



# Pilot Butte School

Prairie Valley Schools

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I want to officially welcome everyone back to school. It is hard to believe summer has come and gone and it is time to start school again. I hope our students and staff and their families had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

Our school has undergone realignment to ensure our day to day operations are operating efficiently and effectively, within the PVSD direction. This year at Pilot Butte School we will be continuing to strive toward school improvement. Our school will focus on student leadership, as well as continuing to focus on "Bullying and Harassment Prevention."

Both Mr. MacCallum and I would like to encourage open lines of communication between home and school. Research shows students perform better if they have support from their parents at home and their teachers at school. We believe our everyday mission is to Educate, Empower and Excel, thus, helping students be successful in their educational pursuits. Have a great year!

-Mr. Corey Terry

## Nut Managed

We want to remind everyone we have students in our facility with severe nut allergies. Do not send lunches or snacks containing nuts or nut products.

Thank you for your help.



## Change is Good

In May 2010 Pilot Butte School went through the process of creating a new mission and vision for our school.

### Mission Statement:

Educate...Empower...Excel

### Vision Statement:

Educate all students to their greatest potential.

Empower students to be responsible and respectful citizens.

Excel in a caring school environment.

## Awards

Our Honour Roll and Top Bear Awards for last year's grades 6 and 7 students will take place on Friday, September 10 during Period 3.

## Safety Blitz

### Safety is Paramount

Pilot Butte is planning for a safe environment. The staff and students will be having a safety blitz which will involve a fire drill, tornado drill, evacuation and lockdown. Teachers will review expectations for these with their students and during the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. We will conduct drills to help ensure safety of our students and staff. We will hold another blitz in the spring to help keep our school safe. This is part of our school SAFE plan and is mandated by our division board. If you have any questions feel free to contact to Tom MacCallum or Corey Terry at the school.

## **Medic Alert's No Child Without Program is at Our School**

The **No Child Without** program offers a free Medic Alert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a Medic Alert membership through this program.

Your child's voice in an emergency, Medic Alert membership;

Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their Medic Alert bracelet or necklet

Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline.**

Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**

Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

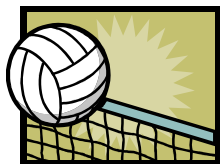
If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call Medic Alert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child's file.



## School Newsletter

Thank you to all families who have signed up for our newsletter by email. We will have our updated email addresses completed soon. Thank you!

## Coaches - Wanted!



If there are any interested community members who would be willing to coach or lend a hand to our extra-curricular programs, please contact Tom MacCallum or Corey Terry at the school. We will have some vacancies this year. So, if you love coaching and working with kids, this is a great opportunity for you.

## Bantam Volleyball

Try-outs will start in a few weeks. All grade seven and eight students are invited to come out and have some fun.

## Fees

Fee statements will be sent out home very shortly for any outstanding fees from last year.

## Lunches

A few reminders:

- Lunch is 50 minutes not a full hour.
- We are a “closed campus.” This means students are not allowed to leave the school grounds at lunch without a note from their parent for each occurrence.
- We do not provide utensils for student lunches.
- Microwaves are not available for heating lunches.
- No lunches or snacks with nut products.



## Canteen Price List

TCBY Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00
Fruit Cups	\$0.75
Milk	\$0.80
Granola Bars ( Nut free)	\$0.50
Apple Sauce	\$0.50
Cheese String	\$0.50
Rice Crispy Square	\$0.50
Cereal Bar	\$0.50
Cheese & Crackers	\$0.50
Fruit To Go	\$0.50

\*Prices may vary



## Important Dates

### September

30 Terry Fox Walk/Run

### October

04 Non Student Day

07 Picture Day

11 Thanksgiving Day

17-23 Education Week: “Valuing Diversity”



### November

11 Remembrance Day

12 School Break

22 Parent Teacher Interviews, 4 to 8 pm

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## Student Leadership Council

We would like to welcome the whole student body back and we hope you had a wonderful summer. This year's SLC is planning a very exciting and entertaining school year. To kick off the school year we are having our annual magazine fundraiser starting on September 13th, followed by a spirit day on September 16th. Our planned spirit activity will be a teacher baby picture guessing game which all students are able to participate in. To end the month we will be having an activity in which you bring clothes to dress your teacher in. The teachers will be presented in their 'costumes' at the monthly assembly on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the winners for the teacher/baby picture contest will be awarded at that time. We hope that we are able to make the school a safe place to have fun and learn on the way!



Sincerely, the 2010-2011 SLC

## Criminal Record Checks

If you plan to volunteer with students this school year, please ensure we have a current Criminal Record Check on file. If you are new to the community your check must not be more than 6 months old. Those who have records on file must be updated every two years. Please ensure your CRC is current!

## Four ways to help your child make this school year great

It's the start of a new school year and you want to make it a great one. Researchers at Indiana University found that children did better in school when their parents taught them how to:

1. Be positive about challenges. The children who do the best in school are those who approach a new task with a positive attitude. Look for ways to model that behavior at home: "I don't know how to use this computer program. Shall we figure it out together?"
2. Break down big assignments. Reading an entire chapter book may seem overwhelming. But reading one chapter is something your child can do. Teach your child to break down tasks into smaller, achievable steps.
3. Pay attention to instructions. A classroom runs more smoothly when students do what the teacher says. Your child's score on a state test could be lowered if he doesn't fill out the answer sheet correctly. So spend time at home learning to follow directions. Cook together and talk about what happens if you don't follow the recipe exactly.
4. Solve problems on their own. If your child can't figure out the answer to a math problem, help him think about a way to find the answer. Ask, "Have you worked other problems like this? Does your math book show how to find the right answer?"

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