

Dorothy Dalglish School

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November 2018

Principal's Message

As you well know, report cards and Parent-Teacher Interviews are coming up on November 14. This is such an important time to celebrate your child's growth, and perhaps set some goals. While grades are not the "be all, end all", and our school focuses primarily on character, grades, and the accompanying work ethic and perseverance skills, are obviously still very important.

We are all looking forward to seeing you for Parent-Teacher Interviews, and I know your child is looking forward to the positive feedback. Below are some tips to help get the most out of your time with your child's teacher.

- Ask your child how she feels about school.
- Ask your child if there is anything that he wants you to talk about with his teacher.
- Tell your child that you and the teacher are meeting to help her.
- Make a list of topics that you want to talk about with the teacher.

Prepare a list of questions such as:

- What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
- Does my child hand homework in on time?
- Does my child participate in class?
- Does my child seem happy at school?
- What can I do at home to help?



For more tips, try this website:

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/tips-successful-parent-teacher-conferences-your-childs-school>

Also, remember that your child is great at a lot of things. Perhaps he struggles with reading, but is a fabulous artist. Maybe she doesn't find math easy, but LOVES science. Celebrate and nurture what your child is good at, and support her to improve where the needs are.

Your partner in education,

Ms. Shari Rogerson
Principal

NORTH COUNTY INTERFAITH OUTREACH SOCIETY

Christmas Hampers will be made up on Saturday December 22nd, in the hall at St. Catherine's Catholic Church from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Deliveries will start after that. If anyone would like to help, or be involved with this project, in any way, or have any questions, please call Nancy Nieboer at: (403) 738-4687



Anyone in need may apply Tuesday or Thursday mornings - starting immediately (10:00AM—12:00 Noon) at :

326 Highway Avenue in Picture Butte

Kindergarten News

It has been great seeing all the enthusiasm of the boys and girls as we moved through another month of school.

I can't wait to see what November brings.

Just a reminder:

We go outside every day, so please remember to dress for the changing weather.

THEME: Our themes for November are Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes

In Language Arts we will be doing literacy activities that revolve around the stories: Goldilocks and The 3 Bears, The 3 Little Pigs and The 3 Billy Goats Gruff. The boys and girls will also be working on rhyming words.

In Math we are learning about shapes and numbers.

In Science we will be learning about magnets.

In Social the boys and girls will continue to work in their ALL About Me booklets.

In Gym our class will be playing "What time is it Mr. Wolf?" and going through an obstacle course.



Upcoming Events

Our Kindergarten Fridays for this month are November 9 and November 30

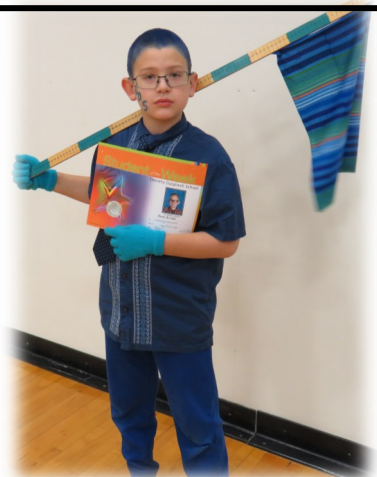
A big thank you to all of the parents who donated pumpkins and cupcakes. A big thank you to the parents who came out to help with our Halloween activities and those who sent treats.

See you for Parent/Teacher interviews,

Mrs. Grandmont



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Grade 1 News

October has flown by in Grade 1! My Grade 1 students have been working so hard on learning to read, it is really incredible! We are learning how to "chunk" words up to find the smaller words that we already know. We also have learned about the "Sneaky E", and the "Screaming EEs". During October, we have learned about the letters "d, e and f" and all the sounds that each letter can make in words. We have also learned about the vowels 'a' and 'i' and how they both have short and long sounds. Our word families have been "-ad", "-ing" and "-it". In Writing, the students are learning how to add a little more detail to their sentences. In Math, the students are improving daily on their 'Quick Counts' and have learned about different characteristics of various shapes in the unit of Shape and Space. We have completed our unit in Social Studies on 'Mapping Our World' and are moving into My Community. In Science, we are nearing the end of our unit on Colour, but are still intermittently working on our "Changing Seasons" unit, as we are moving into Winter.



Our Harvest Gala was a huge success and we would like to thank ALL of the many volunteers who spent a lot of time and efforts to ensure its success. As well, a huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our Grade 1 families that donated something to our "Night at the Movies" basket that was very well received! Our basket sold for well over \$100!

The students had a fantastic Halloween celebration at school, and loved spreading a little kindness and Halloween cheer in our community!

Please ensure that your child is dressed for "morning weather" as it starts getting a little chillier in the near future. It is always easier to take coats off if it gets too warm outside. Also, PLEASE continue to have your child read to you at night, as well to practice their sight words! These two things are so crucial to their future achievements in reading.

