

# Prairie View

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### Notes from Admin

It's been wonderful to see everyone after the nice winter break! We know that there are smiles under those masks!

I want to acknowledge the significant amount of work that our teachers and staff are doing to support all of our students while considering their academic needs as well as their mental health needs. Thanks PVS staff!

We have been emphasizing the importance of wearing face masks properly and following safety protocols this month and we appreciate that you reinforce that at home as well. Thank you to families for keeping your child home if they are ill and reporting illnesses to the office. Please continue to read through the emails that Prairie Spirit School Division sends out. Although it may be overwhelming at times, the information is very helpful when you have questions related to Covid-19.

We have some exciting activities planned for Family Literacy Week next week. We are also busy planning for some Olympic Games activities!  
Mrs. H and Mr. C

### Upcoming Dates

Family Literacy Week – Jan 24-28

World Read Aloud Day – Feb 2

PJ Day – Feb 11

Winter Olympic activities – Feb 7-11

Red, white and pink day – Feb 14

Anti-bullying pink shirt day – Feb 18

K progress reports – Feb 17 and 18

Winter Break – Feb 21-25

### Absence Information

As stated in an email from PSSD, we currently have the added responsibility of collecting Covid-19 tests results from families, students and staff to report to the school community. We are also managing staff absenteeism due to sickness and isolation and therefore some staff are being reassigned to cover unfilled absences. Teachers will do their best to support student learning during this most recent wave of the pandemic.

*Teachers will continue to support students but the priority will be given to those who are learning in-person (unless class is at Level 4). Teachers will do their best to keep ill/symptomatic/isolating students caught up with homework. Classroom teachers may send resources home on a weekly basis, but this is not an expectation.*

Thank you for your understanding of the many pressures that our staff are facing at this time.

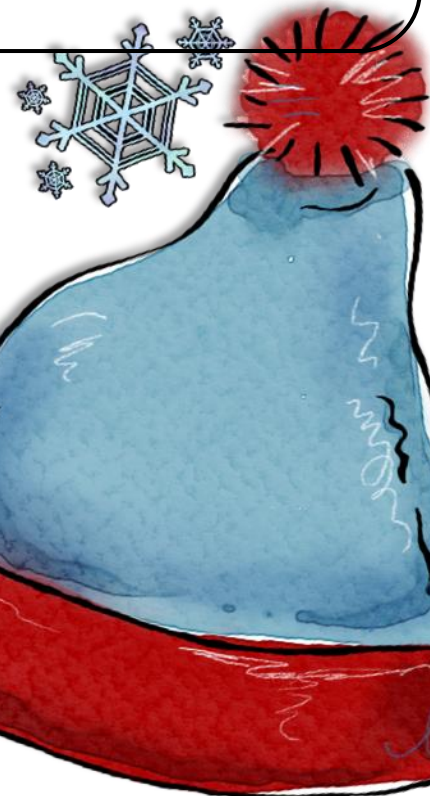
### Thanks 5/6S

Thank you to Grade 5/6S for creating an Anti-Bullying bulletin board and a motivational words bulletin board! Thank you for being our school leaders. Watch for pictures!



### Skating Helpers

Thank you for volunteering your time to tie skates! We really appreciate you! At this time, helpers are not allowed to be on the ice.



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### Thank you

Thank you families for contributing to the success of the Dalmeny Christmas Baskets. They have graciously made a donation back to Prairie View School so that we can purchase lunch items to have on hand for those students that need a snack or lunch.



### Kindergarten Fall 2022

We are continuing to compile our list for students who will be attending Kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year. Children born in 2017 and who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2022 are eligible to begin Kindergarten in the fall. This is important information for staffing, planning programs and budgeting for the upcoming school year. If you know of friends or neighbours who have Kindergarten aged children, please share this information with them.

### Pickup and Drop Off

Please DO NOT pick up or drop off students in the cul de sac on the north end of the school or park in the staff parking. *This is not a pick up or drop off zone.* It is often busy with students coming to school or going home. We encourage our students to be safe and we appreciate that you are doing the same.

Thank you for your cooperation



### Spare Bus Drivers needed in your community

#### A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training, with licensing fees covered
- Once licensed, is reimbursed for any personal travel
- Could take their young child along on route
- Is well supported by the school division
- Follows the school calendar
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community

Call the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at  
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to learn more about this flexible opportunity



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### Thanks 5B

Thank you to 5B for creating this great kindness bulletin board!



