

# Dorothy Dalglish School

May/June 2022

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I reflect on my first year as principal at Dorothy Dalglish School, I have one thought that resonates often: *How did I get so lucky to work here? What a school! We are so proud of all our students who have filled our days with excitement and fun this past year.*

It is that time of year in schools when we have one foot in the current school year and one in the next. June is a busy time with field trips, special events and finishing up curriculum. At the same time we, as a staff, are working on our school plan for next year, which aligns with the Division plan. We will be sharing the draft of our 2022-2023 School Plan with parents at the next Home and School Council meeting on June 6th. We are also in the process of budgeting and looking at staffing for next year. Although our staffing process is not quite complete, we do know that we will be saying farewell to Mrs. Gibson and Miss. Hemstreet. We wish them well as they embark on new adventures and thank them for their time and contributions here at DDS!

We also want to wish our Grade 6's all the best as they transition to Picture Butte High School in the fall. We know that wonderful adventures and new opportunities await them! The Grade 6 Farewell breakfast and ceremony has been scheduled for the Grade 6 class and their parents/guardians for Tuesday, June 28th at 10am. We will be sending out more information to the grade six students.

As we finish out the year, I would like to pass along my appreciation to the parents who have supported the learning all year long, our community volunteers who enhance everything we do at the school, and our staff who have gone the extra mile everyday to support students. A final thank you to the students who have made learning their job while also practicing the character virtues we so deeply value here.

I hope you all have a wonderful, safe, and happy summer!

Mrs. McGregor



# June 2022

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<p>***WATCH FOR PERMISSION FORMS COMING HOME, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS, SIGN, AND RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.</p> <p>THERE ARE A LOT OF FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING THIS MONTH. FUN STUFF!!</p>			1	2 Track & Field Day 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Gr. 1 & 2 Field Trip  Gr. 3 & 4 Field Trip	10 PD Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	11
12	13	14 School Wide Photo—AM	15 Gr. 2 & 3 Prairie Tractor Club	16 Gr 5 to SABC Gr 6 PAT ELA Part B	17 Kindergarten Friday  “DDS HAS TALENT SHOW”	18
Grade 4 Swimming Lessons:1:45-2:45PM Thurs 1:15-2:15PM						
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See attached schedule for swimming times						
26	27	28 Grade 6 Farewell  KONA ICE TREAT Last Day of School	29	30		

## DDS Free Swim Times

June 20, 2022 Gr. 1, 2, 3 12:30PM -1:30PM  
Gr. 4, 5, 6 1:45PM—2:45PM

June 22, 2022 Gr. 1, 2, 3 12:30PM—1:30PM  
Gr. 4, 5, 6 1:45PM—2:45PM

June 21, 2022 Gr. 4, 5, 6 12:30PM—1:30PM  
Gr. K, 1, 2, 3 1:45PM—2:45PM

June 23, 2022 Gr. K, 1, 2, 3 12:30PM—1:30PM  
Gr. 4, 5, 6 1:45PM—2:45PM

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**Thank you to our DDS Home & School for the wonderful Staff Appreciation Lunch.**

Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

The staff enjoyed having a catered lunch and the opportunity to have a meal together.

Thank you to the Cattlemen's Chophouse for catering, the meals were delicious!



## Nutrition Education (Grades 1-6)

Today we had a lot of fun learning about **Canada's Food Guide**. Feel free to use the many resources provided at <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/>. At the past nutrition class, the children were encouraged to help with making their own lunches and snacks. You may have seen the stickers come home that say "I made my own lunch". Please keep asking you kids to help with preparing their lunches even in small ways. It is great to see so many fruits and vegetables packed in the lunch kits!!

Here is the recipe that we made. Many of the students asked for the recipe!

### Nice Cream Recipe

5 Frozen Bananas

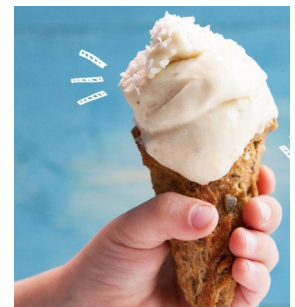
2 Wedges Frozen Lemon

2 Cups Frozen Mixed Berries

½ Cup Milk (Soy Milk is what we used and gives a creamy texture, but any kind of milk works)

Blend all ingredients. You may need to add more milk but you want to end up with the consistency of soft serve ice cream.

Serve in bowls or on cones. Enjoy!



