***May 2022***

Where is Spring? Our weather is not cooperating in making our playground suitable for students to have access to the play structure or a dry field to play. Our students have done a remarkable job in staying dry and I trust warm weather will arrive so students can enjoy playing outside.

We have Covid Rapid Test Kits available at the office. If you wish to have a kit(s) sent home please contact your child’s teacher or call the office and we will send it home with your child.

Ms. Moar, our *canteen chef extraordinaire*, continues to do an excellent job of feeding our children and providing healthy meals and snacks. We enjoy her cheery smile and the smell of baking when we enter the school in the mornings. Please remind your children that if they arrive late to school and are requesting a lunch from the canteen that they need to order immediately upon arriving. All classroom orders are to be in by 9:30 AM. Thank you Ms. Moar for feeding our students!

As I look at the calendar I see that students have only about 9 weeks of studies left for the school year. Students are reminded that classes will continue as normal right up until the morning of Thursday, the 30th of June when report cards will be distributed. There will be no classes the afternoon of that last day.

Kindergarten registration has been completed and our numbers are in. Thus far, we have 17 new students registered to enter Yellowquill School in September which means we will have 2 classes again next year. If you know of anyone who has a school age child in our area, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

The PLPSD *Kindergarten Bags* are ordered, and Ms. Pauch is looking forward to distributing them to our new students at the **Wednesday, June 15th Kindergarten Orientation and B-B-Q starting at 3:30 in the multi**.

Earth Day was on Friday, April 22. Our students will participate by taking care of our environment and will be cleaning up the school grounds and our local neighbourhood as soon as the weather cooperates.

Recently we emailed out report cards and found that a number “bounced back” to us due to a change in the email address. When you change your contact information, please contact the office as soon as possible with your update so we can keep make that change.

It is at this time of year that the administration team attempts to identify class configurations and staff assignments for the upcoming year. Parents of returning students who wish to have their child in a particular teacher’s class are asked to **make that request** **in writing, either delivered to the office or in an email by Tuesday, May 24**. You can email me at sharkness@plpsd.mb.ca with your request. The list of homeroom teachers can be found at this newsletter. Factors such as staff numbers, student numbers, class sizes, split classes, deployment of support staff and retirements may dictate changes in assignments … we can not guarantee your request but we will do our best. Our staff dose an excellent job of placing students to assist them in achieving their personal best, taking into account: class make-up, options, academics, social behavior and gender numbers. **In September we will not be making any class changes for the first month of school unless special circumstances exist.**

*School-of-choice* applicants will be looked at once all schools within our division have developed their classes and parents will be **notified after May 15th** if their school-of-choice has been accepted**. Parents who choose *School of Choice* are reminded that transportation/bussing is not offered. Parents are responsible for their child’s transportation if they are accepted at a different school rather than their catchment area school.**

Parents are reminded that their children, who wish to leave the school grounds *unsupervised* at noon, must have a **dated written permission** **note (or an email to me)** from their parent to do so. Students living in town are requested to go home at noon hours and return at 12:55 to alleviate the congestion as we have limited staff to supervise students. Parents are asked to remind their children to be respectful of our neighbours and stay off private property and not loiter or litter on the adjacent streets. We have a huge playground at our school and a number of noon hour activities for students that do stay for lunch can participate. All students are reminded to keep off of private property on the way to and from school.

**SLOW DOWN!!!** Parents and family members bringing children to and from school are requested to **please reduce your speed in our parking lots which are adjacent to our loading/unloading zones!!** Thank you for helping *us* keep *your* children safe.

***Strong Beginnings for Kindergarten to Grade 8 in September***

***Strong Beginnings*** will be implemented again this September. **It will mean that there are no classes both days for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students and are requested to stay home on Friday, September 16th and Monday, September 19th.**  **Appointments will be scheduled on one of these days for your child to attend a one-hour assessment period with their teacher.**

This is a division wide program that will provide an opportunity for teachers to gather data about each child’s learning that may not be evident during whole class assessment activities. ***Strong Beginnings*** is an assessment period at the beginning of the school year where teachers gather student assessment data through observations, conversations, learning activities, paper/pencil tasks, and student reflections about interests and learning. The ***Strong Beginnings*** process enables us to plan for a ***Strong Beginning*** for each student. It is also a chance to further develop the teacher-student relationship.

A scheduled time for your child will be made available to parents in early September. **The school is requesting that parents/guardians remain at the school during the scheduled assessment time but not in the classroom.**

The Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning has released their report which is available in its entirety on the government web site. The report outlines the following: *PROVINCE LAUNCHES EDUCATION ACTION PLAN AND SETS OUT PATH TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM K TO 12 COMMISSION ON EDUCATION*

**Clothing for Family Room**

We are happy to announce that our Family Room is completed but we need gently used clothing! During your Spring cleaning, please keep us in mind as we will accept winter/summer clothing and shoes/boots for children ages 5-13. Thank you for your support.

One final piece of news! I will be retiring at the end of this school year. As of June 30th, I will be formally unemployed😊. Thank you to all the families who have given me the greatest gift of all...allowing me to your children. I know the world is in very good hands!

**Dates in May**

May 3 Bus Evacuation Drill – Kindergarten only

May 4 Bus Evacuation Drill – All School non-bus students

May 10 Fire Drill

May 13 Art Show

May 16 Violent Weather Drill

May 17 Lacrosse Clinic – All day

**May 23 Victoria Day – No School**

May 24 Lacrosse Clinic

May 25 EAMS Track and Field Day & Transition Meeting @ FLR

May 26 EAMS Track and Field Day

May 27 YQS Track and Field Day

May 30 Staff Meeting

May 31 Lacrosse Clinic

NMS/FLR Track and Field Day

***2022-2023 Homeroom Teachers:***

Kindergarten – Ms. Pauch 6D – Mr. Duykers

Grade 1K – Mrs. Krynski 6MJ – Mrs. McLean-Janz

Grade 2S – Mr. Slobodzian 7D – Mrs. Despaties

Grade 2Z- Ms. Zwarich 7K – Ms. Kusie

Grade 3F – Mrs. Findlater 7T – Ms. Thompson

Grade 3H – Mrs. Hocken 8H – Mrs. Harley

Grade 4WD – Mrs. Wood 8P – Mr. Preun

Grade 4W– Ms. Warman 8S – Mr. Skinner

Grade 5K – Mr. Kruk

Grade 5L – Ms. Laing