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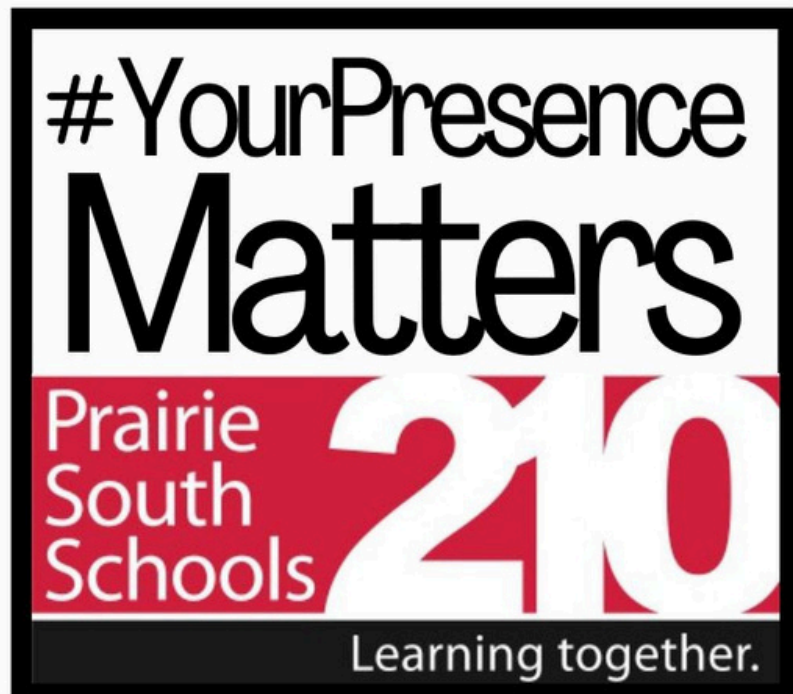
October 2024



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Our Board of Education has made regular school attendance one of its strategic imperatives this school year. We believe that if we can get students to attend school regularly, we can educate them. Prairie South is committed to providing every student with a high-quality education that prepares them for future success, and we know that regular school attendance plays a critical role in achieving this goal.

Strong school attendance significantly improves learning, strengthens relationships, enhances connections with others, and improves well-being. Together we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential!



Congratulations to Bryce Boughen who was awarded the Dubinsky Family Scholarship. Rachel and Ryan Boughen accepted the award on Bryce's behalf. Bryce graduated from Central Collegiate in June 2024 with a 99.7 percent average. Bryce was the valedictorian at CCI and is currently playing hockey at an elite level. He has been accepted to study biomedical sciences at the University of Saskatchewan. Well done Bryce!



Welcome YES Canada Homestay Coordinators

YES Canada, in partnership with Prairie South, is seeking families from all areas of Prairie South to host high school students arriving from Australia and New Zealand in November. Host families provide a home away from home in a safe and nurturing environment. Enrich your lives and family by welcoming an international high school student into your home. Local Coordinators are essential to the overall program. They provide in-community monitoring and support to host families and their students while continually recruiting to grow their host-family community. At Prairie South, we are fortunate to have two highly devoted and caring Local Coordinators working as a team. Please take a moment to get to know Miranda and Jocelyn. Please reach out to them if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a host family.

My name is Miranda Penner. I am a mom of 3; Xander 13, Onyx 12 & Xaraya 7. I grew up in southern Alberta, and have lived in Moose Jaw for over 7 years. This is my first year as a local coordinator for YES & YFU Canada. My husband John and I own Kona Ice of Moose Jaw & Regina. We run it as a primarily family business, with a handful of young employees sprinkled in. I have served on the Moose Jaw Kinsmen Flying Fins board for the last 4 years. We have hosted international students & baseball players for 10 years. If I am not in the Kona truck, I can usually be found at the pool, baseball diamond or dance/music studio cheering on my kids.

