

Pinewood Elementary School Newsletter

Encouraging Open Communication between School and Home

April 2018

Judi Poole, Principal



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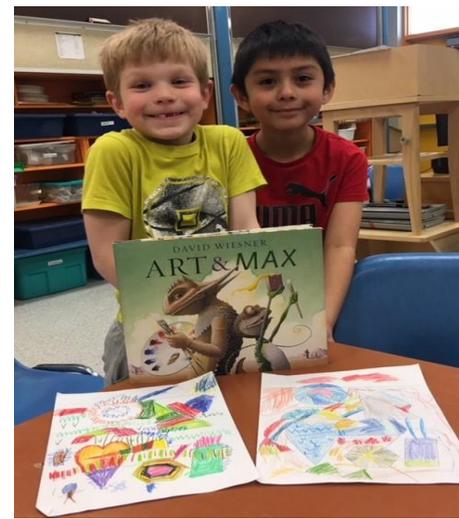
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Principal's Message

Celebrating student learning is something that has been on my mind lately. The question ruminating with me has been: How can we at Pinewood Elementary celebrate learning so that our audience is all of us? How can we allow our students to see and hear their learning at the snap of our fingers?

In the not so distant future, our students will have access to what is called a 'Mirroring App'. This will allow them to view their videotaped learning in class right after they have completed a project, a task or an activity so that they may share or reflect with others what they have learned. Reflecting on student learning, looking back at what was done, allows our students to not only enjoy and revisit learning, but will also allow them to question and think again about results and the quality of those results. The power of having students revisit their own learning, and not just their teachers, can help both to generate conversations about learning. This excites me!

Recently, I interviewed two Grade 1/2 students about an art/literacy/math project. My question to them was: How is your project creative? I was so impressed by their answers!



As we sometimes feel creativity is only for some... those who are artists... I say that creativity is all around us! Let us create those conditions that all of our learners can then speak to how they are creative. The question is: What does that look like? I say, ask our students!

I hope that March break allows a special time with family and friends. If possible, try to find the time to find some joy in the little things - melting snow, more of the green stuff and less of the white stuff, longer sun-filled days, smiles, laughs or whatever may say - 'Hey, Spring has Sprung!' ~ Judi Poole

Pinewood Cougars' List

Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 are recognized three times per year on the Pinewood Cougars' List. Congratulations to the following students for being on the Term 2 Cougars' List:



Remington Anderson	Kaiya Ewen
Preston Czernicki	Tripp Rothwell
Lola Kachman	Autumn Pruden
Elliotte Toews	Mya Watson
Mylee Kozicky	Jessica Romanick
Skye Purser	Ryann Harris
Evan Stahl	Tegan Lee
Ashton Simcak	Karma Lancaster
Laney Lepine	James Adams
	Taylyn Skinner

Sadie Biggy
Joelle Carlisle
Jaxon Chisholm
Caydants Featherling
Quinn Featherling-Craig
Sage Featherling-Craig
Sarah Matthews
Karyssa Quinton

Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 2 - Easter Monday
- ◆ April 6 - Beach Day
- ◆ April 9 - Breakfast Morning sponsored by RCSS (9 AM)
- ◆ April 13 - Non-instructional Friday
- ◆ April 16 - Pro D Day
- ◆ April 18 - Stuffie Walk
- ◆ April 20 - Metis Musicians (9 AM)
- ◆ April 23-26 - Early Dismissal (1:50 PM)
- ◆ April 25 - Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ April 27 - Poetry Assembly (10:40 AM)

Read to your child for 15 minutes each day!



Grade 4/5 Students visit the Cranbrook History Centre



Pinewood Virtues Program

The purpose of the Virtues Program is to develop a culture where respect, patience, self-discipline, tolerance and joy for learning are among the virtues our students master. The character education of our students has become a priority. We wish to focus on making our school a caring

community where all students are encouraged to live by the virtues. Our virtue this month is Forgiveness.



Pinewood "ROCKS"

Student Expectations

Students at Pinewood are expected to be **ORGANIZED**

- Come into class when the bell rings
- Return equipment at bell time
- Begin work when instructed

Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, Safe

The April Virtue is Forgiveness

- Remember everyone makes mistakes
- Take responsibility for your own mistakes
- Share your feelings without taking revenge



Pinewood PAC News

We are accepting donations of new or almost new stuffed animals for Pinewood's annual "Stuffie Walk". This is a fundraiser for the Pinewood PAC. The 'walk' will take place on April 18 at 12:30.

The format for the Stuffie Walk is much like a Cake Walk. Participants will pay \$1.00 to play (3 turns for \$2.00; 10 turns for \$5.00). When the music stops, they will sit down in a numbered chair. If the player is sitting in the chair that matches the number drawn, they win the stuffie! Sounds like fun!!