Thank you all for everything you do, and look forward to your child's report card coming home on November 9th, as well as Parent/Teacher Interviews that will take place on November 14th.

Have a great November everyone!

Mrs. Nish



Mrs. Boras and her
Grade 4 Students gave a
presentation on
RECYLCING.

Interesting Facts!



Grade 2 News



In Language Arts we will continue working on the reading strategy of self-monitoring, which means asking ourselves questions while we read to make sure we understand the text. Students are learning how to pick "good fit" books, to fit their purpose, interests and comprehension levels. We have also started our Guided Reading which gives us opportunities to work in small groups to practice specific skills in reading as well as writing. Students have been doing personal writing, sharing their stories both orally and in print. We are looking forward to publishing our favorite story in the next weeks, which will allow us to work on some revising and editing skills as well. Students have been including a problem in their stories and seem to really enjoy putting their ideas into print! I look forward to reading all of the grade 2 creations throughout this year.

In math our patterns unit is wrapping up as students are demonstrating their knowledge of the outcomes that we have covered so far. Our next unit will be place value and numbers to 50. We are also working on problem solving using our reading skills to read questions, identify what the question is asking us to find, re-reading the question to identify information we need and then solving the problem. We will continue to practice these steps throughout each of the upcoming units as well.

Upcoming Events/Guests:

Remembrance Day ceremony at PBHS on November 9th. The grade 2- 4 music classes will be performing "Why do we have a Remembracne Day"



Welcome to Reuben, a new student to our Grade 2 classroom this September. I hope he enjoys his time with our wonderful grade 2 students!

Don't forget Parent Teacher interviews are coming up this month as well. Hope to see everyone there.

Hot dog days on November 8th and 22nd.

♥ Thank you's:

Thank you to the Parent Council and all the parents who helped put on our bi-annual Harvest Gala. Also, to all the community members for their personal as well as financial support. Your kindness will never be forgotten. It was a fantastic time and I can't wait until 2020!

Thank you to all parents who are signing agendas daily and practicing weekly spelling words. I truly appreciate all of your support!

Thank you to the families who sent snacks and treats for our Halloween celebration.

Thank you to the grade 5 students and Ms. Mohrmann for putting on a great Halloween Carnival.

Mrs. Gibson

Grade 3 News



We have had a great start to the year and I am really enjoying getting to know the grade 3s!

In language arts we have been implementing guided reading groups and working on developing our "reading strategies toolbox." Each week we will be practicing a variety of word solving strategies that students can use when reading independently.

In writing we have been working through the writing process, to improve on our stories and elaborate with details. I am extremely proud of the hard work that students have put into their personal narratives! Currently, we are sharing our writing in class so we can celebrate everyone's growth!

In math we finished our patterns unit and have started the place value unit, where students learn writing and reading numbers to 1000, comparing numbers, ordering them and estimating.

The students are still enjoying our rocks and minerals unit in science. We will wrap up the unit this month by learning about types of erosion and we will begin our unit on hearing and sound.

In Social Studies, we are learning about Peru and how it is the same or different from our life in Canada. Students made passports to "travel" to the new country and we are enjoying learning about a different culture.

-Thanks to Mrs. Johnson for donating some rocks to our class!

-Thank you to Mrs. Liptak for doing some volunteering work in our room.

-Thank you to all parents for helping your child practice spelling words and reading each night. It really makes a difference!

A HUGE congratulations to Hannah, Lauren and Matthew, who all got 100% five times in a row on their spelling tests. Now they have "bumped up" to more challenging spelling groups. Your hard work has definitely paid off!

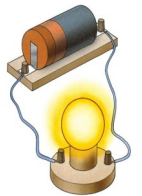
Mrs. Gurr

Grade 5D News

Our reading strategy for this month was Synthesizing. With this strategy, we learned the difference between the main events and details within a text. Students also learned how to arrange the main events in a sequential order.

In Math, we finished our Measurement, Area and Perimeter Unit. Students understand how to measure using units such as cm, mm, and m, and how to convert each unit of measurement. For example, there are 10 mm in 1 cm etc. We also focused on how to find the perimeter and area of a given shape.

In Science, we wrapped up our Electricity and Magnetism Unit. Students had a blast exploring various circuits such as open, closed, series and parallel. They also tested materials that would make good conductors, insulators and resistors. We also discussed electromagnets and the significance of the efficiency label found on electrical appliances.



Reminders: There is no school for students on November 12th and the 13th due to Teacher Professional Development. Please continue to read with your child for at least 10 to 20 minutes, and practice multiplication facts nightly.

A special thank you to all the parents who contributed to our coffee lovers basket, your contributions were greatly appreciated, and our Harvest Gala was a great success!

