

Prairieview Post

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Together we will ensure learning success for all students to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.

Paws For Reading

Each Tuesday, Lucky and his humans come in to help students with their reading. He's a very appreciative listener who just loves to hear students read. Students pick a book for Lucky to hear and then read while Lucky listens.

The program has been shown to improve student confidence in reading aloud, and it's a lot of fun for everybody!



Community of Caring

Our focus for the month of March is bullying.

Bullying is a learned behaviour. It is when a person or group tries to hurt or control another person in a harmful way. There are three aspects of this hurtful behaviour that almost all experts agree on; in bullying there is a **difference in power** between those being hurt and those doing the hurting, bullying involves hurtful behaviours that are **repeated** and **intentional**. Bullying is not about a conflict that needs resolving. In bullying, the power is all in one person or a group's control. People who bully others show loathing and contempt for those they are trying to hurt.

There are lots of different kinds of bullying, and they all hurt. Sometimes bullying means hitting, kicking, pushing, shoving, or making someone do something they don't want to do. Sometimes bullying is using mean words or threats, calling someone names, or saying bad things behind their back. Bullying can even mean making someone feel unsafe or scared, leaving them out of games, or making them feel that they're not important. Bullying can be verbal, physical, social (shunning, ignoring or leaving someone out on purpose), and also involve cyberbullying (being bullied through the information and communication technologies.

(From www.bullying.org)

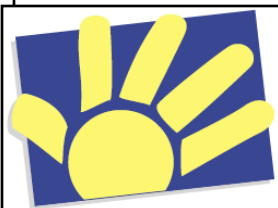


Stop The Bullying! Wear Pink To Show Your Support

On Friday, March 6 we want you to show the world that we won't tolerate bullying. We want a "sea of pink" at Prairieview Elementary. Show your spirit! show your style! Show that you care and that you won't put up with any kind of bullying.

The Prairieview Post is published twice a month. Contributions are most welcome but must be made in electronic format to michael.shain@pallisersd.ab.ca

**Mr. Michael Shain—Principal
Mr. Nathan Sillito—Vice-Principal**



*respect * caring * trust * family*

responsibility

Junior Curling



Thursday March 5 will be our final curling practice for the season. On Friday the 6th grade 4, 5 and 6 junior curlers are invited to come out to the arena for a game against the Milo students (start time will be 2:30). On the 7th and 8th Nanton is holding a junior bonspiel and players are invited to organize a team and participate.

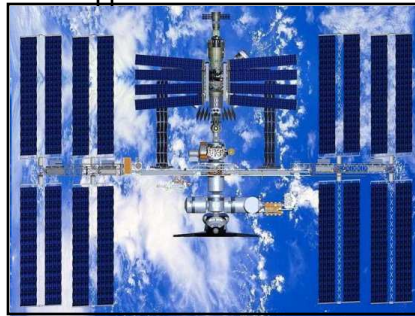
Canadian Space Agency Presentation

On Friday, February 27 the whole school went over to the C.R.C. for a presentation by the Canadian Space Agency. Palliser Regional Schools is in the running for a rare and exciting opportunity to video-conference with Canadian astronaut Dr. Robert Thirsk who will be on board the International Space Station for six months.

We learned a lot about the space station and the different modules that are connected to the 93 meter-long structure. Our students participated in the presentation and won prizes for their excellent questions.

On Monday the 9th we are inviting all the junior curlers and their families to come out to the arena for a wind-up party, treats and refreshments. Games will start at 6:00 PM so make sure to be at the rink by about 5:45.

Thanks to the families and curlers for a wonderful season! A special thanks to Mrs. Dumka for organizing and coaching the students!



Thanks to all the parents and students who came out to support the Palliser bid to conference with Dr. Thirsk!

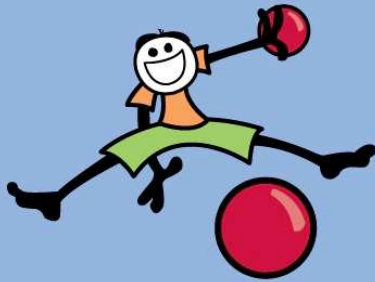
Intramural Floor Hockey

The Prairieview Oilers beat the Canucks in a fast-paced, exciting game to win the best of three series two games to one. The final score at the buzzer was three to two for the Oilers. Both teams (shown here) played a great series while the students and staff watched from the foyer.

Can the Oilers defend their title against the Staff? We'll see when the Oilers take on the staff next week!



Community News



DodgeBall is good.

Dodge Ball

Free dodge ball runs until March 18 in the VPE gym on Wednesday nights. Students aged 10 and older are invited to come out from 7:00 to 7:50, high school students can play from 8:00 to 8:50

and a special adults only game will be held on March 25 at 7:00. On March 18 both parents and children are invited to come out to a family night.

