



THE COMMUNICATOR



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Grande Prairie Public School Division, Crystal Park School

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Message From The Principal

Happy November to our families

We are well into the school year, and Term 1 is coming to a close. By this time, our teachers and students have developed relationships and are working together to ensure all student success. ‘

The weather is certainly colder, and we ask that all students come prepared for the outdoors. We go outside twice a day, and the doors do not open until 8:15am. Therefore, proper outdoor clothing and footwear is a must.

This month you will be able to access your students first report card for Term 1. If you are uncertain as to how to see the electronic version, please call the front desk and we will be happy to support you. The first report card also means Parent Teacher Interviews are around the corner.

Please watch for the sign-up genius to book your spot with your childs teacher. We look forward to seeing you all.

Don't forget the time change happening soon. "Fall Back" is upon us!

As always, if you need us, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Take Care

Cindy Clarkson



Remembrance Day November 11th

There will be an assembly on November 9th at 10:30 to acknowledge Remembrance Day. Parents are welcome.



Important Dates To Remember

November 8 - Spirit Day! Wolverine Wednesday

November 9 - School Assembly @ 10:30

November 10 - PL Day, No School

November 15 - Spirit Day! Wolverine Wednesday

November 17 - Moustache Day

November 20 - Term 2 Starts

November 22 - Spirit Day! Wolverine Wednesday

November 24 - Report Cards Published

November 28 - PTI's 4:30pm - 7:30pm

November 29 - Spirit Day! Wolverine Wednesday

November 29 - PTI's 4:30pm - 7:30pm

December 1 - Day in Lieu, No School

December 15 - PL Day, No School

December 18 - Flannel/Plaid Day

December 19 - Festive Hat Day

December 20 - Festive Shirt Day

December 21 - Ugly Sweater Day

December 22 - Holiday Pajama Day

December 25 - Winter Break Begins, No school

January 8 - Winter Break Ends, Back to School



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FIRSTview Busing App

Parents/Guardians, keep track of your child's school bus by downloading the free FirstView App to stay updated on its location, including any unexpected delays or cancellations:

<https://www.firstviewapp.com/>

Conveniently available on both mobile devices and desktops, the app also offers push notifications on mobile for real-time alerts.

Want more ways to stay in the loop? Check out: <https://bit.ly/3tEp4nV>

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Crystal Park Spirit Days

Along with all the amazing and fun Spirit Days, every Wednesday is Wolverine Wednesday. This is where students and staff either wear anything with school colors (blue and white) or if they have any clothing with Crystal park on it regardless of what color it is.



WOLVERINE SPIRIT DAYS 2023 - 2024

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|----------|----------------------------------|
| Sept. 29 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Oct. 20 | Dress Like a Teacher Day |
| Oct. 31 | Halloween Costume/Crazy Hair Day |
| Nov. 17 | Moustache Day |
| Dec. 18 | Flannel/Plaid Day |
| Dec. 19 | Festive Hat Day |
| Dec. 20 | Festive Shirt Day |
| Dec. 21 | Ugly Sweater Day |
| Dec. 22 | Holiday Pajama Day |
| Jan. 19 | Old People's Day |
| Feb. 9 | Tye Dye Day Day |
| Feb. 28 | Pink Shirt Day |
| Mar. 14 | π Day |
| Mar. 28 | Twin Day |
| Apr. 12 | Jersey Day |
| May 1 | Hat's On for Mental Health Day |
| May 10 | White Out/Black Out Day |
| May 31 | Western Day |
| Jun. 14 | Anything But a Backpack Day |
| Jun. 26 | Sunglasses Day |

Crystal Park School is an inclusive community that works together to nurture and develop the whole child

Volleyball

A wonderful and exciting volleyball season being had by the Junior high's this year. Amazing job Wolverines!







Registration Update Forms - Parents to fill out

Registration update forms have been sent out to all families attending Crystal Park School. It is very important to have these filled out even if there are no changes. Please sign in to your parent portal and you will see the form assigned to you. If you have any issues at all, please call the school 780-539-0333. Thankyou.

School Calendar

<https://bit.ly/42KXSzw>



Community Support

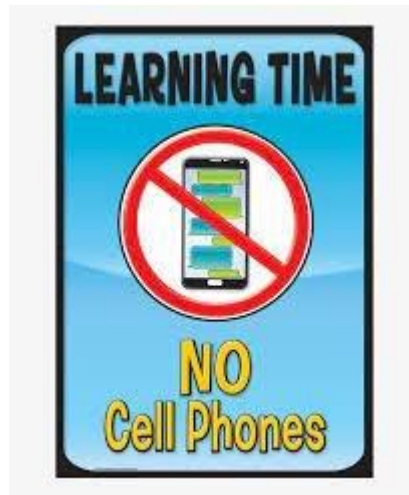
Quality relationships with community partners support student success! We would like to extend a huge thank you to International Paper in Grande Prairie for their generous donation of wellness kits for students.



Reminders For Parents



The speed limit on the ring road is 15km. We ask all parents who are dropping off or picking up to please slow down as well as, it is a one way road. Please make sure you are going the right way around the school. Thankyou kindly.



