

— The Schools —

PROVOST PUBLIC SCHOOL



HIGHLIGHTS

The Kindergarten students are settling into routine and becoming great "5 Star Listeners." The class was eager to run and explore the bright, big gym space. Attending the first of their weekly music classes with specialist Dione Hudon was another exciting first. Participating in new centres and learning stations provided fun, hands-on learning experiences. Everyone was proud of their accomplishment in learning to read their first take-home story including finding an important new sight word.

The Grade 1 students are exploring the school as they go on bear hunts during social. They are learning how to use a legend with the map of the school. The class now has their first set of word wall words up on the wall. They are quickly

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learning how to put letters together to make words.

Grade 4CR are excited about their new classroom pets who will be doing important work to help the PPS elementary to reduce waste from lunches each day. These vermicomposters will work quietly in the classroom to turn fruit and vegetable scraps along with a few other select food items into fresh new castings or nutrient rich dirt to be used for fertilizing plants, gardens, or flower beds without using any chemicals. As well, the extra food scraps they cannot eat will be collected and placed in the outdoor composter until winter arrives. The students are surprised each day to learn how important and simple taking care of waste can be. Learning to read and write number words up to 1,000 has the class being diligent so they will be good cheque writers. In addition, the Grade 4s are learning about regions of Alberta using interactive maps

and notebooks. While learning so much, it was hard for some of them to choose one area as a focus as they set new 'SMART' goals with Emily as part of Classroom Champions in September.

The PPS junior golf team scored first in the people's hearts, but not on the scoresheet. Led by veteran junior golfer Barrett Higdon, sophomore Zach Hawken and rookies Morgan Schenk and Austin Huber, the team displayed great spirit and a strong showing. The team will be going to Wainwright on September 19 to compete in the Buffalo Trail finals.

PPS Safety Patrollers were trained this week by Mrs. Baron of the AMA, and will be out on the crosswalk each morning and night for the rest of the year. Pedestrians are encouraged to respect and appreciate this service while drivers should continue to drive with care and attention in the school areas.

Drama club has start-

ed. Members meet Thursdays and will be performing the production of The Princess and the Pea. They plan to have a dinner theatre and evening performance next spring.

The Grade 6 class traveled to Wainwright Thursday, September 14 for an overnight beginner band workshop. Students received their instruments for the first time and got instruction from expert clinicians. They met other beginner students from the bands in the Buffalo Trail School Division and participated in lots of activities. Students watched a movie and camped out in the gym Thursday night. On Friday, students gave short mini performances demonstrating what they learned in just one day.

Elementary students have been having fun in music class singing, playing instruments, and

learning rhythm through playing 'boomwhackers.'

Junior and senior high concert band has begun. They have received new music and have started the year sight reading their new pieces. They plan to perform in school and in the community later on.

Dione Hudon will be starting a music club on Fridays open to all grades. Students will play a part in deciding what activities will be included: jam sessions, rock band, karaoke, choir, boomwhackers,

bucket drumming and more.

The PPS Student Leadership Advisory Council (SLAC) is open to students in Gr. 7-12 who want to make a difference in the school, community, and world. This student-led organization plans fun activities, runs awareness campaigns and organizes fundraising events to help support school, local, and global initiatives. An example of fundraising are the monthly Subway sandwiches and cookie sales, and popcorn sales.



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