

Poplar Ridge Elementary School



November 2022 Newsletter



Principal's Message

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews Updates

As we prepare for our first Parent Teacher Interviews coming up in November, we wanted to reach out to you regarding some shifts CESD is making to the ways we report on your child's progress:

- This year, CESD is transitioning to **two reporting periods for all K to Grade 12 students**. Parents can expect to see **2 report cards K-12: January 27 and June 27**.
- We continue to invite parents to participate in **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs)** in both the fall and spring. These connection points are an important opportunity for parents to gain a deeper understanding on how their child is progressing both academically and socially emotionally in the classroom.
- **Our fall PTIs are on November 23 and 24th**. For your convenience we are offering this opportunity in person, over the phone or in a Google Meet. You will be booking your appointments online as we have done for the past two years. **Ms. Salomons will be sending you information next week on how to book your appointments.**
- Teachers will continue to communicate student progress via phone calls, email, Google Classroom, in person meetings where necessary and communication apps if they choose.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Mr. Pickering and myself if you have any questions about this information. Everyone involved in your child's learning is looking forward to connecting with you at Parent Teacher Interviews.

PowerSchool Gradebook for Grade 5 and 6

Our grade 5 and 6 teachers will continue to utilize **PowerTeacher Gradebooks** to provide parents and students access to view their academic grades and feedback on assessments through-out the school year. **Mrs. Sargent, Mr. Linski and Mr. Pickering will update their Gradebooks at the end of each month.** They will remind you to check on your child's progress in the Gradebook via email or agendas. If you are unsure of how to access your child's gradebook, you can ask your child to show you or follow the instructions in this [video tutorial](#). Of course, you can contact your child's teacher at any time with questions.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our school will be having a **Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 9th at 10:35am in our gym**. We invite you to join us for this important day of remembrance. Mrs. Sargent and the grade 6 students are planning and facilitating the program for our school; we are so very proud of them. **Please plan to arrive at 10:20 to get settled in before our students come in and the ceremony begins. Thank you.**



Interschool Sports for Grade 6

Yeehaa! We are now able to run interschool sports again! Like in pre-Covid times, our school will play against Sylvan Lake elementary schools in 3 sports: volleyball against Beacon Hill in November, badminton against CP Blakely in January and basketball against Steffie Woima in March.

Students sign up to participate. We run practices at lunch recess time each week prior to our tournament dates. Students must attend practices consistently to be able to participate on game day. **Our volleyball afternoon tournament against Beacon Hill is on Friday, November 18.** More info will

come out to the parents of the students participating next week. We have 20 dedicated volleyball players who are working hard to develop their skills while having fun!



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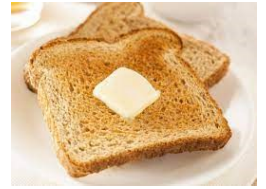
Christmas Concert 2022

As you know, we are excited to be hosting a Christmas Concert this year called "Christmas Carol Palooza"! More information will come out in early December, but please pencil **Thursday, December 22 into your calendar. We will have two sittings: 1:15pm and 7pm.** We ask that large families consider splitting up (some attend in the afternoon and some in the evening). You will be hearing from your child's teacher about what they should wear or need to bring for their portion of the performance. Stay tuned for more info!



Breakfast Program Donations

A huge thank you to the many families who have donated money to support our Breakfast Program. With the very generous donations of many, we will be able to begin our Program asap—with our new commercial toaster— rather than waiting for the Alberta Nutrition Grant to schools to arrive. If you would like to volunteer to help make toast first thing in the morning, please contact the school and we will let our Parent Council know.



On behalf of our staff, Darren and I wish you all a wonderful fall break from November 10th to the 13th. We look forward to getting back to learning together on Monday, November 14, 2022



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Nov 21 to 24



NOVEMBER 8

Book Fair Nov 22 to 24



**Red Deer
Christmas
Bureau**

Once again we will have a box from The Red Deer Christmas Bureau collecting donations by the office until mid December.
Thanks for supporting this community program.



Mustache Day Nov 17

Our JACK - LANTERNS



Group 1 Winners

Cutest Pumpkin - Aikens Family
Best Use of Other Resources - Lee Family
Best Traditional Jack-o-lantern - Jones Family
Best Story Told with Pumpkins - Hector Family
Scariest and Creepiest Pumpkins - Aucoin Family
Most Creative Pumpkin - Geiger Family
Best Character Pumpkin - Belich Family
Most Detailed Pumpkin - Church Family
Most Magical Pumpkin - Leniuk Family



Group 2 Winners:

Craziest Pumpkins - Smith Family (K,2,5)
Most Detailed Pumpkin - Ramsay Family
Yummiest Pumpkin - Smith Family (K, 3)
Angriest Pumpkin - Moe Family
Scariest Pumpkin - Schelenberg Family
Most Drivable Pumpkin - Ratzke Family
Most Smiley Pumpkin - Nadeau Family
Cutest Vicious Pumpkin - Sushynski Family
Most Adorable Pumpkin - Sommerfeldt Family
Tiniest Face - Rennie Family
Most Speckled Pumpkin - Thompson Family
Cutest Kitty - Thomson Family
Cutest Cat - Steyn Family
Best Monster - Van Duzen Family
Best Traditional Jack-o-Lantern - Ross Family
Most Interesting Pumpkin - Schalkwyk Family
Cutest Skeleton - Smith Family (Gr 4)
Most Realistic Pumpkin - Pangman Family
Saddest Pumpkin - MacLean Family



Poplar Ridge Parent Council News



Thanks to everyone that came out for our Ribbon Cutting for all the new playground equipment.

Our [November Council Corner](#) has been posted on the website. Check it out to see what we've been up to.

FUNDRAISERS

For more information on any of our fundraisers, please head over to www.poplarridgeschool.ca



3 Amazing Christmas Fundraisers

PAPAJOHNS
Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.

On **Nov 7**, when you order online you will receive **15% off**
and the school will receive **15% of all sales**

ONLINE ONLY
15% off any regular menu priced order
Use Promo Code: PRS15

www.papajohns.ca

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

COME DINE WITH US!

The Poplar Ridge Community Centre & Division 6 Rec and Culture Boards are hosting a Christmas dinner on Sunday, Dec. 4th at the hall.

There will be hay rides (weather permitting), kids' craft and bingo from 2 - 4pm with supper at 5pm

The menu includes turkey, ham and all the trimmings; dessert and beverages

Cost is: \$15 (18 yrs & older); \$10 Kids (6 -17 yrs) & under 5 yrs free.

Registrations opened Nov 1st & close on November 18 at 5pm

To register go to: <https://www.rdcountry.ca/div6rec>