The Next PAC Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 18
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Pinewood Library

Aboriginal Education Update - Mrs. R. James, Aboriginal Support Worker

- **Apr 3** Bonnie Harvey will share her Ktunaxa story and answer questions
- **Apr 6** Jigging practice with Amy Cross at lunch in the gym; Aqam Gym Grand Opening- on reserve 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- **Apr 17** Jigging practice at lunch in the gym
- **Apr 18** Kokum Marie, Metis elder, will share her story and bake bannock with Gr 4/5 class
- **Apr 19** Jigging practice at lunch in the gym
- **Apr 20** 9 am - Metis musicians and Pinewood jigging performance; 12:25-2:45 Pałki Nana
- **Apr 26** Sturgeon release in Creston for 4 Aboriginal Gr 2 students

Kak'kmi' (Kakmee) When the earth breaks open April



Dental Health 2018

The annual COTR Dental Clinic is coming in April & May 2018! A promotional flyer is enclosed with this newsletter.

Dentists from the East Kootenay region will be at the College of the Rockies this April for the annual Certified Dental Assistant program preventative clinic.

The clinic promotes public health and good oral hygiene with low-cost screening

for those who may not have a dental plan. It also gives parents early information about their child's dental problems and recommended treatment.

The screening cost is \$15 (to a maximum of \$45 for families). All clinics are held at the college's eight-chair dental facility. Appointments are currently available. Call 250-489-2751 extension 3364.



Did you know???
It's not always possible or convenient to brush our teeth after a meal. Here are some options!

- *Eat crunchy vegetables. They are good for your teeth and help with removing plaque.*
- *Nibble some cheese to help neutralize bacteria.*
- *Rinse your mouth with water to wash away food particles.*



Ready Set Learn!

Ready Set Learn will be held on May 1, from 9:30-10:30 in the Kindergarten Room. Please contact the school for more information on this exciting program!

Four year olds (those children that will be entering Kindergarten in September 2018) will be invited to attend a Kindergarten Orientation at Pinewood at the end of May.



Curriculum Corner

This time around I will be speaking to the actual content of our subject areas as we are now in a state of flux and change with regards to how our learners share their learning and how subject material has become multi-disciplinary in nature and more fluid. What I am trying to say is that how and what we know curriculum ain't what it used to be!

Our students are asked to share their learning in a myriad of ways and teaching methods are in tandem with this notion. Our new curriculum asks that many different methods should be experienced when it comes to teaching and learning.

Literacy and numeracy have become overarching topics and span to other areas such as science and social studies. The notion of inquiry, asking questions, finding out about real life problems all

while incorporating the big ideas of curriculum may appear to be intangible for some, however very concrete to our learners today. We may be used to certain ways of knowing, however we also need to embrace other ways of knowing and understand that our learners are in a different 'driver's seat' than we were. They are learning to drive technology, apply strategies of learning that work for them and make sense of it all at the same time. Learning today needs to be authentic, purposeful and engaging and if we as educators are not doing this then we are missing the proverbial boat.

Please take the time to view the curriculum itself, ask our teachers how they engage our learners and they will happily share their teaching 'stories' with you and what it entails. Here is the link:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

Spring Break Activities

Students received a brochure earlier from the City of Cranbrook listing all kinds of fun activities during spring break. Visit the website at www.westernfinancialplace.ca or give them a call at 250-489-0220 for information or to register.

Lots of activities going on at the Cranbrook Public Library! Check out their Facebook page or www.cranbrookpubliclibrary.ca.

Cool Milk Fact #1

Milk is an excellent source of vitamin D, also often called the sunshine vitamin.



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Home of the
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Cool Milk Fact #2

Chocolate Milk has the same 16 essential nutrients as Milk, with less sugar than unsweetened apple juice.

Insertions

- ◆ April Calendar
- ◆ Dental Clinic Info
- ◆ Spring Break at the Library
- ◆ Reading at Home
- ◆ Health Promoting Schools Newsletter (Pinewood Elementary website only)

Awesome Scientists in the Making!



Pinewood Science Fair participants made us proud!

(Missing from photo: James)

D.A.R.E. Program

Our Grade 5 students celebrated the successful completion of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program with a graduation ceremony on March 12. We thank Constable Lisa Schlatter with the Cranbrook R.C.M.P. detachment for her visits which educated us on making smart choices now and in the future.



D.A.R.E. Graduation 2018

Alternate 2017/2018 Calendar

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) 2017/2018 Calendar



Non-instructional Days (Pro-D)	April 16, May 4, June 1
Alternate School Days	April 13, May 19, June 2
Statutory Holidays	April 14, 17, May 22
Administrative Day	June 30

Important Dates for Pinewood

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| April 2 | Easter Monday |
| April 6 | Beach Day for House Team points |
| April 9 | Breakfast from Superstore (9 AM) |
| April 13 | Non-instructional Friday (school not in session) |
| April 16 | Pro-D (school not in session) |
| April 18 | Stuffie Walk |
| April 20 | Metis Musicians (9 AM) |
| April 23-26 | Early Dismissal (1:50 PM) |
| April 25 | Scholastic Book Fair (after school) |
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I am forgiving of myself and others. I am willing to give and receive amends. I learn from my mistakes. I have the power to keep changing for the better.