

Elementary School

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Newsletter #4

Dear parents,

Can't believe it is already December! Won't be long before it is Winter Break. Lots of special events coming up before them, so mark them down in your calendar. Parents are always welcome at any of our special days, including monthly assemblies.

Pajama Day



Special Events This Month

PALS Dec. 7 from 9:00-11:00

Pancake Lunch: Dec. 7

Report Cards home: Dec. 7

Children's Christmas Bazaar: Dec. 14 (if enough volunteers)

Winter Concert: Dec. 18

Christmas Cardboard Challenge: Dec. 19

Last Day before Winter Break: Dec. 21

Things to Note:

Winter Concert

Mark December 18 in your calendar! We will have our Winter Concert that night from 6:30-8:00 in our school gym. There may also be an afternoon performance, but we will confirm that. More details to come.

Christmas Fun Day/Cardboard Challenge

On Dec. 19, students will enjoy building and creating with cardboard! So start saving your cardboard and you can send to school whenever you like. We also welcome any donations of tape (masking, duct, etc.). As well, parents are welcome to come and help out. More details will be coming. Looking forward to seeing those creative minds at work and some holiday creations!

New Class

I'm sure most of you have heard that our enrollment has increased enough for us to create another division. This will be a grade 3 class taught by Ms. Weismiller and the grade 2/3 class will now be taught by Ms. Bernhardt. It isn't an easy time to do this, but in the end, the changes should benefit all students. We put a great deal of thought into any changes made, while trying to move as few students as possible. Students moved to their new classes on Friday afternoon and a letter was sent home to make parents aware of classroom changes. If your child didn't bring home a letter, they would have stayed in their current classroom.

PALS: Parents as Literacy Supporters

We will be having our first PALS session (math) on Friday, December 7 from 9:00-11:00 for our kindergarten students and their parents. So set aside this date and we hope to see you there!

Aboriginal Family Resource Worker

Our AFRW's are highly valued support people and are positioned in every school in the district as available resources for our Aboriginal students and parents. They provide support for school staff and students with academic and attendance needs, district programs such as PALS, POPS etc. as well as advocate for your child. They will assist in many ways to ensure the questions/needs of students and families can be heard and addressed in as timely a manner as possible. Call them with any concerns; if they don't have the answer they will work to find one for you. Our AFRW is Joanne Finlay and she is at Pineridge on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Parent Volunteer Readers

We are still hoping to have some parent volunteer readers. One way that students can improve their reading is simply by doing more reading! Please call the office if you are interested. You will find this a very enjoyable and worthwhile way to spend your time and this will support our students with improving their reading. Hope to hear from you!

PAC Meeting and Events": Parent Volunteers Needed!

The next PAC meeting will be this Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 at 6:30 in the library. The PAC has a number of events coming up and they really need a lot of volunteers to make them happen.

- **Pancake Lunch:** this Friday, the PAC will be hosting a Pancake Lunch for our students. Volunteers are needed.
- **Children's Christmas Bazaar Dec. 14:** This is a new event for Pineridge where students can go "shopping" to buy Christmas gifts for their family and friends. This will be a wonderful event, but we need parent volunteers or we can't make it happen. **Please let the school know ASAP if you are able to help for any part of the day.** We would need help for set-up around 11:00 and then help in the afternoon while the students are shopping. We will make a decision by Thursday whether it can go ahead or not. Hope you can help us! If it is a go, we will be looking for lots of donations of gently used items (not clothes) that can be purchased for gifts by the students, so start saving your treasures! More details to come.

New members are always welcome! There are draws and free childcare. It is a great way to be involved and support your child's learning at school! Please check out the facebook page for school updates.

Lunch Program forms

Please continue to fill the monthly lunch form orders. **Students are not automatically put on each month.** If you have not signed them up, please send a lunch. Thank you!



Reminders

- **Updated Contact Info:** Please make sure we have updated info. in case of an emergency. there needs to be a working number that we can reach someone at
- **Crosswalk:** please use the crosswalk, rather than walking across the school driveway
- **Sign in:** Please sign in at the office if you are in the school. This is an OHS requirement.



Thank you! 😊

- Thanks for phoning to let us know why your child is away. Much appreciated!
- Thank you to the PAC for organizing the fun Halloween gym games and the parents who came out to help, as well as for their work on the upcoming events.



Student Acknowledgment:

We had our Monthly assembly on Nov. 30. This was also our end of term assembly where we recognized students for noteworthy progress and accomplishment in a variety of areas: academic, social responsibility, kindness, and improvement, etc. in the first term. Nice Job Everyone!

Ms. Russell: Aiden, Jaden and Toby for excellence in math, Annica for positive attitude, Channing for good effort, Ameena, and Jacob for perfect attendance.

Ms. Gee: Kaliese and Sann for being hard-working students, Winona and Cassandra for knowing lots of sight words and always trying their best.

Ms. Parnell: RJ and Theo for being excellent role models, Savanna for being helpful in the class

Ms. Weismiller: Darren for great performance in math, Amy for being kind to others and always following the class rules, Liam for reading, Sayoan for excellent work habits, Laura for being kind to others and following the class rules, Ammon for studying for quizzes and following the classroom rules, Tanner for excellent work habits, Hayden and Braden for being excellent classroom helpers and being kind to others, Koah for good improvement in all areas and Neven for being kind and following the classroom rules.

Ms. Hubbell/Ms. Fabb: Colton for excellent effort, Mikayla and Talan for social responsibility, Avery for academics, Collin for excellence in math

Ms. Moore: no awards this time

Ms. Carter: Phenyx for improvement in reading, Shaye, Nate and Lehi for Science

Ms. Thomson: Allie, Bella, Brohwnyn, Krista and Maddison for Fair Play, Maddison and Nakayla for Positive Action, Kara and Carter for Most improved.

Important Dates to Remember.....

December 5	PAC meeting at 6:30
December 7	Report Cards home
December 7	PALS (Math) from 9:00-11:00
December 7	PAC Pancake Lunch
December 11	Board Meeting at 7:00
December 14	Children's Christmas Bazaar (if enough volunteers)
December 18	Winter Concert from 6:30-8:00 (possibly an afternoon performance also)
December 19	Christmas Fun Day: Cardboard Challenge
December 20	PAC Subway Lunch
December 21	Last day before Christmas Break
December 21	Assembly at 11:00
January 7	First Day back after Winter Break

Sincerely,

Debra Fabbi
Principal

Mackenzie Hubbell
Vice Principal

Halloween fun!





Thank you volunteers! We had a lot of fun!

Ways for parents to help out this month:

- Save cardboard
- Volunteer as a parent reader
- Volunteer for pancake lunch
- Volunteer for Children's Bazaar
- Save stuff for Children's Bazaar
- Help out with popcorn day
- Come to any of the special events happening (PALS, cardboard challenge, assembly, etc.)
- Check out the PAC facebook page for updates
- Don't forget the Winter Concert on Dec. 18!

The staff and your children appreciate all that you do!