Ms. Dennahower



Dorothy Dalglish School celebrated our uniqueness by having a Rainbow Day!

On Friday, October 19, 2018, students and staff were encouraged to dress in their favorite color. Accompanying that, teachers shared with their students a First Nations legend about how at one time, the colors would argue that they were the BEST color. For instance, green claimed it was the color of life; yellow said it was the source of light and joy; and so on. They fought and clamored until a Voice told them how each color was important and that they needed to accept and celebrate each other for their uniqueness and what they brought to the world. This idea was brought to life when all the students organized themselves into a rainbow of color, demonstrating that each student has a place and is accepted.



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in anyway to support the

PSBSPB Harvest Gala.

Over \$27,000.00 was raised for the school!



Grade 4 News

Looking ahead, parent-teacher interviews will be held on November 15. A time slot will be scheduled on that day. If this time does not work for you, please let us know and we will be more than happy to change it for a more convenient time.



Literacy:

Grade fours are currently listening to a read-aloud called Ugly, a memoir by Robert Hoge. This is a true story about Robert who was born with a tennis-ball sized tumor in the middle of his face and short twisted legs. It is a story about belonging in a world where beauty is who you are, not what you look like.

Children are reading in literacy groups at their own instructional levels. We are writing personal narratives about children's own experiences. This includes a beginning, middle, end and adding descriptive details, characters and a setting.

Numeracy:

Children are learning to add and subtract numbers up to the 1000s place value. This skill goes much quicker if children know their addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently (accurate and fast!). PLEASE practise this at home. Thank you!

Social:

We are currently studying the Foothills region of Alberta. This includes geography such as landforms, climate, vegetation, animals, bodies of water and natural resources.

Thank you's:

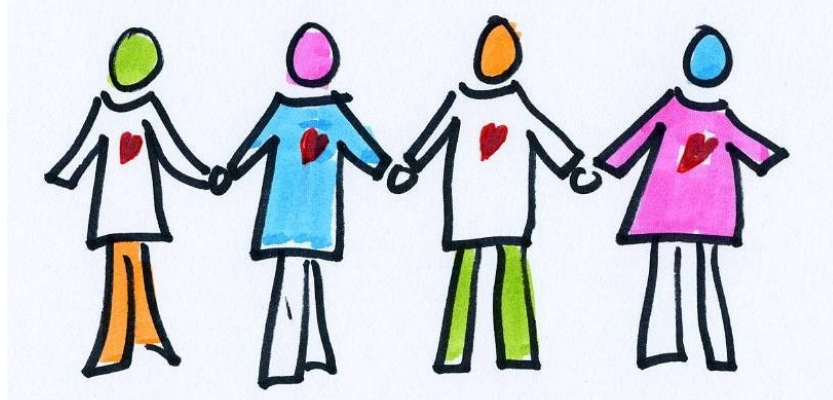
Thank you parents for practising times table facts, and addition facts.

Thank you parents for practising spelling words and ensuring your children read a book of their choosing for 15 minutes a day.

Thank you parents for bringing in snacks for our Halloween fun afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs. Sue Wobick and Ms. Sandy Neels for demonstrating exemplary assistance for our children in Grade 4.

Mrs. Boras



Grade 5M News



The year continues to run smoothly and I am excited to see the growth our class is already making towards being more responsible and respectful learners. In language arts we have just wrapped up our first major unit in writing - realistic fiction. Students spent a lot of time learning about the importance of revision and editing to the writing process and worked collaboratively with partners to make their stories the best they could be. Once students were convinced they had completed their best work I spent some time working with each writer to set some goals to help keep moving forward. In our reading we have completed our self-monitoring unit by working in our levelled guided reading groups.

In math students have moved on to our study of Measurement with a focus so far on how to measure length using millimeters and centimeters, estimating lengths and choosing the best unit of measurement for a variety of objects, calculating the perimeter and area of various rectangles, and finally examining the relationship between perimeter and area of rectangles. To finish up the unit the class will learn about finding the volume of rectangular prisms and estimating capacity in mL and L. Throughout the Measurement unit students have also been exposed to word problems dealing with the big concepts of the unit.

In science the class has finished our first unit, Electricity and Magnetism, and wrote their first major unit exam. We worked on several review activities in class, including a study guide that students were to bring home for extra practice. Most of the class really set themselves up for success by studying on their own time as well as in class and should be proud of how they did. If your child is not satisfied with their grade on the test they have been given a chance to do an extra credit assignment to help improve their overall mark. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this.

In social so far we have learned about our first physical region of Canada and some of the important groups of people in the region in the past and now. As we move through the different regions of Canada we will examine several common themes such as the factors that affect quality of life, the climate, the physical features, and natural resources. We will also learn about some of the First Nations groups in the area, both historically and in present day.