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### Grade 1T Classroom Highlight

#### Grade 1T Highlight:

~Mrs. Tew

When asked to do a highlight of life in grade 1T, I wasn't sure where to begin! I can't believe that we are halfway through January because it doesn't seem like that long ago, we were playing unpacking our brand new school supplies, and playing "get to know you games"! It is true that time really does fly when you are having fun!

Grade one is such an amazing year of growth and firsts! We have been working hard on learning our letter sounds, reading sight words, and blending sounds, writing sentences, adding, subtracting, counting in a variety of ways, and many other amazing things! It is pretty great to witness the light bulb moments when concepts really begin to click!

As are the other students in our school, our first graders are kind, caring, and energetic. They LOVE to explore and learn new things, and I am constantly amazed at their curiosity! They are tenacious and have been managing all the safety measures we have in place for COVID safety.

We are not only learning academics, but we spend an equal amount of time learning about KINDNESS. In fact, "be kind" is our ONLY classroom rule.





















We consistently chat and model what kindness sounds like, looks like and feels like. In a world that can often look and feel divided, it is never too early to learn and show kindness. Being kind will always be the right choice.

I am thankful for the wonderful families and students I get to work with, and I hope you enjoyed this little glimpse into our classroom!

If you are looking for some easy ways to be kind, check out this ideas chart!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### I Can Show Kindness!

Let someone else go first 	Give a kind compliment 	Say "good morning!" 	Say "hi" to someone 	Tell someone "thank you" 
Share with someone else 	Offer to help someone out 	Invite someone to join you 	Give someone a high-five 	Write a compliment list about yourself 
Ask someone how they are 	Work with someone new 	Hold the door open 	Do an extra chore 	Forgive someone for a mistake 
Help clean up 	Spend time with a friend 	Write a kind note 	Help someone having a tough day 	Just listen to a friend 



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#### Family Literacy Week



PSSD Parent Engagement  
Initiative presents

The Ins and Outs of Family Literacy

Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.

To celebrate Family Literacy Day, join members of Prairie Spirit's Literacy Team to learn about how you can incorporate literacy into the daily life of your family. This year's theme for Family Literacy Week is "Learning in the Great Outdoors", and this presentation will include ideas for literacy skills that can be practiced both inside and outside your home! There will be time to ask questions and a list of digital resources will be provided. The presentation is geared towards anyone caring for children from Pre-K to Grade 8, but could also apply to younger (and older!) children in the family!

Facilitated by PSSD Strategic Facilitators Jennifer Mason and Hali Hamel



To attend this one hour event, please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code below to register.

A Zoom link will be provided to your email address the day of the event.

Thank you to Warman High School SCC for providing zoom link and door prizes



Please contact Peggy Mattila-Bains, Coordinator with any question ([peggy.mattila@spiritsd.ca](mailto:peggy.mattila@spiritsd.ca))



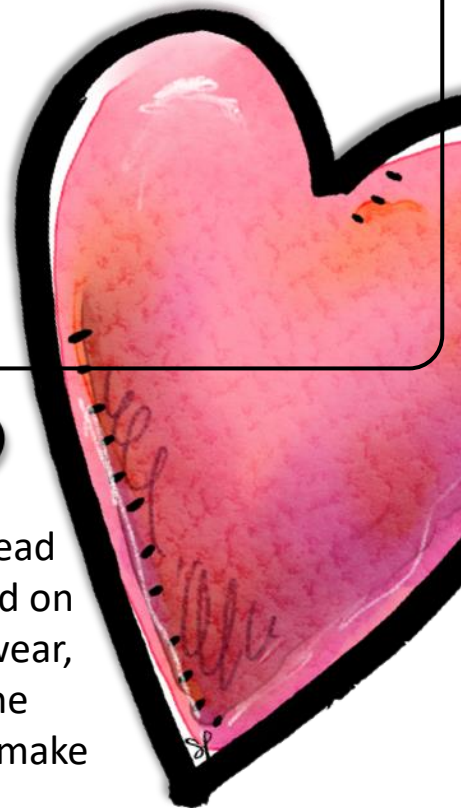
*We will be doing extra special literacy activities next week to celebrate Family Literacy Week. Send us pictures of your family 'Learning in the Great Outdoors' and your name will be entered into a draw to win a literacy gift pack. Thank you to PVS SCC for their contributions to the gift pack as well. Please email your pictures to*

[pvs@spiritsd.ca](mailto:pvs@spiritsd.ca)

Check out the following website for more info about Family Literacy Week  
<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>



February 2, 2022 (02/02/2022) is World Read Aloud Day. We also have activities planned on this day. If you happen to have a tutu to wear, bring it that day since it goes along with the 2/2/2022. A few staff members may also make a tutu appearance.



Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. – Henry Ford