## Kindergarten News

**June already!!** It is hard to believe that the last month of school is here.

In Kindergarten our classroom is buzzing with stories about riding bikes, playing outside, going swimming, and camping.

Our Themes for this month are Ocean/Sea.

In **Language Arts** the children will be doing literacy activities that revolve around Ocean stories. As well as writing their own stories.

In **Math** we will be reviewing all of our math concepts: number recognition, patterns, measurement, as well as 2D and 3D shapes and objects.

In **Science** we will complete our summer trees and learn about ocean animals.

In **Gym** we will continue with our outside games unit, which includes soccer, t-ball and tag.



**Important Dates:** Our extra Fridays for June are **Friday, June 17** and **Friday, June 24**

**Our Kindergarten Grad** will be on **Friday, June 24 at 11:00** in the gym.

**Last day for Kindergarten is Tuesday, June 28.**

### Thank Yous:

Huge thank you to Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. V. (Mrs. Van Zeggelaar)! You have helped all of us succeed this year in Kindergarten. You are amazing.

Thank you to Home and School for sponsoring treats and activities throughout this year.

Thank you to the Hot Lunch moms for all the delicious lunches.

Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for our wonderful Book Fairs and Library. The children were always excited about the stories you read to them and the library books that they got to take home.

Thank you to Adam and Mrs. Hillier, for keeping our school clean.

Thank you to everyone on the DDS staff for your help this year.

A huge thank you to all you wonderful parents for sharing your children with me this year.

Thank you boys and girls for a fantastic year in Kindergarten!

Have a wonderful, safe summer and enjoy the sunshine.

Hugs,

Mrs. Grandmont





## Grade 1 News

Wow...who would have thought the year would have blown by that fast! I cannot believe that I have to let this amazing group of students move onto Grade 2!



May saw a lot of old things come back to life! We got to celebrate our amazing MOMS again this year, and the Kindergartens kindly let us join their celebration! It was so amazing to see everyone in our school again!

We have continued to grow in our reading, writing and numeracy skills. I cannot believe how much this class has learned throughout the year. They are incredible.



We have been busy getting ready to do our very best at our DDS Track and Field day, and these kids are rocking it! We are looking forward to all the amazing things that June has to offer us.

We are excited about our field trip to The Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale as well as the Spray Park in Coaldale. As well, we are super excited about all the swimming we will be doing closer to the end of June! It is going to be the best month EVER!



Thank you all again for sharing your children with me! This has been the most fantastic year. I have loved every single minute of it!

Mrs. Nish

## DDS Spirit Cup Winners!

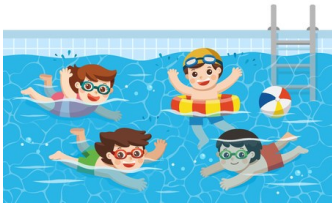


## Grade 2 News

The month of June will see the class wrapping up units in all subject areas and participating in a variety of year-end activities throughout the month. Our first special event will be Track Meet which will be held on June 2. In Science the class is especially excited to watch our caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies for our Small Crawling and Flying unit.



The Grade 2's will be busy participating in a couple of field trips in June. Our first field trip will be on June 9th with the class walking to the Prairie Tractor club where they will spend the day touring the facility and discovering what it was like to be a pioneer. Then on June 15 the class will be taking a bus to the Birds of Prey Center and the Coaldale spray park. Specific details about each trip have been sent home with students. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.



Also the students will be going swimming at the Picture Butte Swimming pool during the week of June 20 - June 23. This event is possible because of our Hot dog sales throughout the year. You will be receiving a permission form for this event in the near future.

An early thank you to all the parents who will be helping with the track meet and a reminder to parents, relatives and friends to please come cheer and support the students.

Thank you to Mrs. West, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Hillier and Mrs. Bowden for their continuous help and support in our classroom.

Thank you to Mrs. Stauth for all her help with track meet and for the countless things she does for our school to make it run smoothly.

Thank you to Mrs. McGregor for everything she does for the staff, students and parents at DDS.

A special thank you to the grade 2 class and all of their parents. It has been quite a year! However, together I believe we have weathered the storm again, and I know I have had a terrific year and couldn't be more proud of all my students this year.