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My name is Jocelyn Steeves and I am mom to two; Madisyn, 18 and Rhyley, 13. I grew up in Nova Scotia, and have now lived in Moose Jaw for the past ten years. When I am not learning my new job as local coordinator for YES and YFU Canada, I work at an elementary school as an Educational Assistant, as well as at 15 Wing. In my spare time I am training our new puppy, Augie or training for my next belt in Tae Kwan Do.

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School Board Elections

Our School Board Election is set for **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. Nominations will be accepted September 24 to October 9. Be sure to watch our website at www.prairiesouth.ca/elections and social media pages for all the latest information on who is running and where you vote.



NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office of:
Board Members: Prairie South School Division No. 210

Subdivision No. 1: One Position

(areas of Central Butte, Chaplin, Craik, Eyebrow, and Mortlach)

Subdivision No. 2: One Position

(areas of Avonlea, Caronport, Lindale, and Rouleau)

Subdivision No. 3: One Position

(areas of Assiniboia and Mossbank)

Subdivision No. 4: One Position

(areas of Bengough, Coronach, and Rockglen)

Subdivision No. 5: One Position

(areas of Glentworth, Gravelbourg, Kincaid, Lafleche, and Mankota)

Subdivision No. 6: Five Positions

(City of Moose Jaw)

will be received by the undersigned at the Prairie South School Board Office,
1075 9th Avenue NW, Moose Jaw during the following dates and times:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to Wednesday, October 9, 2024

(with the exception of Saturdays and Sundays)

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Prairie South School Board Office,
1075 9th Avenue NW, Moose Jaw, on our website www.prairiesouth.ca/elections,
and for Subdivision No. 6 at City Hall, Moose Jaw.



Election Day is Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2024

Heather Boese
Returning Officer

Meet Our Staff

Stephanie Mcleod grew up in Duval Saskatchewan and attended K-12 at William Derby School in Strasbourg, where both her mom and dad taught for many years. After high school, she spent two years at Briercrest College before moving to Regina to obtain her Bachelor of Education. Stephanie returned to the U of R to complete her Certificate in Inclusive Education while on maternity leave (or three). She still lives in a tiny little Saskatchewan town, with a view of the sun setting over the grassy pastures and the train tracing the horizon. She's lived in Caron for the last twelve years with her husband Mark, and their four young boys - ages 10, 8, 4 & 2. They're into all sorts of fun stuff that they get to tag along for - basketball and hockey, speed-cubing and swimming, checking crops and the cows on the farm.



Her teaching career began at Mossbank School, where she spent a year job sharing a Grade 1/2 classroom, followed by a year in the Student Support Teacher role. Over the course of the next 10 years, she spent time in Mortlach, Chaplin, and Caronport Elementary Schools as an itinerant Student Support Teacher. Recently she has transitioned back into the classroom and is now the K/1/2 teacher at Mortlach School.

Stephanie can't get enough of camping with her kids, exploring new hiking trails, and chasing spectacular views. This past summer they spent two weeks tenting and exploring 3 different US National Parks - Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Glacier. Busy and exhausting, but by far the most rejuvenating get-away they have had in a long time.



When the weather turns, she often opens her home and table to family and friends for bowls upon bowls of homemade soup and late nights playing board games. When she has a moment alone, she loves a hot cup of coffee, a chair she can curl up in and a good book. Her favourite meal is a nice hot breakfast on a Saturday morning - eggs benedict with a perfectly brewed coffee, 2 cream. Even better if she can finish said coffee without having to put it in the microwave.

Stephanie has now watched all of the Star Wars catalogue available on Disney+ and she actually kinda loved it - it made visiting Galaxy's Edge one of her favourite parts of Disney World.



Lindale School

Home of the Lions!

Lindale school's current population of nearly 300 students is committed to "Cultivating Learning". Our connection to the agricultural community is a big part of our school identity. By nurturing our students to grow as people, committing to providing resources to support this growth and to include the community, we believe that our students truly have a pathway to success.



Lindale School has a lot of traditions that many generations of Lindale students can be a proud of. The Lindale Fall Fair is a competition where students and families demonstrate their harvest as well as their creativity. Awards like funniest carrot, heaviest pumpkin, biggest flower arrangement or best Lego sculpture are all a part of Lindale's Fall Fair.





