



COUGAR NEWS



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Clavet School

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

October

As we reflect on the recent Thanksgiving holiday, we are reminded of the many reasons we have to be thankful. Many of our teachers went through similar activities with their classes, encouraging their students to think of all the things for which we can be thankful. A couple of weeks ago during the unseasonably hot fall weather, we were very thankful in the high school wing when the window vents were installed, allowing us to regulate the air flow in our classrooms! Although we continue to be frustrated by the inconveniences of the ongoing construction project at the school, we are thankful every time we are provided a new area we can access for learning at the school. At this point, we are still not able to access the central portion of the school, but all the other areas of the school are accessible.

We were also thankful to be able to host our first evening football game. Thanks to all of the community individuals, companies, and organizations who supported the installation of the lights on the football field. It was a great event that was very well attended. Thanks for everyone's ongoing support of our programs. We are looking forward to hosting our senior girls volleyball tournament on October 21st and 22nd when we'll be able to have our first public tournament on our new gym floor.

We are also thankful for the opportunity to connect with parents at our upcoming interviews on October 26th and 27th. We know that we are best able to support student learning when we have teachers and parents working together to achieve common goals. Our strong preference is to be able to meet in person for these conversations. In order to support families, we will once again be arranging babysitting services in the library so that parents can attend their interviews with students uninterrupted. If you are unable to attend in person, we will again be planning on offering the options of interviews by phone, and interviews by video conference. Please note that in order to support video conferences, parents will need to have access to the video conference platform being used by their child's teacher (Microsoft Teams or Google Meets). Support for accessing these platforms will be provided in a subsequent communication from the school. To best support these options, parents will need to book their interviews on Coconut Calendar before the end of the day on Tuesday, October 25th. Parents will not be able to book interviews after Tuesday, October 25th. If you have any questions about interviews, please call the school for clarification.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the school over the next few weeks. Enjoy the fall.

Brian Matisz
Principal
Clavet School
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306-227-4895 (Cell)



REMINDERS

Parents K-12 Absentee Reminder— You can call the office or you can now use Edsby for attendance for your students.



SCHOOL PICTURES: Are Tuesday, October 18th. Retakes are November 25th

Parent – Teacher Interviews

will be on Wednesday Oct 26th from 3:30- 6:10 pm and Thursday Oct 27th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. To book your interview times please log into Coconut Calendar, the link can be found on our website or here: <https://clavetschool.coconutcalendar.com?location=1966> You have until Oct 25th at 3:00 pm to book your interview(s), after this time you will need to contact the teacher directly to set up a time. We believe that in person interviews are best for parent teacher interviews but if this not possible then please take advantage of our other interview options. We will be offering 3 options for interviews: In person, by phone, or by video conferencing. If you choose to have the interview by video conferencing, the teacher will send out a meeting invite by email prior to the interview. Please also know that it is not wise to book interviews with different teachers in consecutive time slots as it is often difficult to transition.

DATES TO NOTE

OCT. 18

OCT. 26

OCT. 27

OCT. 28

NOV. 9

NOV. 10

NOV. 11

PICTURE DAY

GR K-9 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

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DAY IN LIEU – NO CLASSES

PREPARATION TIME – NO CLASSES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY – NO CLASSES

REMEMBRANCE DAY – NO CLASSES



The entire school came out and participated in the Terry Fox Walk on September 28th. We walked around Wind River lead by 2B and their big Buddies 5/6 Maes. Thank you to everyone for the donations as we raised over \$600 for the Terry Fox foundation.



Halloween Monday, October 31st

Halloween costume guidelines:

- 1.No full face masks
- 2.No weapons
- 3.No gore
- 4.And should be easily put on and taken off by the student with no adult support



Student Achievement Reporting Update

There have been a number of changes to reporting in Prairie Spirit School Division that will come into effect starting in the 2022-23 school year. To enhance understanding of these changes, the following explanations have been provided.

Academic Scores

Academic scores continue to be reported by level for grades 1-9 and by percentage score for grades 10-12.

Levels for Grade 1-9 Academic Achievement will be reported using an alpha system, instead of using numbers. The levels used are as follows:

Mastery (MA)	Proficiency (PR)	Approaching (AP)	Beginning (BE)	Missing Evidence (ME)	Not Reported (NR)
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As noted above, grade 10-12 classes are reported by percentages, though Prairie Spirit School Division has developed a level-scoring system that teachers may choose to use that will convert to a percentage. This allows for consistency across the division when scoring using levels.

Learning Behaviour Scores

Learning behaviours are reported different for elementary and high school.

For elementary grades, eight learning behaviours are reported on. (Note: category titles do NOT receive a grade):

- Lifelong Learner
 - o Sets goals and uses feedback for improvement
 - o Perseveres when challenged and seeks assistance when needed
- Sense of Self and Community
 - o Demonstrates an inclusive attitude towards people and is respectful of property
 - o Takes responsibility for and manages own behaviour
- Engaged Citizen
 - o Engages in classroom activities
 - o Contributes positively to the classroom and school community
- Work Habits
 - o Displays positive and productive work ethic
 - o Demonstrates organizational skills, including completing work on time as requested

For high school grades, the following learning behaviours are reported:

- Engagement: contributes, takes initiative, seeks and acts upon feedback
- Respect: inclusive attitude towards others, respectful of property, follows directions
- Responsibility: submits work on time, arrives prepared, honours commitments

Progress Reports

There is a difference in how progress is reported for elementary and high school students. Progress for middle school students will vary depending on whether or not the class configuration is set up as a homeroom (one teacher instructs the vast majority of the courses for a set of students).

Elementary Progress Reports

Progress reports will change to include the following:

- ELA and Math will report academic achievement by strand. (This is a continuation of existing practice.)
 - o Strands for ELA: Compose and Create, Comprehend and Respond, Assess and Reflect
 - o Strands for Math: Number, Patterns and Relationships, Shape and Space, Statistics and Probability
- All other subjects will report an overall score per subject. (This is a change from past practice.)
- Comments will be included for ELA, Math, and one other general comment box.
- Behaviour scores will be reported once per homeroom (not per subject).
- Attendance will be reported once per homeroom.

High School Progress Reports

Progress reports will continue to include the following:

- Overall percentage score per subject
- Behaviour scores per subject
- Comment per subject
- Attendance per subject

COMMUNITY NEWS

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SKATING
LESSON!**

**CLAVET
SKATING
CLUB**

OPEN HOUSE

Monday October 24th
5:45pm - 6:30pm

Visit www.clavetskatingclub.com to register

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Scholastic Book Fairs

Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on **Wednesday October 26th** and **Thursday October 27th** during teacher interviews at the school.

And for parents, friends and family that can't join us in the school, be sure to join us online with our **Virtual Book Fair Extension!** Our online shop will be open on the first day of our Fair, but you can view a selection of the books you'll find here:



Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Book Fair!**

Happy Reading!



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<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5173136>

MyStop App

MyStop is a smartphone app that allows a student or parent to view their bus arrival, both in the morning and afternoon. The app also allows Prairie Spirit Transportation staff to send notifications if a bus is running late or not at all. Please contact your school for instructions on how to download this free app (compatible with all smartphones) and to receive your personal log-in-credentials.



Piano classes with Hannah. Please check their website at the link below.



<https://hannahsmusicstudios.com/>
306-491-9668

SPARE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Spare Bus Drivers are needed in your school community.

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community



For more information about this flexible opportunity, please contact the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496 or go to spiritsd.ca/careers

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