Stay safe and healthy,

Mrs. Gibson

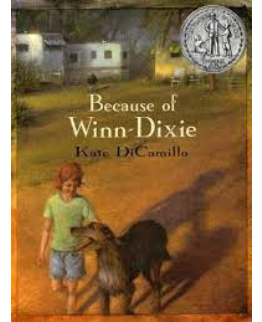


## Grade 3 News



I can't believe we're heading into June already! I'm not sure where this school year went but I have had the opportunity to work with an amazing group of grade 3 students!

In Language Arts we are finishing the novel Because of Winn-Dixie, focusing on the characters as well as the “story mountain” that we typically see in books. Next we will be exploring poetry with students reading poems as well as writing different types of poems. They will be working at incorporating figurative language into their written pieces as well. To celebrate the end of our poetry unit each student will share his / her favourite poem. In true “slam poetry” fashion we will show our appreciation by snapping our fingers (instead of clapping) for our fellow poets!



Our last math unit is fractions. Students will learn that a fraction represents a part of a whole, describe situations where fractions are used and compare fractions of the same whole that have the same denominator.

Our final unit in science is animal life cycles and students are learning about animal classification, habitats and specific life cycles of various animals. In social studies we will learn about India as well as how we can be responsible global citizens in our world.

### Reminders:

On June 9, the grade 3 and 4 classes will be going on our field trip to the Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump and a park in Fort Macleod. Please refer to the list that will be sent home as a reminder of what your child needs to bring along on this day. The grades 2 and 3 classes will also be touring the Prairie Tractor Club on June 15. Please return the permission forms for both field trips as soon as possible.

We will be going swimming a few times in June. Watch for a permission form as well as details in the near future!

### Thank you's:

Thank you to parents who are practicing multiplication tables and spelling words with their children!

Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for driving the bus for us on our field trip! We really appreciate all you do, Mrs. Pittman!

Thank you to all of the grade 3 families for your support. I have loved working with your children and I truly appreciate your kindness throughout this school year!

Mrs. Gurr

## Grade 4 News



In Language Arts **Reading** we have been enjoying the incredible **Strangeworlds Travel Agency** by L.D. Lapinski. The class has had the opportunity to discuss the plot and characters, as well as let their creativity flow by creating a world they would like to visit and designing the suitcase that would take them there!

In **Writing**, we have been working on **personal essays** with the help of Ms. Hemstreet. The class has worked through many different ways to gather ideas, how to express and represent ideas through developing detail and context, and organizing these ideas in a way that has the most impact. Each student has been writing on a topic of their choice, and it has been wonderful seeing their hard work paying off.

In **Math** we have been learning about **measurement** and finding the area and perimeter of shapes. The class was able to learn the  $A = b \times h$  formula, and apply it in workbooks and games. We have also been learning about geometric shapes and applying what we know and making patterns. For the remainder of the school year, we will focus on pre-algebra for a week, so finding the missing number in an equation (ex:  $9 + \underline{\quad} = 27$ ), and we will end with **Statistics and Probability** by surveying the class and making a variety of graphs to represent our findings.

In **Science**, the class has been learning all about **Plant Growth and Changes**! We have learned about different types of plants and their needs, plant classification, how plants reproduce, and the class has grown their own bean seeds and flower seeds! Hopefully they are still growing! They were so excited every morning to see if their plants had grown, and it was awesome to see their engagement with the unit. To wrap up, we will be doing one final **Social Studies** unit on celebrating Alberta. We will discuss tourism in Alberta, diversity and more. This will tie in nicely with our field trip on June 9th to Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump!

It has been such a pleasure to teach this incredible group of learners!

### Reminder:

- Please continue to read with your child at home for at least 15 minutes a day!
- Track and field day is on June 2nd! Please apply sunscreen as it is looking to be a sunny and warm day!
- Field trip to Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump on June 9th. Please pack a lunch, snacks, and water for your child. Please apply and send sunscreen as we will be enjoying an afternoon in the park.
- Grade 4 swimming lessons are June 13-16. Please fill out the form on School Cash Online, and don't forget to send swimsuits!

*Mrs. Groenheide*



In June we are completing our final writing unit of the year, poetry! Throughout the month of June students will be creating their own poetry anthologies, or collections. We will learn about different techniques for improving word choice, such as alliteration, figures of speech such as similes and metaphors, and many other strategies for creating imagery and strengthening voice. Students will also be able to choose a theme for their poems and we will integrate artwork when publishing our poems.



In reading, students will be finishing up their study of the synthesizing comprehension strategy which requires readers to put together all the pieces to make meaning. Often this involves determining the importance of different details or information, in order to get the gist of a text. Students read several nonfiction articles to practice this skill. Synthesizing also relies on making connections to prior knowledge about topics.