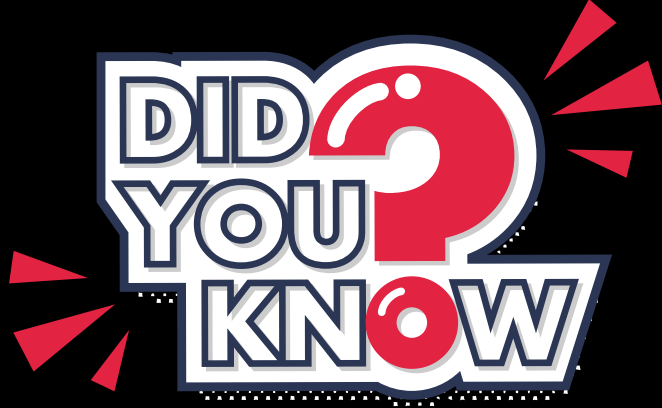
The Lindale School Thanksgiving meal is another school tradition that has been a part of our community for over 30 years. The Lindale school grade 8's help create and host a Thanksgiving meal for students, parents and PSSD staff. Last year we hosted almost 700 people in our gym. It is an amazing way to help students learn about Thanksgiving and an even better way to show our thanks to the many staff and families that support us through the year.



Lindale's commitment to Cultivating Learning is supported by the many traditions it has and grows through the many opportunities we provide. Engaging students in and out of the classroom is the foundation that supports their growth as learners. Through our work and commitment to student success, we believe our students will be ready for the next step in their educational careers.







Prairie South is situated in Treaty 4 Territory and acknowledges that We Are All Treaty People. We are excited to share our school division's Indigenous logo below. Thank you to Lisa Galbraith and Chris Chipak for bringing this logo to life!



This logo is available to be placed on clothing for employees to purchase at **The Shop** in Moose Jaw. You can reach out to them by phone at 306-693-0555 or email at theshopmoosejaw@gmail.com if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

October 8

- Regular Board Meeting

October 9

- Nominations close at 4:00 pm

October 10

- World Mental Health Day

October 11

- Prep/LIT Day (No School)

October 14

- Thanksgiving Stat Holiday

October 21

- Candidates' Forum for School Board Election

October 22

- Board Planning Meeting

October 24

- School-based Administrators' Meeting

October 28

- Provincial Election

October 31

- Happy Halloween!

SHARE

We would love to hear from you!

Do you have any stories or ideas to share? Please email communications@prairiesouth.ca to submit them today!

Assiniboia Elementary School



Avonlea School



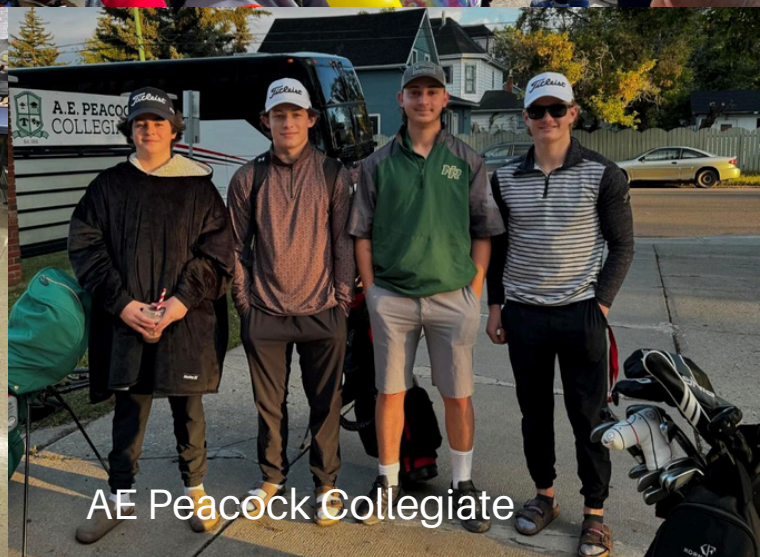
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