

Pilot Butte School

Prairie Valley Schools

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Greetings Pilot Butte Parents and Guardians!

I have had the pleasure of meeting so many of you over the last number of weeks and look forward to meeting more in the weeks ahead. As a brief introduction, I feel I should share that I come to you with a breadth of administrative and teaching experience. I started teaching some thirteen years ago and have taught in *almost* every type of school setting and am strongly committed to the principles of collegiality, accountability, professionalism, and acknowledgement.

On a personal note, I am a Polish immigrant who grew up on a farm north of Weyburn. I completed my schooling in Weyburn and then completed my bachelor degree at the University of Regina where I am currently working on a Master's in Human Resource Development. I am married to Garry Magnien and we have three children - a five year old son and two year old twin sons. In many ways, we share the parental journey with you and can appreciate the joys and challenges of family life! Should you have any kudos, questions, or concerns, I encourage you to contact me at the school (781-4488).

- Mrs.Kathy Magnien
Principal

Electors Meeting

Prairie Valley School Division's Annual Meeting of Electors for the 2009-2010 school year will be held Wednesday, February 9, at the Kipling School. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will include a Report of the Board of Education, Report of the Auditor and Financial Statements and Report of the Director of Education. There will also be a question-and-answer session and entertainment by Prairie Valley students.

Mom's Pantry Products

Our Student Leadership Council is raising funds through Mom's Pantry Products to support school activities. Orders can be placed with a student or online and must be completed by Friday, January 28. Products will be delivered to the school and ready for pick up on Wednesday, February 9 from 3:30 to 6:30 in the Home Ec Lab.

Thank you for your continued support. It is great having a committed community.

- S.L.C.



Grade 6-8 Ski Trip



On Wednesday, February 9th, the Grades 6-8 students will be travelling to Mission Ridge Ski Resort for the day to enjoy a fun-filled day of skiing and snowboarding as part of their Physical Education Program.

We will be leaving shortly after attendance in the morning, and will return around 5:30 pm. We are hoping for great weather on this day. Having enough snow should not be a factor!

In case of inclement weather, the trip will be rescheduled depending on availability of another booking day.

Reminder: all ski money and consent forms are to be in by Thursday, February 3rd.

SLC News

In the month of January, we celebrated school spirit by wearing our bear-wear and school colours. We also had a visit from our school mascot that day - thank you to Alex G. in Mr. Wiebe's class, for helping with that visit.

Mom's Pantry forms have gone home with forms and online orders due January 28th. We will know the exact date of delivery in February and are hoping for a delivery date of February 9th. Once the delivery date has been confirmed, we will send an update via Synrevoice. Please support this fundraiser!

In December, the community of Pilot Butte gave generously to our 'Pizza for Patience' fundraiser. The SLC has decided to put the monies raised towards a number of items for the orphanage, including school supplies, clothing, money towards a water well and money to help build a fence around the orphanage. Thank you again for your generous contributions towards this cause.

The month of February is short but jam-packed with activities: February 10th is our Valentine's Day Dance for the Grade 6-8 students and we have a red-and-pink day scheduled on the 14th of February for the whole school. Let us continue to show our school spirit by taking part in these activities. Stay warm!



Pilot Butte School Library would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sahlmueller for the awesome book they donated to our school at Christmas. Our students will enjoy this book for years to come. Thank you.

Tech Club

Ms. McPhail will be continuing the Tech Club at PBS with the only change being Tech Club will run at noon hours. Tech Club will normally run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:10-12:35, but students will need to pay close attention to announcements in case of any changes. If necessary, we will run the club after school but plenty of notice will be given. This month, our focus will be on creating multi-media around "Responsibility", which is our school's focus. New members are welcome and should talk to Ms. McPhail if they are interested.



Junior Boys' Basketball

Ms. McPhail is coaching the junior boys' basketball team, which consists of 12 players in grades 6-8 who were chosen after two short try-outs. We practice on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 and normally play on Wednesdays. Tentative schedules should have been sent home with anyone on the team, but can also be found on our school website. We lost our first game to a much taller and more practiced Balgonie team, but are confident with more practice and a full bench, the results could be different next time! We are a young team with a lot of potential, and will continue to work on our skills at practices and during games. Come out and support us in our home games!



We are hosting a game on Wednesday, February 2—PB vs Wolseley at 3:30. Watch for more information about upcoming games.

Friends Of The Animals

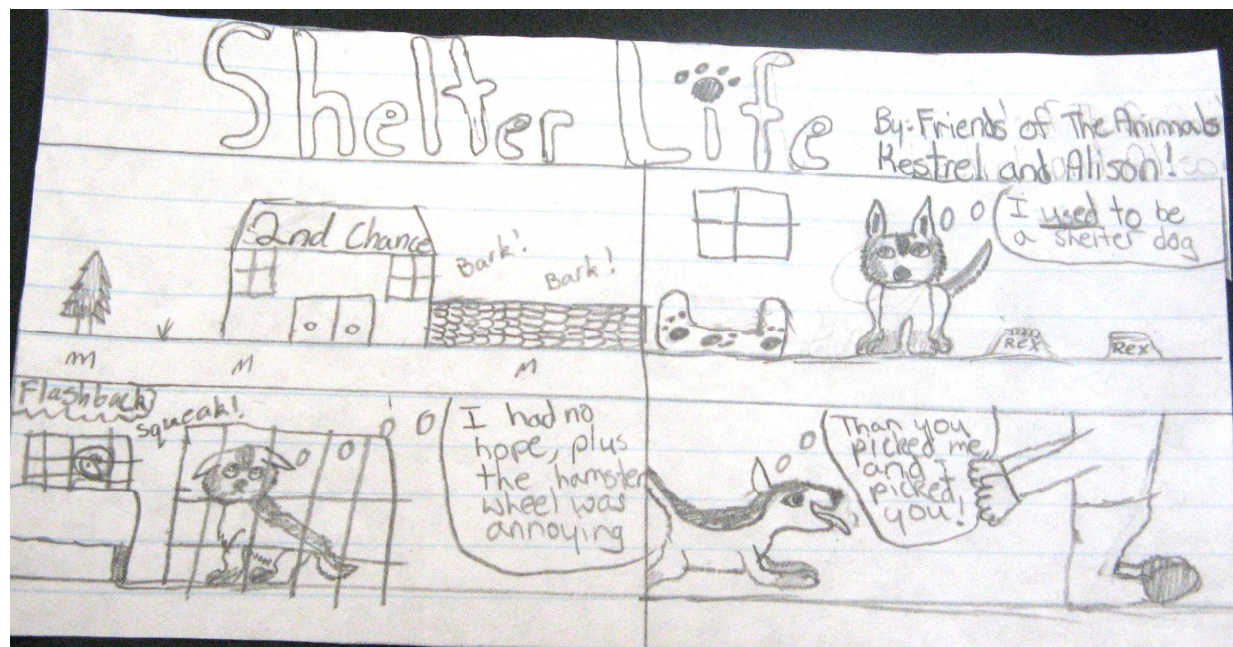
This month, the Friends of the Animals group held their Animal Trivia Contest. Kids learned fun new animal facts, and the winners won the following prizes:

K-2 – Webkinz 3-5 – Animal Art Design Book 6-8 –Cool Animal Poster

Thanks to everyone who participated!

We will also be having our Annual Bunny Hop Raffle in April. All the money we raise will go toward sponsoring an endangered species. Plus, we look forward to having a guest speaker come and talk to the students!

Look for more updates in our school newsletter and listen for announcements!



Reminder!!

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 is a Non Student Day