In math the class is finishing up May with our study of Transformations. Students are expected to identify and perform single-step transformations to 2D shapes including rotations, reflections, and translations. Our final unit of the year will be Statistics and Probability. This unit involves a lot of games of chance so that students are able to describe single outcomes (when you roll a die there is only one outcome that occurs), and compare the likelihood of two outcomes.

#### Important Notes:

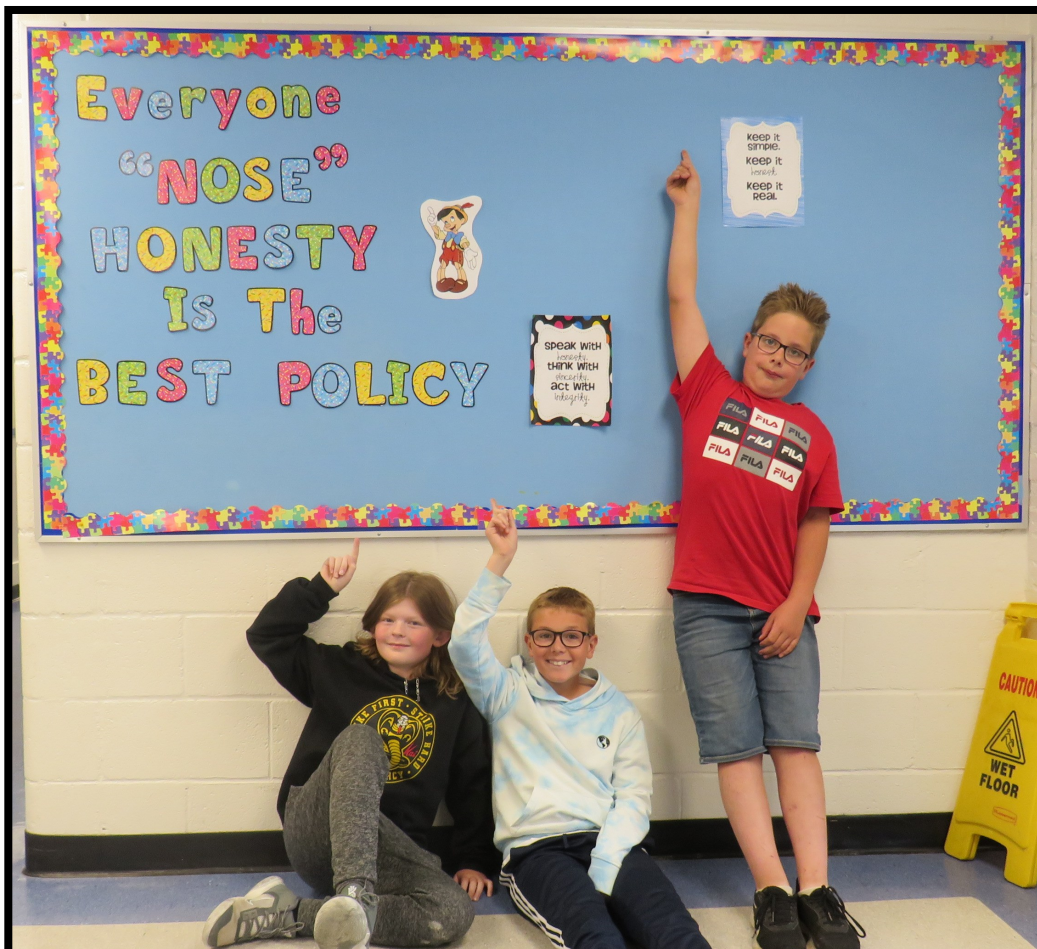
- Our year-end field trip is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th, 2022 and we will be spending the day at SABC. Students will arrive at school as usual in the morning, but will need to be picked up from the school later that evening as well will not return in time for students to ride the school bus. There will be a cost of approximately \$25 per student. ***Please return permission forms as soon as possible:)***
- As always, thank you to the parent volunteers who make our hot lunch program a success:)

Ms. Mohrmann





# Spirit Cup winners for DDS Blue Day



**Grade 5**  
**Bulletin Board Crew**  
**Great Job!**

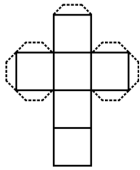
## Grade 6 News

Earlier this month, Grade 6 students hosted our second DDS assembly this year, complete with our mascot Flip, cheesy jokes, and school-wide reminders.