Just a friendly reminder to parents, Cell phones are NOT to be used while in class. If you need to get ahold of your child for any reason, please call reception 780-539-0333. Thankyou for your understanding.



If your child/children are going to be absent, please let the school know through our automated system or talk to reception. 780-539-0333



The colder weather is fast approaching. Please be sure your child/children are wearing appropriate outerwear in order to stay warm as they do go outside for recess and some gym classes. Please ensure that your child/children have indoor foot wear as well so as not to make the hallways full of water and mud.

Preventing Winter Slips

PREVENTING WINTER SLIPS!



Winter weather can be fun, but ice and the freeze-thaw cycles can create dangerous walking conditions.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Winter conditions account for nearly 1/3 of all slip and trip injuries. **Most will happen from Oct-Dec.**
- Weather conditions at the start and end of winter (freeze-thaw) are when you are most likely to slip and fall outside.
- If you are in / on a parking lot, sidewalk, entrance, driveway or in a school drop off lane you are even more likely to slip.
- Salt and sand help, but it's not enough. **You also must take steps to reduce your risk:**



Use cleats on snow and ice

Using cleats when walking on snow and ice will **greatly** reduce your risk of falling.



Recognize that a summer puddles becomes winter ice

Puddles that occur in low points of parking lots will become icy during the winter months. They can be even more dangerous after a snowfall. Be aware of your parking area.

Buy a good pair of winter boots

Do your research, are your boots good for winter? Are they slip resistant and warm? Check out www.ratemytreads.com



Walk slow, with shorter strides

Don't rush and give yourself more time to get to work. Always step down off of curbs, never step out. Use 3-point contact when entering and exiting vehicles (3 out of 4 limbs contacting the vehicle until you are stable on your feet).



Walk flat foot style, push off your heel

Walk like a penguin - flat footed, toes pointed out, hands outside of pockets, get good balance and take-it-sloow.



Wipe boots when entering / exiting buildings

Keep soles clear of snow. Wipe boots dry before exiting buildings to prevent wet soles from freezing.

Watch for freeze - thaw cycles

Ice is most slippery at 1 degree celcius



Postpone or change activities

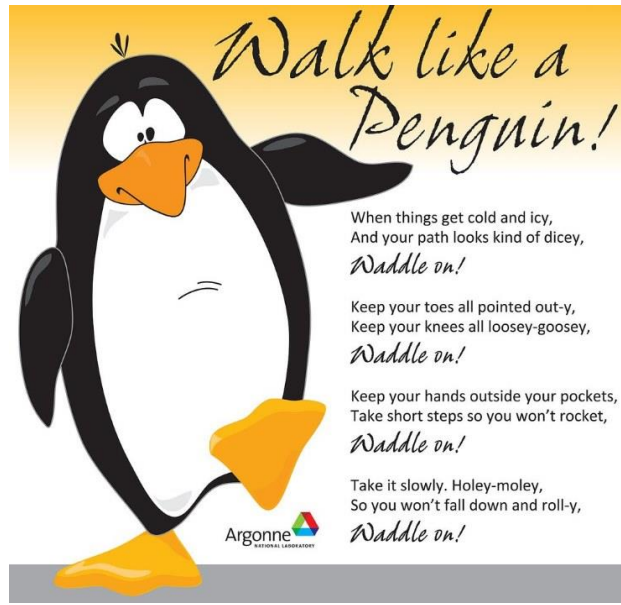
Watch the weather reports. Some days you may need to postpone or change planned activities. Consider less slippery options on days where the weather may increase the likelihood of ice being present. (i.e., spring freeze-thaw as the snow is melting, freezing rain, etc.).



IF YOU NOTICE SLIPPERY CONDITIONS ON OUR WALKWAYS OR ENTRYWAYS, ALWAYS:

- **Apply sand / ice melt**
(located in the entryways to treat the area)
or
- **Immediately report the conditions to the school admin team.**
(doing so will help to prevent others from becoming injured)





School Council

For those of you who didn't have the opportunity to attend, we had a great School Council Meeting October 16th. The poster below is a summary of a few of our highlights.

We look forward to our next meeting on November 6, 2023 @ 5:30 pm. Hopefully, you can make it!

CPS SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 16, 2023

Welcome Ray Buziak






- Board Trustee Representative

Fundraising Focus

- Mom's Pantry/ Basket Raffle

School Community Building

- Winter Carnival Dec. 12, 2023

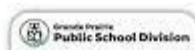
Chair: Terri - Lynn Mailman
 Vice Chair: Susan Jeffery
 Secretary: Sabrina Fehr
 Teacher Rep: Hannah Jenkins

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Curriculum Corner



**Curriculum
Corner**



Here is the link for our October Curriculum Corner Newsletter:

[Feature Issue: Early Years Assessments \(gppsd.ab.ca\)](https://gppsd.ab.ca)

Turkey Trot

On October 6, 2023 we hosted our second annual Turkey Trot event. The day could not have been better; with above average temperatures and beautiful fall foliage in the background. This event is important to us; fostering a sense of community and togetherness, while instilling the values of wellness in our students. It is an opportunity to contribute to our school culture, promoting physical activity, and encouraging a healthy active lifestyle for all.

