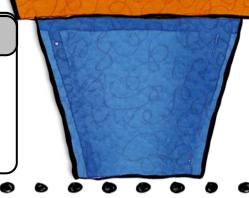






UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30 – May 14 – Scholastic Book Fair Online May 7 – No School May 21 – Dress up Superhero Day May 24 – No School



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CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS

A lot of time and energy goes into creating classroom lists for each school year. Our goal as a school is to place students in a setting that is appropriate for each child individually and for the group as a whole. Class placements are a group decision made by the classroom teachers, special education resource teachers, and administrators.

Parent input regarding placement may be made in writing to the principal/vice-principal <u>before May 14.</u> This letter should contain information regarding the child's learning style and needs for their learning environment. <u>We discourage requests for a particular teacher. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate parents' wishes.</u> The final placement of a child is a school-based decision that is made using the following criteria:

Academic needs (including program and learning environment)

Social needs (supportive peer relationships)

Special needs

Level of independence

Balance of males and females

Academic diversity of the group

It is an extremely time consuming process to put together class lists, and any changes to the final list usually results in several more changes. Due to these complexities and those listed above, decisions are considered complete once June progress reports are handed out.

SCC UPDATE

Our next Council **meeting** is scheduled for Thursday May 6 at 6:30 PM on Microsoft Teams. If you would like to attend, please contact the school.

Elections for the 2021-22 Council will also be held on May 6. Nomination forms are available from the school. There are 6 vacancies open, with 5 being 2-year terms and 1 being a 1-year term.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday May 20. Community members and parents wishing to attend are asked to register through the school.

Scott Burant, SCC Chair

SCC Members include Melissa Buhler, Scott Burant, Kerri Gates, David Maier, Tara Mayor, Damaris Rempel and Carlena Scriven. PVS Representatives include Lesa Heath, Lee Coates and Rona Roth.



We're on Facebook!

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Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. People often observe Earth Day by planting trees, picking up roadside trash, conducting various programs for recycling and conservation, and using recyclable containers for snacks and lunches. This year in 1F, we have talked a lot about how each of us can make a difference in the world. It does not matter if we are big, small, young or old, we can all change the world and make it a better place for everyone. To show our support for Earth Day, our classroom went out and cleaned up the garbage from the playground. We have also discussed how we can protect and help our planet everyday. Following are our ideas about how everyone can protect and change the world, and make it a better place to live now and in the future:

We can pick up garbage and put it in the garbage cans. CB

I can bike around town and look for garbage to clean up. RS

We can plant more trees to help animals like squirrels find homes. FP

We can pick up litter. JS

I can put garbage in the garbage cans. MS

We can recycle and we can plant more plants. OB

I can pick up garbage and put it in the recycling bin or the garbage can. TE

I am going to pick up garbage. MD

We can pick up garbage even it is not yours. We can grow more trees. JS

I can pick up garbage and throw it in the recycling bin. SP

We can plant trees. We can pick up litter. We can reuse. We can recycle. We can help animals. We can help keep the water clean. RM

If there is a nest on the ground, you can pick it up and put it up in a tree and sometimes you can go and give them bird seeds. JD

We can help the Earth by cleaning up and by planting trees. BS

We can plant trees. SW

I pick up garbage and throw it in the garbage bin. CD







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PSSD — VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR

Prairie Spirit School Division has school-based counsellors available at every school. As an additional resource during these complex times, Prairie Spirit has currently added one full-time Virtual Mental Health Counsellor who is available to support students and their families across our Division.

Virtual supports can include general consultation and inquiries, accessing resources, and/or short-term counselling for registered Prairie Spirit students.

Virtual counselling support may be offered via telephone or video-conferencing technologies and, in most situations, is focused on issues that impact students during their school day. When the needs of students are deemed to require longer term counselling, or involve issues not impacting the student at school, the Virtual Mental Health Counsellor will work with the students and families to access community mental health services.

This is a confidential service; however, there may be times when consultation with other professionals or appropriate adults would be necessary to follow safety standards. Virtual counselling support will be available Monday to Friday during general school day hours until June 29, 2021.

Please call or text (306) 371-4214 or email virtual MH@spiritsd.ca with your contact information and the student's full name to request an appointment with the counsellor.

If this is an emergency, call 9-1-1 Or, if you are in crisis consider the following supports: Calling

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
Canada Suicide Prevention: 1-800-456-4566
Saskatoon Mobile Crisis: 1-306-933-6200
Prince Albert Mobile Crisis: 1-306-764-1011

Texting

Kids Help Phone: Text CONNECT to 686 868

Canada Suicide Prevention: Text 45645

Youthspace: Text 778-783-0177

Chat Online

Kids Help Phone: Chat.kidshelpphone.ca