Congratulations to Grade 6 students for completing their first PAT. The English Language Arts PAT: Writing Part A can be particularly challenging. All students were able to complete the assessment, and several students commented that it was an invigorating experience:)

Also, a big thank you goes out to Picture Butte High School for inviting our students to their Open House evening. After a complimentary BBQ, parents and students received a guided tour of the school, and then gathered for a visual presentation with Principal Mark Lowe.

In **Language Arts**, we are studying poetry and figurative language such as metaphors, similes, onomatopoeias, hyperboles, alliteration to name a few. Students are investigating classic pieces such as "The Cremation of Sam McGee," and using their knowledge of figurative language to make meaning of poems.



In **Mathematics**, we began our 3-D shapes unit with an introduction to nets and surface area. We will also be looking at volume formulas and liquid capacity and fluid measurement this month. We are also revisiting division this month to help review for the computational Math component of the Math PAT.

In our **Science** unit, Evidence and Investigation, we have casted footprints, and printed shoe impressions. We are now looking at animal tracks and fingerprints this week. We are hoping to culminate this unit by using evidence to solve a criminal mystery.



Democracy in Ancient Athens is our current **Social Studies** focus. Students have begun the "Day in the Life of Ancient Athens" project whereby they are randomly assigned a social status in Ancient Athens (citizen, metic or slave), and they will describe their Athenian life through journal entries, pictures and captions. This project will help students review the social structure of Athenian society, their political assembly, courts and council.

### A few Reminders...

Grade 6 students can use a calculator for part of their Math PAT. Please ensure that your child has a calculator available. These can be inexpensive, simple calculators. Graphing calculators are not permitted.

Please send your child to school with a healthy snack / lunch whenever possible. I am noticing that students are coming to school with an increasing amount of candy and pop which is not conducive to calm, focused learning.

Encourage your child to read at home for 30 minutes everyday, especially this month as we head into PATs. Provincial Achievement Tests require students to read for long stretches, so we have been trying to help students build up their reading stamina all year.

If you haven't already joined Remind, jump on this app for updates. Use the following link:  
[rmd.at/c99aa6f](https://remind101.com/join/rmd.at/c99aa6f)

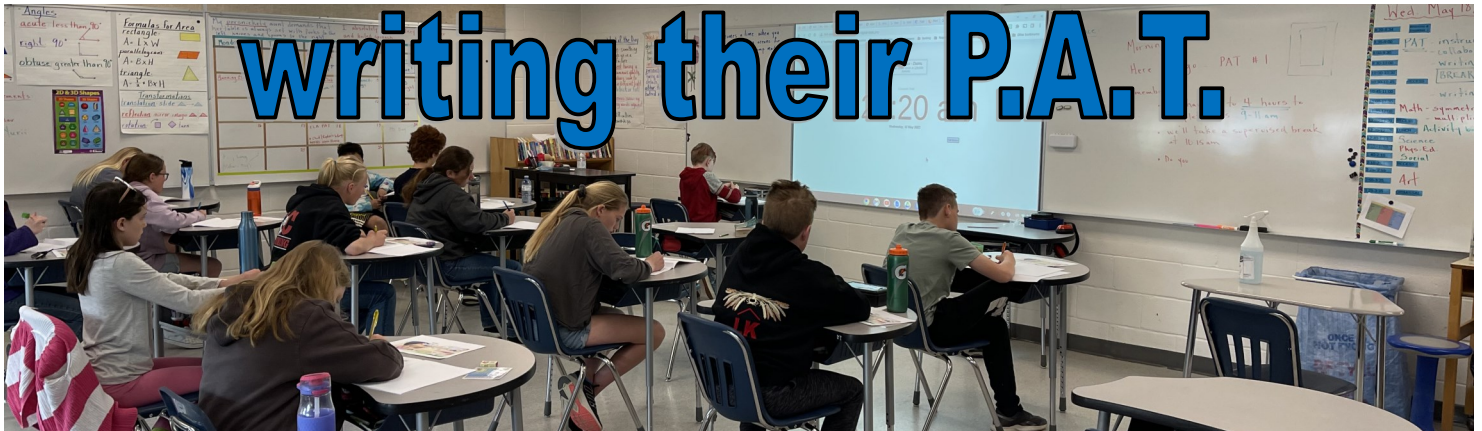
Have a fantastic month!!  
Mrs. Yanke



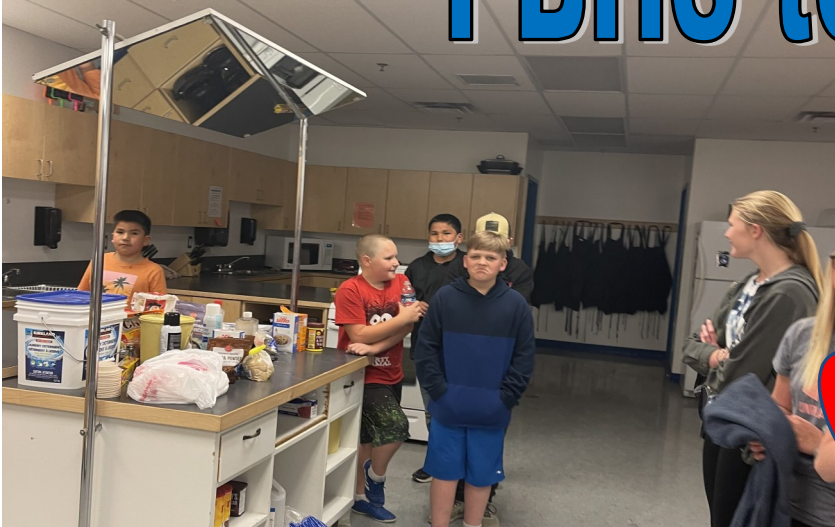
# casting shoe impressions



# writing their P.A.T.



# PBHS tour




# Gr 6 Activities



# A special note from Mrs. Gibson

A special thanks to the staff, students, parents and community of DDS. As most of you know, after 35 years of teaching, I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. The last 15 years of my teaching career have been at DDS and I couldn't have asked for a better place to call "home." I have enjoyed and appreciated everyone who I have had the pleasure of teaching or who I have met. Thank you so much for making me feel so welcomed here and I wish you all the best. Remember to always be kind, take chances, make mistakes and maybe even get a bit messy!

Mrs. Gibson

**Thank you Mrs. Gibson for all you have done for DDS. The love you showed everyday to the school, students and staff will be missed!** 

## School Council News

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended and gave input over the last year, it has been truly appreciated!

School council will have their final meeting of the school year on Monday, June 6 at 3:45PM. If you would like to join us, or would like more information, please contact Michelle Marti at [jmmarti@shaw.ca](mailto:jmmarti@shaw.ca)

The hot lunch program is nothing without our volunteers and sponsors. THANK YOU—for your time and dedication towards serving our staff and students.

**Thank you to our sponsors, Schooten & Sons Feedyards and 6A Cattle.**

If you would like to be involved with the hot lunch program next year, please contact Roxane Drake at [rsdrake20@gmail.com](mailto:rsdrake20@gmail.com)

**We hope you all have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.**



Kindergarten—Grade 3 celebrated their Moms and the special ladies in their life with a Mother's Day Tea. Students sang, read poems and enjoyed a snack with their special guest.





# "Hats on for Mental Health Awareness"



## Grade 6 Leadership - Assembly



Thank you to  
Bert's AG Foods—Kent Kerkoff  
&

Florence Drake

for donating the ice cream treats for Track Day  
Such a nice treat!





**Crazy Hair Day**



# DDS Spirit Cup Winners for Crazy Hair Day!



DDS is grateful for these wonderful staff members. We celebrated them at assembly for their long service to Palliser.

Ms. Mohrmann 10yrs—Mrs. Nish 20yrs—Ms. Neels 20yrs -  
Mrs. Takeda 5yrs—Ms. Yanke 15yrs



# 2022 HARVEST GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

\*DINNER \* DANCING \* AUCTION\*

ALL MONEY RAISED BENEFITS THE STUDENTS OF  
DOROTHY DALGLIESH SCHOOL

TICKETS \$40 EACH

TABLE OF EIGHT \$300

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

MICHELLE: 403-795-8585

KELLY: 403-635-0032

SEE YOU THERE!



DDS staff & students went for their annual community walk today. What a beautiful day to be out and about in the community.

Students had decorated door hangers to leave on house doors.

Happy Summer!