The event culminated in an assembly in which students had an opportunity to win door prizes (turkeys and pies) for their participation. Students eagerly awaited the finale of the assembly for the opportunity to throw pies in the faces of their teachers. Whip cream everywhere, the excitement and laughter in the gym was infectious and could not be contained! It was a great end of the day leading into the Thanksgiving long weekend.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our community partners who support our event and allowed for us to give away a total of 138 turkeys and pies to our families. The event would not have been the success it was without their support!

Thank you to Our Sponsors:

Apex Security

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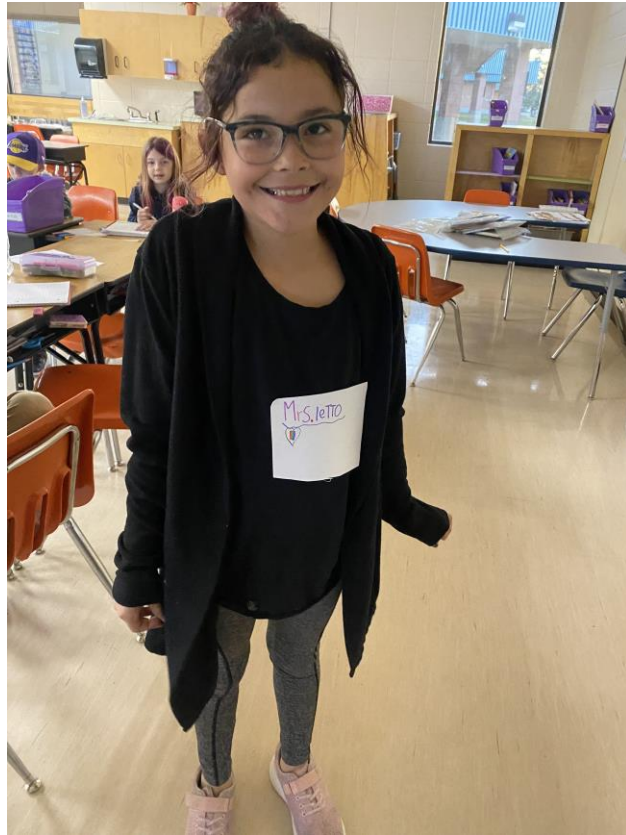




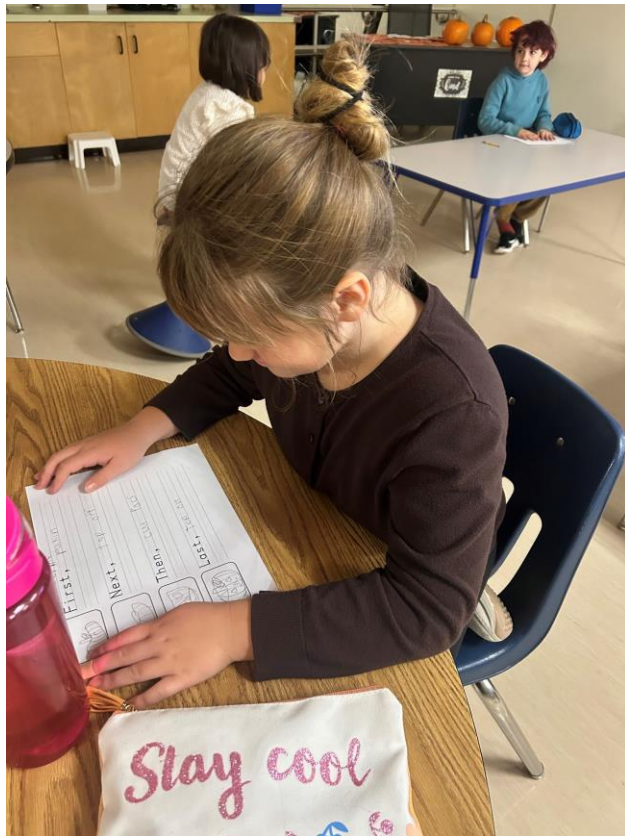


Dress Like A Teacher Day

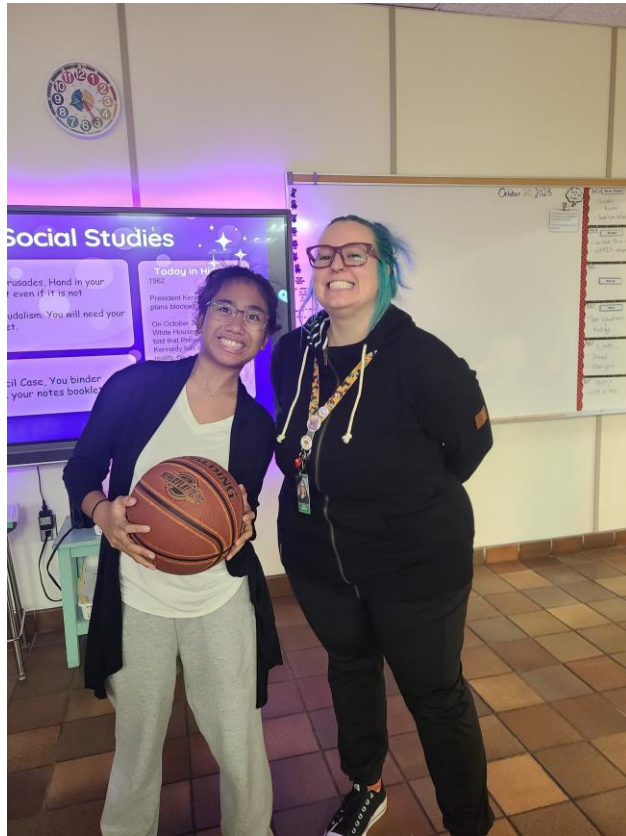
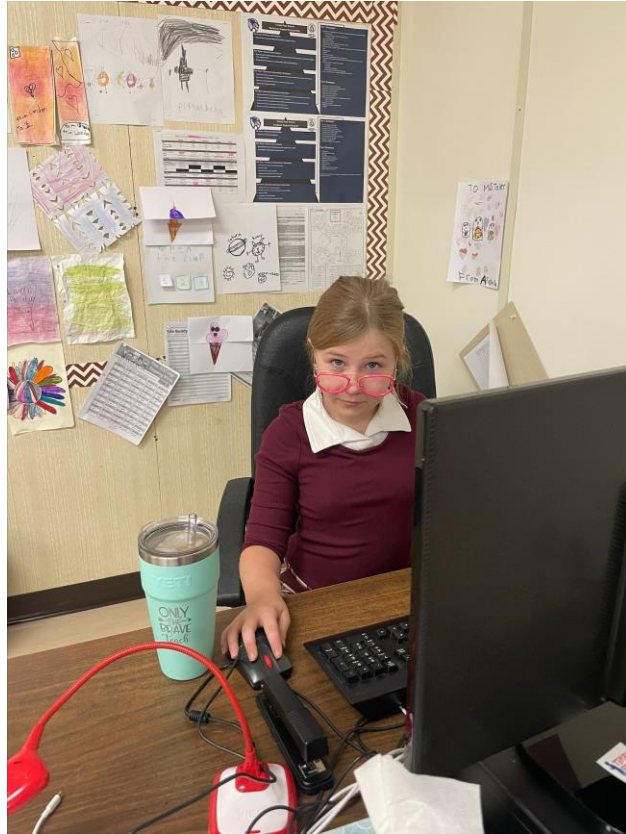
On October 20th, we had Dress like a teacher day and our CPS students did not dissappoint!

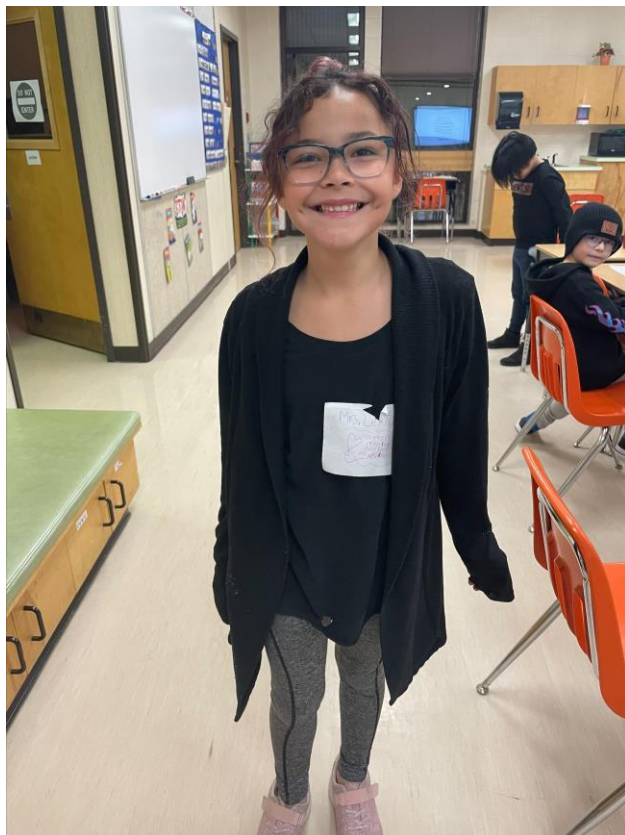










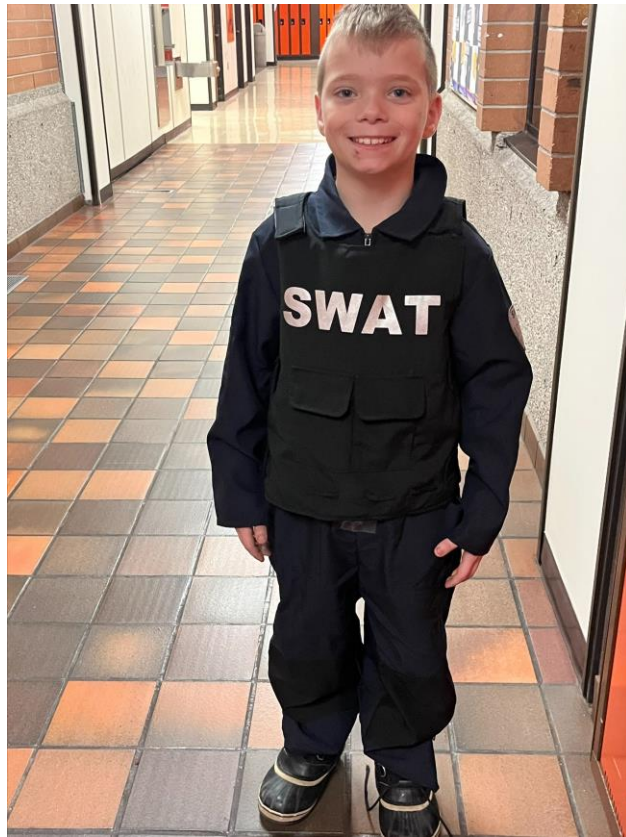


Halloween

Happy Halloween!

Staff and CPS students showed up with amazing costumes. It was a lot of fun for everyone. Way to go Wolverines!































































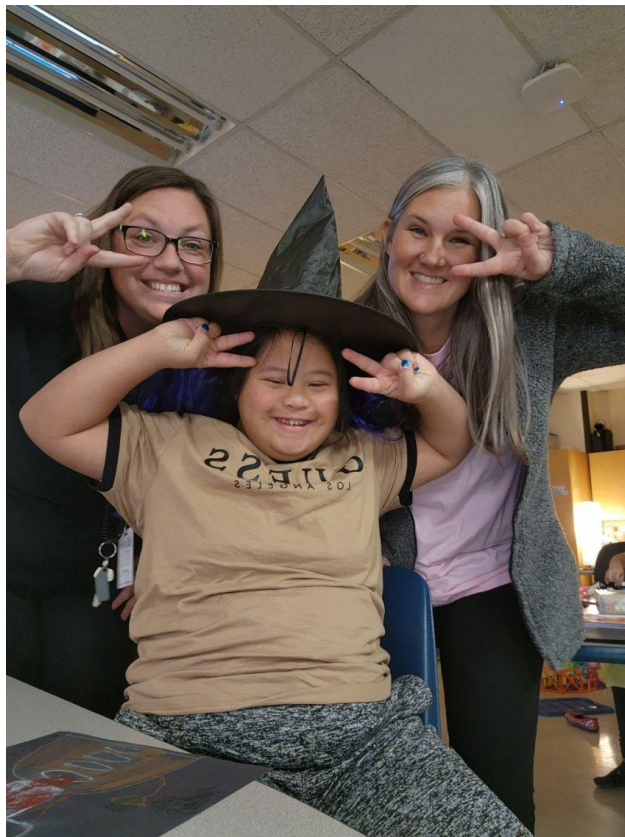


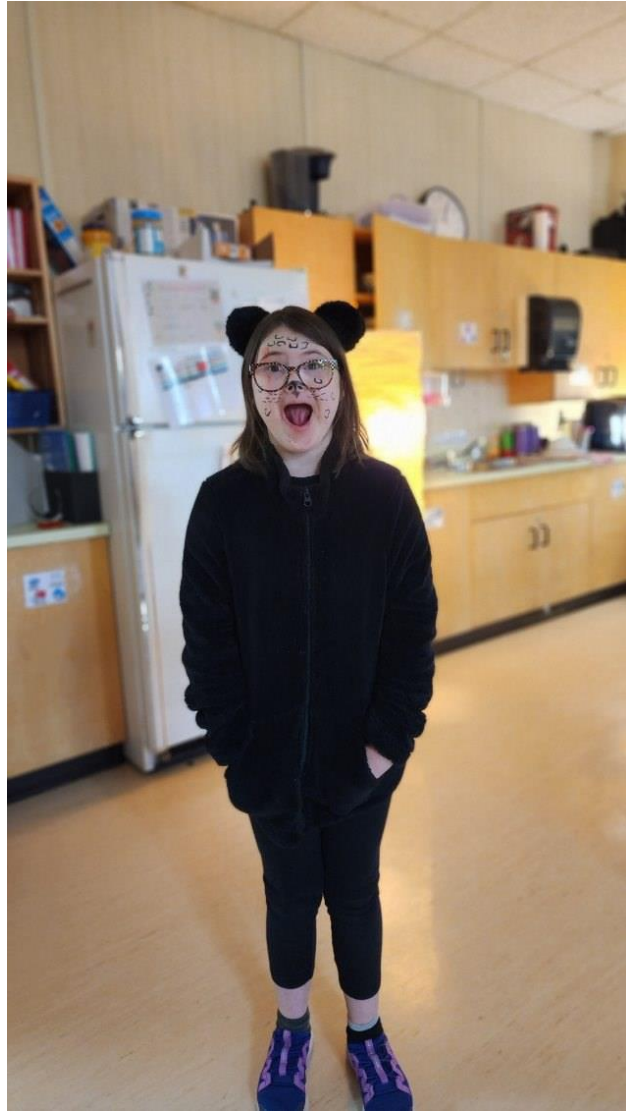














STEM Learning

Teaching kids fun STEM facts and interesting science facts is a great way to [get children excited about science](#). This offers them an opportunity to obtain brief and memorable information on how the world works and why things are the way they are – from planets to plants, to animals and the human body!