Navy League Cadets

Children aged 9 to 13 are invited to join the Navy Cadets. Most activities are free and uniforms are provided. The Cadets meet on Tuesdays in Lethbridge. For more information call Jorien Becker at 403-345-5062

Health & Wellness

After school fitness classes start on Monday March 9 and run on Mondays and Thursdays (from 4 to 5) until April 7. Classes will be held in the gym. Contact Gayle at 403-485-2915 for more information.

Prime Minister's Award For Teaching Excellence

For most of us, at least one teacher stands out in our memories — someone who encouraged, enabled and inspired us to do our very best. Teachers play a tremendous role, not only in the academic achievement of students, but in the attitudes and abilities they carry with them beyond the classroom.

The Prime Minister's Awards (PMAs) for Teaching Excellence honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines who instill in their students a love of learning and who utilize information and communications technology (ICT) to better equip their students with the skills needed to meet the challenges of a 21st century society and economy.

Nominations are due by March 31, 2009.

More information:

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmte-ppmee.nsf/eng/Home>

Al-anon

Friday, March 6 at the Vulcan Legion there will be an Public Luncheon from 12:00 to 1:00. Local pastors, public agency administrators, business owners and the public are invited to come out to learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-anon. Speakers from Lethbridge will be on hand to discuss the programs. Tickets are \$15.00 each.

For more info call Dennis Nowoselsky at 403-485-3356.

Preschool Developmental Check-Ups

(formerly known as Preschool Screening)

Vulcan Prairieview Elementary is hosting a Preschool Developmental Check-Up Day on **Friday, May 8th, 2009, from 9:00 to 1:00**. This is an opportunity for you, as a parent, to take your preschool child (ages 3 to 5) through several centers to participate in fun activities; there is even a snack center! Speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists, as well as school personnel, will be on hand to answer any of your questions about your child's development. Stay tuned for further information on registering your child!

Totally Terrific Crafts **EASTER**



\$5.00 each
no choice
March 24st
Easter Baskets

\$5.00 each
March 31st
Bunny Holder



\$5.00 each
April 7th
Bunny Banner

Crafts are held Tuesdays after school at the Elementary School
at 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Totally Terrific Crafts is an after school
program that ends at 4:15pm.
Participants not picked up by 4:30 pm will be
charged an additional fee of \$5.00

Register call
Bonnie at
403-485-2554 or
bellis@townofvulcan.ca



Check out
the Vulcan and District
Recreation website.

<http://www.townofvulcan.ca/recreation/>

| March Calendar | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Weds. | Thursday | Friday |
| 2 | 3 | 4 > Parent Link (9-11) > Hot Lunch Day > Mentorship Program(3:30) | 5 > Junior Curling (3:30) > Scouts Meeting, VPE Library (6:30) | 6 > Jr. Curlers against Milo (2:30, Arena) |
| 9 > Jr. Curling Wind-up Party (Arena) | 10 | 11 > Parent Link (9-11) > Mentorship Program(3:30) | 12 > Division-wide Technology PD Day (No Classes) | 13 > School-based PD Day (No Classes) |
| 16 | 17 | 18 > Hot Lunch Day | 19 | 20 > Report Cards go home |
| 23 | 24 > School Council (11:30 AM) > Parent/Teacher Interviews (4:00-7:00) | 25 > Parent Link (9-11) > Mentorship Program(3:30) > Parent/Teacher Interviews (4:00-7:00) | 26 | 27 |
| 30 | 31 | April 1 > Parent Link (9-11) > Mentorship Program(3:30) | April 2 > Author Donna McNaughton visiting | April 3 |
| Looking Ahead... April 9: Jump Rope For Heart Kick-off April 9: Dismiss for Easter Holiday April 20: Back to School | | | <i>"I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught."</i> Winston Churchill | |
| You can find the whole District Calendar for 2008-09 at our website. Go to http://www.vpes.ca and follow the link to Documents and School Year . The calendar is in a pdf format, you will need the free Acrobat software. | | | | |

Did You Know?

- ☞ Every other Monday starting on March 9th the teachers at Prairieview will be involved in a "Professional Learning Community" meeting. These meetings start at 8:00 in the morning. Students will still be involved in the popular Reading Buddies program on Monday mornings while the teachers will be learning more about how to improve student learning through a deeper understanding of assessment for learning.
- ☞ Mr. Sillito and Mrs. Ellis have started a Drama Club for the grade 4, 5 and 6 students. We're looking forward to putting on a play in the late spring or early summer.
- ☞ Every Friday a few grade 3 students get together with Mr. Shain to create a video news program. Students research and write their stories and shoot the video. We've learned about composition and performing on camera. The video is saved on our server where teachers can access it and play it for students on Monday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday March 24 and Weds. March 25 are Parent/Teacher Interviews. Interviews begin at 4:00 and go through to 7:00 PM. To book an Interview please call Darlene (our secretary) on Monday the 23rd or Tuesday the 24th.

Do you have an event or news item that you want publicized? Drop Mr. Shain an e-mail with the details and we'll try to get it into our newsletter.

Feedback, questions, concerns, articles or compliments can be directed to Mr. Shain by e-mail: michael.shain@pallisersd.ab.ca phone: **403-485-2074**