FCSS and Family Ties have partnered to bring a summer camp to Picture Butte this July for children aged 8—11 years old. See the information below for a list of potential activities campers may participate in:

“The specific agenda for this upcoming camp has not been completely decided yet, so here is an overview of what our past camps have looked like. Our camps are full of hands on activities and games, as well as art projects and other skill-building activities. We like to get kids outside in the fresh air (weather permitting) and engage in outdoor games like obstacle races, tag, and playing on outdoor playground equipment. We encourage youth to be good citizens and take garbage bags with us to the park to do a little park clean-up. We also teach being safe and not picking up items that are sharp (i.e. broken glass) and to also alert an adult if such items are found.

Indoor activities often include experiments, sometimes they make recipes for fun snacks to eat, learn about and engage in games from other countries, do art projects that explore various kinds of art supplies and encourage self expression and we usually have a day for engaging in Blackfoot activities directed by indigenous staff. Depending on the group, sometimes we include a “show and tell” day where the youth can bring something to show and tell about. This has been a highlight for camps as youth present on things that they love. Our activities focus on teaching youth how to do things that they can reproduce at home. So our craft activities, for example, will be easy to find supplies such as cardboard you can find leftover from packaging and paint you could get at a dollar store. We assign workers to camps so that there is one worker for every five youths.

We ask that all campers come with a lunch and a water bottle clearly labeled with their name. We also remind parents that we may go on nature walks or do activities outside, so please send kiddos with appropriate shoes, sunscreen, and possibly a jacket/windbreaker”

If you have any questions or to register, please contact Darcy Nalder at [d.nalder@familyties.ca](mailto:d.nalder@familyties.ca)

Or contact our Making Connections Worker, Katie West at [katie.west@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:katie.west@pallisersd.ab.ca)

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# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

## PICTURE BUTTE - DAY CAMP

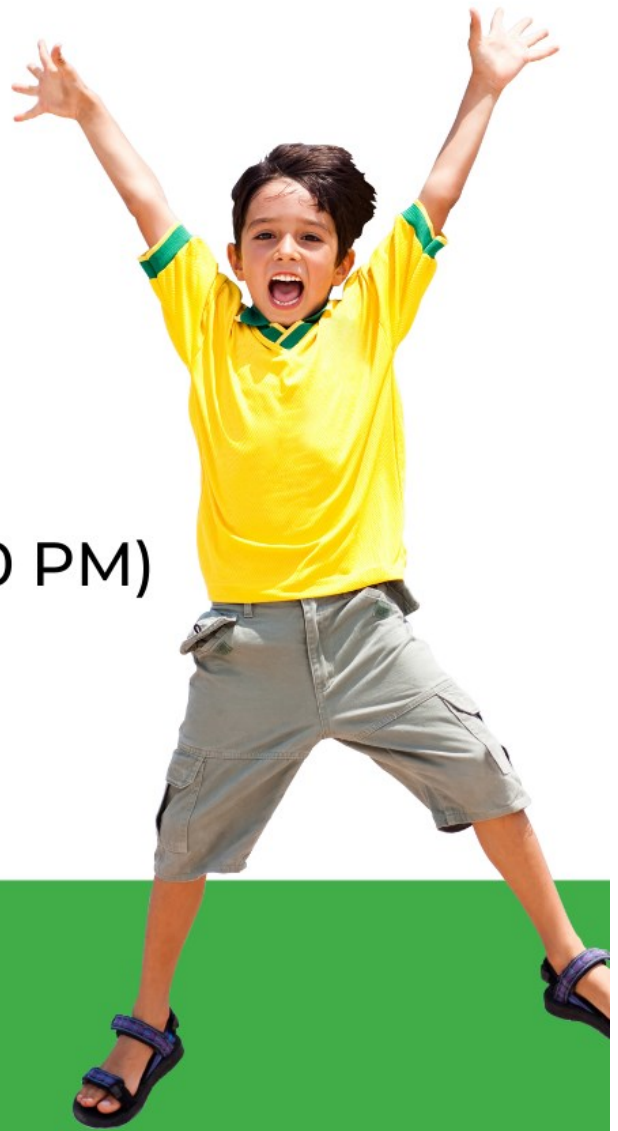
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July 25-29 (10:30 AM - 2:30 PM)

Ages: 8-11

Picture Butte  
Community Centre

**REGISTER NOW**

Darcy Nalder at  
403-320-8888 or  
[d.nalder@familyties.ca](mailto:d.nalder@familyties.ca)



Click on the link below to access the registration form

[Picture Butte Summer Day Camp](#)