Important Notes:

- As we amp up our math study it is really helpful for students to know their math facts fluently
- Try asking your child addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions over dinner and watch their strategies for answering
- Can they answer automatically?
- Do they use their fingers?
- Do they skip count?

Ms. Mohrmann

Grade 6 News

I can't believe that we have actually had a real fall this year! The warm(ish) weather has been pretty exciting.

Here is what we have been up to in our subject areas:

LA - in reading, we have been working on the skill of analyzing. This skill involves being able to prove what you think you know by backing up your opinions with facts. In writing, we are finishing up our personal narratives on powerful life stories. In the next week or two, we will start learning how to write essays.

Math - in math, we just finished perimeter, area, and volume. We are now working on drawing, measuring, and classifying angles. One thing I have noticed is that many of us struggle with our basic math facts - please keep an eye out for a homework package to practice math facts.

Science - We are busy learning how to solve crimes. So far, we have looked at how to analyze footprints, fingerprints, and different types of ink.



Social - Students have been busy exploring the different social roles of people in Ancient Athens. Many of them have been turning their information into podcasts. If you want, get your child to log into Google Classroom to show you their podcast!

There are a few notes I would like to add:



Thanks to Mrs. Gibson, who is running hot dog sales again this year. The grade sixes love helping out with it!

Thanks to Ms. Rogerson, Ms. Neels (and Brody!), Mrs. Van Hell, and Mrs. Veltman (I think that's everyone) who have been running our snack program in the morning. It has been a HUGE hit!

Thanks to Ms. Mohrmann, Mrs. Gurr, Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Dennahower, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. McLeod, who have all signed up to help with mini-volleyball this year. What a huge difference they make!

One of the most important math skills students can have when they move over to the high school is an understanding of basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. This is something I really want our students to work on. As mentioned earlier, this is a skill that is lacking in quite a few of us - please keep an eye out for the homework package that is going to be sent home.

Thanks for all your support! Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to swing by, call, or e-mail!

Mr. Van Dyk

student of the Week



October 19th

Kindergarten Chandre

Grade 1 Brienne

Grade 2 Faith

Grade 3 Mariah

Grade 4 Joel

Grade 5D Colby

Grade 5M Drake

Grade 6 Parker

Good Work!



student of the Week

November 2nd

Grade 1 Mark

Grade 2 Isaiah

Grade 3 Lorena

Grade 3 Brady

Grade 4 Dominic

Grade 5D Meri

Grade 5M Cassie

Grade 6 Jadeyn



Good Work!

News from the Library

We just finished up our fall book fair and what a success it was! Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who purchased books at the fair. We were able to pick out a ton of new books for the library. I can't wait to get them all catalogued and on the shelves. Our contest winners for guessing how many candies in the cup were: Luke in Kindergarten, Paddie in grade 6 and Kashton from grade 5M. The I Wish contest winners were: Kasia in Kindergarten, Morris in grade 2, Xavier in grade 4 and Lindelie in grade 5M. The family draw winner was Diego from grade 3. Diego was able to pick \$25.00 worth of books from the fair and Mrs. Gurr's class was also able to pick out \$25.00 worth of books for their classroom.



Thanks to everyone for all their support!!

Mrs. Pittman



Flat Stanely is ready to go!

The Grade 3's have each created their own Flat Stanley to share adventures with!





Happy Halloween







Hot lunch Dates:



Menu is subject to change

Nov 1-Pancakes and Sausage

Nov 15- Pizza

Nov 29-Chicken Strips and Veggies

Dec 6-Macaroni and Cheese

Jan 17-Hamburger and Chips

Jan 31-Grilled Cheese and Soup

Feb 7-Sub Sandwich

March 7-Taco in a Bag

March 21-Pancakes and Sausage

April 4-brought in lunch TBD

April 18-Spaghetti and Meat Sauce

May 2-Sloppy Joes

May 16-Brought in lunch TBD





DSDS Halloween Fun!



November 2018

Sun

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Sat

				1 <i>Hot Dog Orders Due Today</i> Hot Lunch Pancakes & Sausage	2 Clubs Day Assembly Wear "DDS Blue"	3
4	5 Mini-Volleyball	6	7 Mini-Volleyball	8 Hot Dog Day	9 Remembrance Day Ceremony at PBHS Kindergarten Day Report Cards go	10
11	12 No school for Students	13	14 Parent Teacher Interviews	15 Hot Lunch -Pizza Mini-Volleyball	16	17
18	19 Mini-Volleyball	20	21 Mini-Volleyball Jr. ATB	22 Hot Dog Day	23 Assembly	24
25	26 Mini-Volleyball	27	28 Mini-Volleyball	29 Hot Lunch Chicken Strips & Veggies	30 Kindergarten Day "Backwards Day"	

Word of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY