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APRIL 2011

April 8 - Report Cards Term 3

April 9 - Clear Hills County Trades Show at Hines Creek

April 11 - Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00pm-7:00pm

April 12 - Parent-Teacher Interviews 5:00pm-8:00pm

April 12 - P.A.R.T.Y. Program for Grade 9 at Fairview

April 13 - Kindergarten Registration

April 15 - April 25 - Spring Break

April 26 - Classes resume

April 29 - Science Fair (Open to parents 12:45pm - 3:30pm)

May 2 - May 6 - Education Week

May 5 - Meeting: 'Council of School Councils' 7:00pm in VC Room

Parent-Teacher Interviews note: Miss Ansorger will not be available to meet with parents on April 11th and 12th. Parents who would like to meet with her may schedule an interview during the week of April 26th-29th.

Student Council

The Student Council will be hosting a movie night on Thursday April 7th at 5:00pm. We will be showing 'Tangled'. Families are encouraged to attend. Donations can be made at the door. A booth will be available.

The Student Council will be hosting its annual Cake Auction and Cupcake Walk on Thursday April 14th at noon. Parents and students are encouraged to submit a cake for auction or to purchase one, in order to help support our school's Student Council.



English Language Arts

Mrs. Cordeiro has her very own website!! If you are a student, or a parent of a student in my class, you will be happy to know that you can find out about homework, upcoming assignments and due dates ... right on your computer! It is called *MRS. CORDEIRO'S ELECTRIFYING ENGLISH ROOM!* There is no longer any excuse for not having your work done because you can find out about it online! Go to <http://mrscordeiroseerom.weebly.com> to find out more!

What's Been Happening in Our Classrooms

Kindergarten with Colleen Rook:

March has been such a busy month for us, trying to make up for lost days. Someone said that "Spring was right around the corner", but judging by the snow drifts and blocked roads, it isn't here!

We had planned on having our Stone Soup day on March 21st, but due to buses being cancelled for the day, we had our soup on Monday, April 4th. Thank you once again to our very generous Moms and Grandmas for sending in the veggies!

We will be having our **Pre-Kindergarten registration** on **Wednesday April 13th**. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and Alberta Health Care number along with you. If you are registering your child for the 2011-2012 school year, Peace River School Division Policy 5.11 states that your child must be 5 years of age by September 1st. For further information, please contact the school at 780-685-3842.



Grade 1/2 with Allison Ansorger:

April will be a fun and busy month in the grade 1/2 classroom! We will be finishing up our unit on Fairytales and completing activities related to Easter and spring. We have been learning about using interesting words and more powerful nouns, verbs, and describing words. Keep an eye out for the St. Patrick's Day stories we wrote to appear in the yearbook. In Math we finished a unit on measurement, and both grades will be starting their second addition and subtraction unit in April. We will also be creating many spring and Easter crafts to take home.

Phys Ed 1/2 with Rosilan Parsons:

The class is actively participating in spatial relationships and movement. Students are participating in various sports and games which increase flexibility, provide cardiovascular fitness, and teach skills and attitudes. Our most important motto is that we have fun!

Math 3 with Kate Phelps:

Students have been hard at work adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers. They have been estimating their solutions as well, to double check their answers. They have all done really well and will be finishing up the unit very soon. We will then start our measurement unit. Get your children to measure everything at home. We will measure length using centimetres and metres, and mass using grams and kilograms. We will also understand time by talking about the number of seconds in a minute and minutes in an hour, and so on.

L.A. 3/4/5 with Kate Phelps:

We have been writing speeches and practicing poems for our Declamation Day. The school Declamation Day will be on April 8th, and the divisional one will be at Hines Creek on April 13th. We have also been writing stories and practicing the writing process: prewriting, writing, revising, editing and publishing. We will be working on producing our own poetry later in the month.

Phys Ed 6/7 with Rosilan Parsons:

Students have been enjoying basketball and fitness work. They are also demonstrating great skills in badminton, soccer, skating and ice hockey. As the weather warms, we will be participating in outdoor activities. The health benefits of all activities in the program are of great importance.

Language Arts 6/7 with Kathleen Cordeiro:

We have just wrapped up our novel study on 'The Bronze Bow' and are working hard to prepare for Declamation, which is quickly approaching. We will also be starting a new and exciting unit on Greek Mythology!

Science 6/7 with Darren Phelps:

Students have completed the Sky Science unit and are starting Unit D: Evidence and Investigation. They will be identifying types of evidence and interpreting evidence to solve problems. Through these studies, students learn to ask questions, develop investigations, recognize patterns and discrepancies, and think about what they have observed.

Science 8/9 with Darren Phelps:

Students have completed the Cells and Systems unit and are moving into Light and Optics. They will study the properties of light, how it behaves, and look at technologies that have been developed based on these principles.

Phys Ed 8/9 with Rosilan Parsons:

Students have been participating in basketball for the past several months and it is quite obvious that their skill level has grown. Some of our next activities will include badminton, ice hockey and skating. Outdoor activities will be included as the weather warms. All activities in the Phys Ed program contribute to the health and well-being of the adolescent.