In our rapidly changing world, STEM holds great potential for the future, and definitely seems like it is here to stay. With the right approach and [activities](#), you can [help your kids engage with STEM learning](#) from young ages.

Amazing Facts About the Human Body

1. Body Composition: 50-65% water content.
2. DNA Connection: Humans share 99% DNA; 96% genetic likeness to chimpanzees.
3. Heart's Weight: Adults' hearts weigh 250-300g; babies' about 100g.
4. Vision Marvel: Human eye detects 10 million colors and distinguishes between them.
5. Oxygen Priority: Brain receives 25% of body's oxygen, influencing clarity and focus.

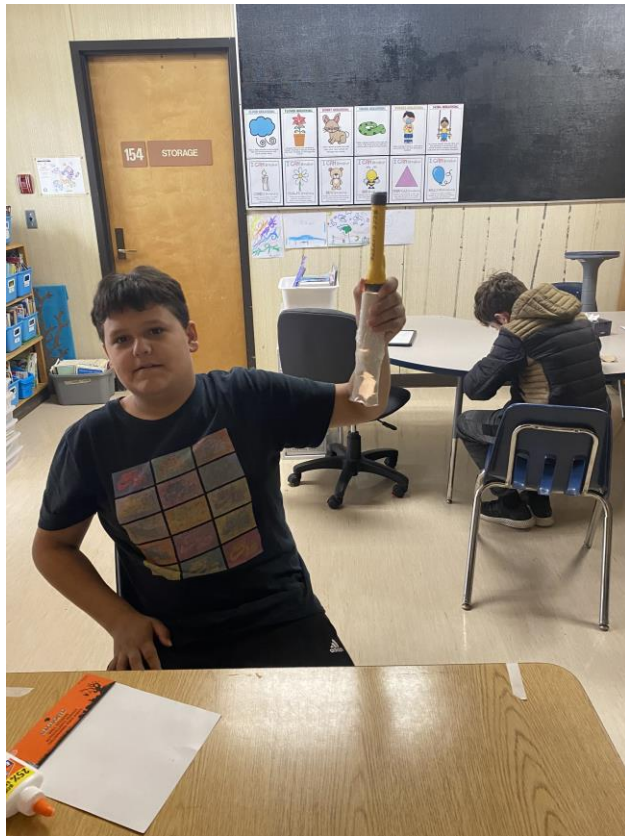








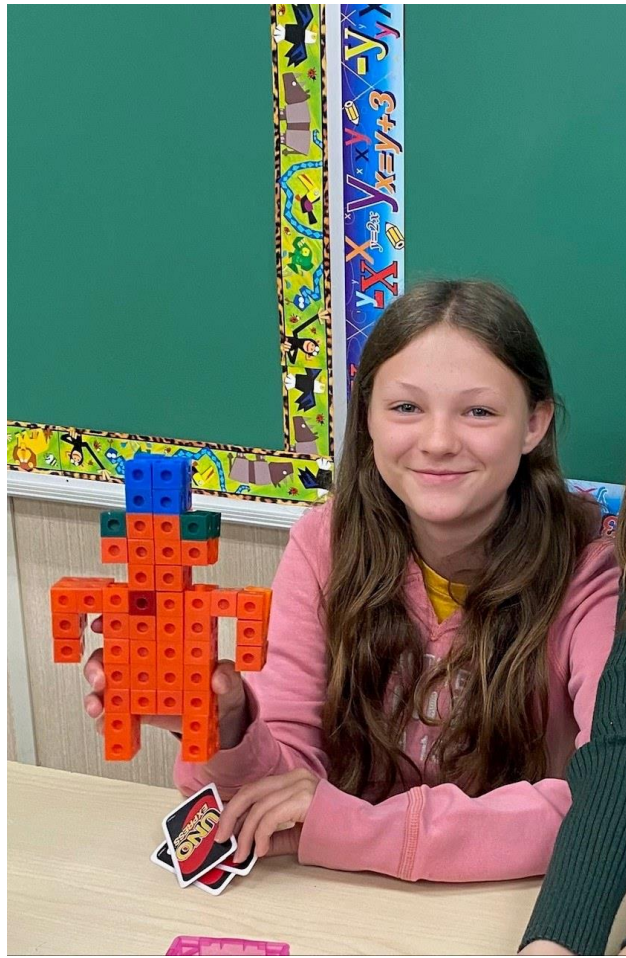












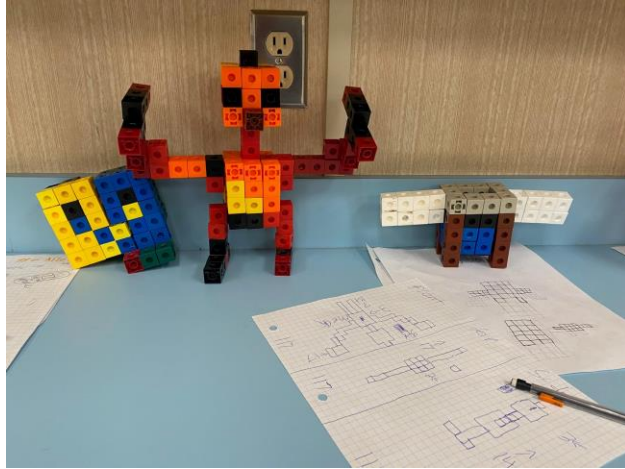


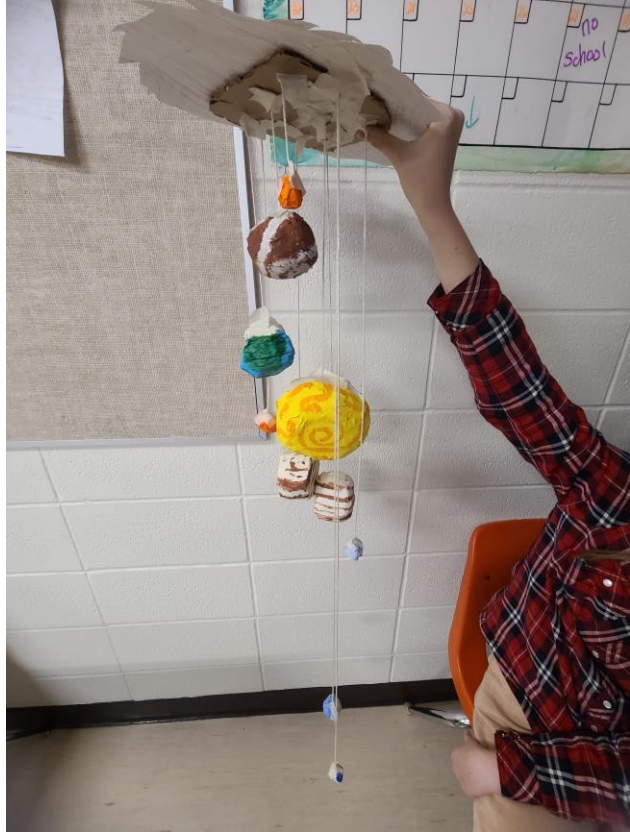


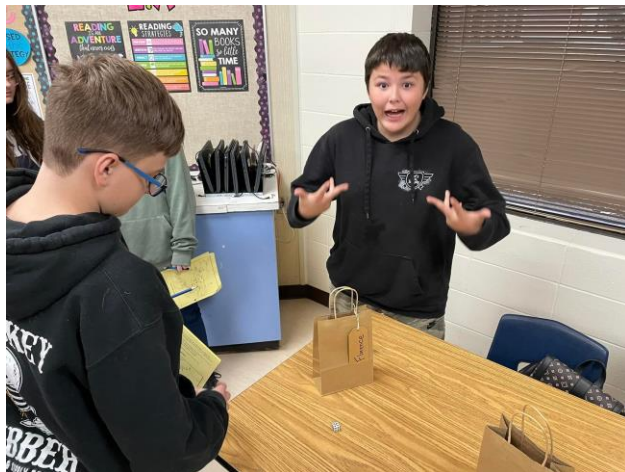




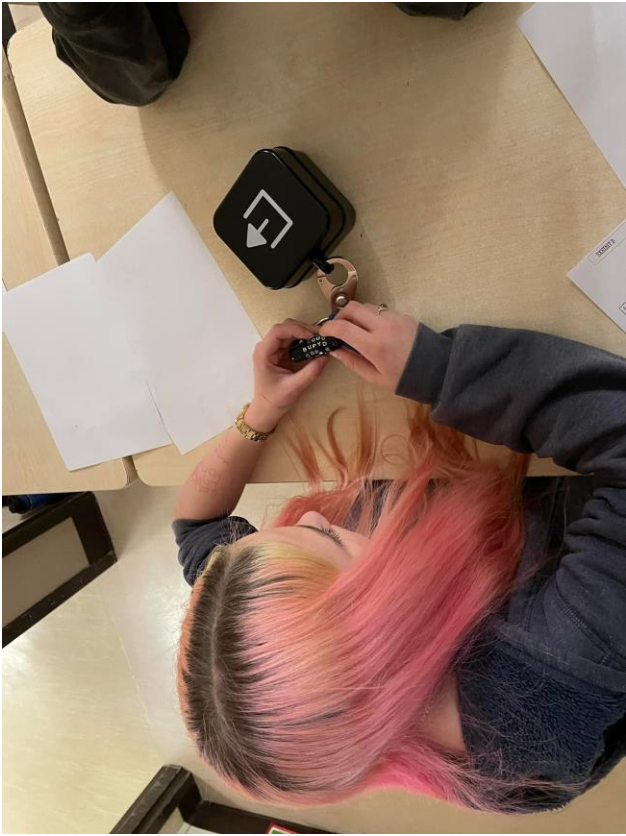












APEGA Science Night

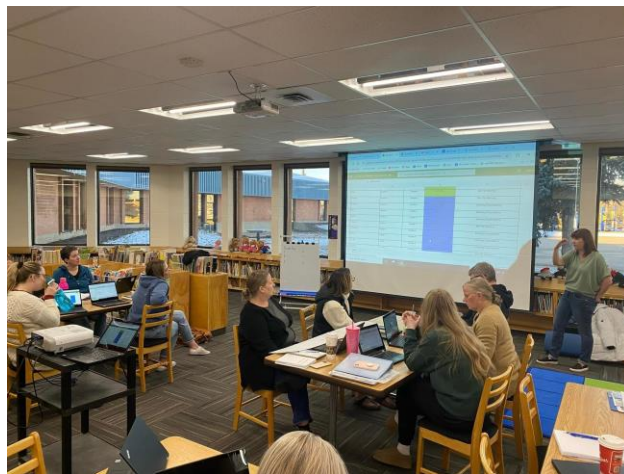
We are excited to announce that we will be having an APEGA Science Night for grades K-6 on November 24th 6:00pm - 8:00PM.. Please watch for the sign up as there are only 50 spots available.



