



**A.E. PERRY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
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Principal's Corner

When I was a kid, I adamantly believed that 'it doesn't matter what the thermometer says.....if it's spring, it is warm enough for sandals and shorts.' I've certainly modified my views and come around to my mother's way of thinking on that! However, other signs of spring, like the tender greening of trees and daffodils are still enough to give me that 'spring' feeling.

The year is flying by! It's hard to believe March is gone and we are fully into spring and term three mode. We hope you had a restful break and had ample time for lots of family activities.

We had a wonderful **Multicultural Day** on March 13th. A big thank you to all our performers. The show was entertaining, fun and full of students with talent! Thank you, also, to all of you, parents and staff, who sent delicious dishes for the luncheon. The whole school looks forward to this each year and it never disappoints.

Spring Break has come and gone and we are starting Term 3 at top speed. Not only do we have a push on academics, but there are so many extra-curricular events that go on in these last months of the school year! This will be a busy, very full time for students and staff alike. Please ensure that your child gets a



restful sleep and is at school to give full attention to the learning.

Mrs. P. Armstrong

Kindergarten

We held our formal K registration at the beginning of March. If you know of someone in the neighbourhood who hasn't registered their eligible child, please ask them to contact the school. Our K Orientation will be held next month. Parents and children will be active participants in the '**Welcome to Kindergarten**' program. Parents of students beginning Kindergarten at A.E.Perry in September 2015 will be receiving more information about this important event through the mail.

The event is scheduled for **May 21st** from 1:15 to 2:30 in the school gym.

The **Welcome to Kindergarten** session gives parents and children ideas and materials for activities that can be done over the summer in preparation for Kindergarten. We look forward to seeing you!

Day of Suwewtwecw April 7 has been designated as an official "Day of Suwewtwecw - to acknowledge one another" This will be our second annual day of honouring and learning about the traditional people of the area, the Secwepemc, on whose territory we reside. This year's theme is 'Connections to the

Land'. We will have a guest bringing greetings to our school community at an assembly at 1:00 on that day. Parents are welcome to attend.

Battle of the Books

The Zone and District Battle of the Books are coming up! Mr. Rhynolds, school librarian and our student participants have been preparing and reading an impressive number of books and will participate in a zone competition on April 16th. These students are excited and eager to test their powers of recall. Way to go, Readers!



Professional Day - April 20

Monday, April 20th is a professional development in-service day for the staff. This is a non-instructional day and school will be closed for students. Please ensure that arrangements are made for your child to be cared for that day.

Young People's Concerts

Our third Young People's Concert is scheduled for the 1st of May. Dumpsta Dragons sounds intriguing! Hot on the heels of Concert 3 is Concert 4! On May 15th, Motus O Dance company will perform for our fourth and final concert of the year.

Tick Season

The ticks are out and considered to be especially plentiful this year! Extra precautions must be taken. If you are walking in long grass or going for a hike, wear clothes that cover your whole body and make sure you tuck your pants bottoms into your socks. Check your body for ticks upon your return.

After School Programs

The After School Sports and Arts Initiative in SD 73 engages our students by providing opportunities to explore physical literacy, self-expression, and creativity in the arts. Students will develop confidence in their abilities, and a stronger connection to our school, classmates, program leaders and the community. The programs engage our children by creating inclusive, supportive and positive activities with the intention of promoting life-long activity for enjoyment and health.

AE Perry is pleased to offer students two fantastic activities to close out the school year! Our Grand Slam Tennis program will teach fundamental skills relating to the sport of tennis: rallying, starting and ending points, and being a good sport. At the same time, students will gain a knowledge and appreciation for the sport. Our popular Yoga4Youth program provides students with a gentle method of exercising while incorporating storytelling, visualization, and games to encourage creativity. The program will improve balance, strength, coordination, and flexibility, while reducing stress and developing concentration. Permission forms are available at the school. Please encourage your child to participate in these awesome programs!



PAC

PAC Hot Dog Day

Order forms have gone out for the April 10th Hot Dog Day. Because we have to pre-order grocery items, it is important to get your form in on time. Late orders cannot be accepted.

The next Parent Advisory Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 in the school library.

Students' Corner

Super Heroes Versus the Joker

by Lucas (grade 1)

Batman was flying through the air. The Joker had the money from the bank. Batman raced in the air to get the money. He tricked the Joker by saying, "I will give you an ice cream cone if you trade me for that money." The Joker did what Batman said and Batman got the money from the Joker. Batman gave the money to the people at the bank. The Joker got away.

Batman called the other Super Heroes. They came to help Batman kill the Joker. Superman got there first and helped first. Spiderman was second to help Batman. The Hulk was third to help. Stretchy Man was last to help. They took one punch together. They destroyed him.

The bank was glad the Justice League got back the money. The bank gave a little bit of money to the Super Heroes and they went back to the ice-cream store to buy some ice-cream.

The End

The Princess Who Saved Herself

by Mackenzie (grade 1)

One night there was a dragon. He breathed fire and he stomped loud. The dragon captured the princess. Then a knight came and fought the dragon. She gave the dragon a bracelet and rings because he loved shiny things. The dragon let her go. The knight thought he saved the princess but the princess saved herself.



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: MARCH 9, 2015

The Board enjoyed a presentation on Math Expo projects from two grade 5 students, who were accompanied by their parents and District Math Coordinator Amanda Russett.

The Official Opening for the NorKam Trades and Technology Centre will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 10:00 am.

The Board received an update from Superintendent deBruijn on the administration of

the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Board approved Board Authority Authorized Course entitled: Outdoor Education/Fly Fishing Advanced 11/12.

The Board approved an amended Out-of-Province Field Trip application to include Chase Secondary students to travel to Drumheller, Alberta, along with students from Valleyview Secondary.

The Board approved the 2014/2015 Capital Project Bylaw #126821 for school bus replacements.

The Board received a Notice of Motion on the following policies:

- Revised Policy 204.1 Trustee Seminars
- Revised Policy 600.1 Code of Conduct
- New Policy 1024.7 Emergency Procedure: Cancellation of Classes due to Extreme Weather

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the School Board Office.



Up Coming Events

- **April 1 PAC Meeting**
- **April 2 Early Closure/Parent-Teacher Interviews**
- **April 3 Good Friday**
- **April 6 Easter Monday**
- **April 7 Day of Suwentwew**
- **April 9 Battle of the Books**
- **April 16 Zone Battle of the Books**
- **April 20 Inservice Day**