Math 8 with Bill Willis:

We are in the middle of a unit on percents, decimals and fractions. Students have learned how to calculate discounts, GST and other taxes. They can also convert between the three ways to express a fractional number. We are now working with ratios.

Math 9 with Bill Willis:

We have completed a unit on polynomial algebra, and have had the test. Students did very well on this difficult topic. Next we learn how to solve linear equations.

Language Arts 8/9 with Kathleen Cordeiro:

We are finishing our Literature Circle unit on three different novels with a very exciting performance task. Each book club group is responsible for presenting/performing their story for the rest of the book clubs in the class. They have to be very creative and the following pictures will show how the students are preparing for this assignment, which is due on Friday April 8th. Some will be performing a small play, or puppet show, and some will be using the Movie Maker program. It will be an exciting class to come and watch as the students perform their stories. Parents are welcome to come and witness this amazing event!



Math 10C with Bill Willis:

This new course introduces many of the topics in mathematics which students will see in grade 11 and 12, depending on which level they choose. We have just finished the trigonometry unit and are about to have the test.



English 20 with Kathleen Cordeiro:

Students are completing a very exciting performance task to wrap up their novel unit on 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding. Their task includes being youth workers who have three hours a week to work with violent youth in their hypothetical community, to help them become better members of society. This task is based on the ideas about human nature taken from the novel. This assignment is due on Friday April 8th. Another assignment to keep in mind is the independent novel study, which is due on Friday April 29th. This month is poetry month!! We will be starting our poetry unit next week!

Biology 20 with Darren Phelps:

Students have completed the 'evolution' section of the course and are beginning to investigate the process of photosynthesis and cellular respiration. By the end of the unit they will be able to describe the intricate processes occurring in plants that allow them to produce glucose. They will also be able to explain how cellular respiration converts glucose into a high energy molecule which is used by living things.

English 30 with Kathleen Cordeiro:

Grade 12 students have combined their novel unit with their film study and are now watching the movie 'Schindler's List' and analyzing it for cinematic features. We will be starting our poetry unit next week.

Construction Technology with Darren Phelps and Bill Willis:

The twelve students in the class have completed the first two modules on hand tools, measurement and safety, and have finished several small projects, including a shadowbox and a toolbox/planter. We have now moved into the new woodworking room; its renovation was paid for from CTS funding. We have begun building our model houses. Students have completed the foundation, including installing all the floor joists. Currently they are framing the walls, windows and door. If you're in the school, drop in and see how things are going!





Description:

The Kids and Drugs program consists of a series of 4 workshops designed to increase the knowledge of parents and caregivers about drugs and prevention skills when raising their children to be drug free. Each of the 4 sessions is 2 hours in length.

Who is the training for?

These prevention-based workshops are for parents and caregivers who want to learn more about how they can prevent their school-aged children (aged 8-15) from using alcohol and drugs. Families which are already facing alcohol and drug use problems with their children are encouraged to seek professional help as opposed to attending these workshops.

These **free** workshops are run with a minimum number of 4 participants and a maximum number of 8 participants.

Date and location:

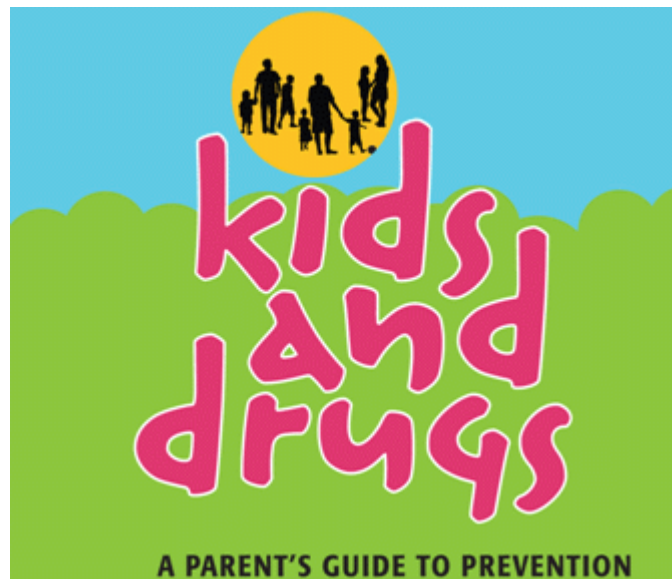
(Wednesdays) April 20th, April 27th, May 4th and May 11th
from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: 10320 99 Street Grande Prairie
Grande Prairie Public Health Centre - Boardroom A

Content:

Topics to be covered include:

- The power of parents
- Talking with your kids
- Helping your kids make good decisions
- What parents need to know about drugs
- Creating a personal action plan







Congratulations to the **Sr. Girls Basketball team** for bringing back the Consolation trophy from the 1A Provincials at Tofield. Our deepest thanks go to **Dan Rossworm** for all the years he has coached at our school. Dan is retiring at the end of this school year.