PL Day October 27th

Quality collaborative professional learning opportunities for teachers support student success. Thank you Tracie Anthony and Gitte Rushton for your leadership and guidance, as we delved deep into our numeracy data and explored our STEM Continuum.

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Indigenous News

November Indigenous Family Circle link for sign up

<https://forms.office.com/r/PeuewPYgRp>

We invite you to be part of our
**Indigenous Families
Circle (IFC)**

Crystal Park School
November 20th, 2023
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Register before November 16th for dinner preparations



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Indigenous Education Program
PEWAPAN










WHERE THE HEART HEALS
Keh Dzeh Ndah Jih Ké
(Ke Dzay Nah gee Key)
PIKISKWETAN PRESENTS A WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP
FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN
WITH
ELDER HAZEL ROBINSON



Thursday Evenings
This is a drop-in group, no registration needed.
7pm in the Cabin at OWR
10513 -98 Ave.


HOSTED BY THE GRANDE PRAIRIE ABORIGINAL CIRCLE OF SERVICES


Grande Prairie

ROUND DANCE

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SAVE THE DATE
**SATURDAY
 NOVEMBER 25,
 2023**

National Addictions Awareness Week 




**NORTHWESTERN
 POLYTECHNIC GYM**
 10726 106 Ave,
 Grande Prairie, AB

STICKMAN
 Farley Cardinal
 Cody Willier

MC
 Clinton Soto
 Al Crawford

EVERYONE WELCOME
4:30 PM
 PIPE CEREMONY WITH FEAST TO FOLLOW
 (FOLLOW WOMENS TRADITIONAL PROTOCOLS AROUND MOON TIME & SKIRT)
 • BRING YOUR OWN FEAST DISHES
 (PLATE, BOWL, CUP, FORK, KNIFE, SPOON, AND NAPKIN)

6:30 PM - 12:00 AM
ROUND DANCE



ONLINE VENDOR REGISTRATION
tinyurl.com/forvendorregister

For more information contact Wendy Goulet 780-219-5789 gpacos@outlook.com
 Zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol/no outside raffles. GPACOS is NOT responsible for any thefts, accidents, injury or travel assistance.

Quality relationships with Indigenous leaders support our understanding of Truth and Reconciliation.

Thank you Al Crawford for leading our Grade 7 and 8 students in your Indigenous Drumming session!

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The Seven Sacred Teachings



We are going to start the "**Student of the month**" based on the Seven Sacred Teachings.

this month's seven sacred teaching: Respect

Represented by the Buffalo

The Buffalo represents Respect because we need to respect the earth and all living creatures. Respect is earned when you share and give of yourself. Respect your elders.

Respect will run from October 16 - November 24

At the end of every Sacred Teaching, teachers will send in their "Student of the month" who displayed **Respect** continuously for that month.

The Principal will announce their names on at our monthly assembly.

We will then present them with a certificate and they get ice cream as well.

Each Sacred Teaching runs about 5 weeks to make it to June 26th.

October Assembly

Students were awarded with the Sacred Teaching of Love. We had our first golden can of the year, awarded Wolverine Spirit winners and had our first staff versus student challenge.









Nutritional Lunch Program

Nutrition for K-8 Program

If your child needs a lunch, **we can help.**

Thanks to funding from Alberta Education, GPPSD is pleased to offer nutritious lunches to our Kindergarten to Grade 8 students who could use a hand-up.



No questions asked - simply contact our school and your child will be given a healthy, homemade lunch.

Sign your child up for the Nutrition Program by sending an email to:
cpark@gppsd.ab.ca

 Grande Prairie
Public School Division 

Citrus Catering

You can order lunches for your child/children online at www.citruscatering.ca

All of our lunch items must be pre-ordered by 8:30am of the current day.

To Place an order:

1. **Click the tab "school orders"**
2. **Find your school name and click on it**
3. **Choose the school week that you want to order for.**
4. **There are two order options: one lunch or 2-5 lunches**
5. **Fill out the order form and make sure to include your child's name, Classroom # and teacher's name**
6. **Once choosing which day of the week you wish to order and items, you will be directed to payment page**
7. **Once complete, you will receive an e-mail confirmation.**
8. **Any questions or concerns please call 780-933-4360**

Contact us



Please call the Crystal Park office if your child will be absent or late. If you have any questions or inquiries, feel free to call us on any school day Monday to Friday 8:00am - 3:30pm.

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1 - Principal: Cindy Clarkson



2 - Vice Principal: Heather Hurley



3 - Vice Principal: Amber Prior



4 - Admin/Secretary: Dawn Poirier



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