



École Arthur Meighen School



February 2021

February
1 (Mon) Divisional Pd– no classes
3(Wed) Kindergarten registration
15 (Mon) Louis Riel Day– schools closed
March
22 (Mon) PD Day– no classes
Spring Break
March 29-April 2
April
15 (Thurs) Student Leds 5pm-7:30pm
16 (Fri) Student Leds 10am-1pm
May
24 (Mon) Victoria Day– schools closed
June
29 (Tues) Last day for student

APPROPRIATE WINTER WEAR FOR BUS STUDENTS

All students must be properly dressed for weather conditions and in complete readiness to board the bus when it arrives at each pick-up point. This is vitally important during cold weather in case a bus breaks down and other unforeseeable circumstances. This also includes students having a mask on, properly, prior to boarding the bus.

In case of mechanical breakdown that delays a bus from arriving at drop off locations within 10 minutes of the scheduled time and cancellations of busses due to adverse weather, information will be posted on Facebook at **PLPSD Transportation Department**, Twitter at PLPSD_Transportation, and the Portage la Prairie School Division website at www.plpsd.mb.ca. If your child’s bus has not arrived at the expected time please check social media, the website and if necessary call the Operations office at (204) 857-5841.

THANK-YOU

Many thanks to the Community Foundation of Portage and District for their generous grant of \$13 000 to go towards a new basketball court/area! This addition to our playground will be located behind our school gym--we are very excited to start this project this spring!

WATER BOTTLES

This year, though our water fountains are not available to students, we do have two new water bottle filling stations for students to use. Please ensure your son/daughter has a water bottle and brings it to school every day. This will help limit the amount of plastic cups being distributed and thrown out or recycled—we are going through quite a few on a daily basis.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

To ensure you are receiving time-sensitive and/or important e-mails from Administration/EAMS, please contact our Office with any changes to your e-mail address/es. A number of e-mails have been bouncing back.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

PLPSD now has school registration forms online. Please see the PLPSD website or EAMS website for further information and links.

SCHOOL FEES

If you haven’t had a chance yet, please forward your child’s \$25 school fee to the Office. If you are not sure if you have paid this, please contact your child’s teacher or our Office.



I LOVE TO READ



I LOVE TO READ MONTH

For the first two weeks of February, EAMS has planned a variety of activities to celebrate I Love to Read Month. Students can participate in creating personal bookmarks, our Reading Bingo Challenge and our reading themed dress up days! EAMS students will also be creating a collaborative story where every class will take a turn writing the same story. The story will then be illustrated and added to our EAMS library! Each day classes will recommend books during our morning announcements. We will wrap up the activities on Friday, February 12th with a PJ day and a special Valentine's Day treat.



WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

For 12 years, World Read Aloud Day has called attention to the importance of sharing stories by challenging participants to grab a book, find an audience, and read-aloud! The global effort is now celebrated in over 173 countries and counting. World Read Aloud Day, created by the non-profit organization [LitWorld](#) is all about bringing people together through stories. That will be more important than ever this year when the shared experience and connection of reading aloud is so needed in all of our communities. February 3rd is known as World Read Aloud Day and EAMS will be celebrating by inviting guest readers into all of the classrooms to share some of their favourite stories!

STAFFING UPDATE

EAMS is pleased to welcome Gr.8 EA Miss McKenzie Van Aert (at PCI). We also welcome Cullen Yeates to 7R, who will be replacing 7R teacher, Taylor Ritchot the middle of this month. Best wishes to Mlle Ritchot as she prepares to welcome her baby!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gr.7 teacher Brett Janz and his wife on the birth of their baby boy, Brooks, born Jan.31!

PHYS. ED NEWS

January was a busy month. We held our annual Free-throw competition in our separate classes this year and the top shooters will get a prize from the canteen. Winners will be announced next month.

February continues to be another busy month in Phys. Ed. at EAMS. We will continue to work on our fitness and to play a variety of games indoors and outdoors when the weather cooperates. Improving our Physical Literacy is the goal and this happens by doing different activities and making connections in our learning.

Jack Frost Challenge for Kids is a free, week-long winter challenge for ALL Manitoban children and families.

Register your kid, family, at <https://greenactioncentre.ca/jackfrostchallenge/> ! Spend time doing outdoor activities.

This could include walking, playing, building snow forts, biking, running, skating, cross-country skiing, snow sculptures, snowshoeing, tobogganing, & more!

Where: Your backyard, a park, the river trail, or anywhere you get outside

When: February 7 - 13, 2021

How: All you need to do is **register** and get moving!

EAMS will be taking part in the Winter Walk on February 10th as part of the Jack Frost Challenge. Each grade cohort will go for a 30-40 minute walk that day (weather permitting).



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COVID-19 DASHBOARD K-12 SCHOOLS IN MANITOBA

As part of the Manitoba government's commitment to provide consistent and transparent information about COVID-19 cases associated with schools, the public COVID-19 Dashboard: K-12 Schools in Manitoba can now be found at manitoba.ca/covid19/schools/index.html.

This interactive, user-friendly tool both reports and maps confirmed school-related cases of COVID-19 in public and independent schools using Manitoba's Public Health Information Management System. It features recent and cumulative case counts, which will be updated twice weekly. The dashboard reinforces the commitment to protecting the safety and well-being of students and school staff.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of Frequently Asked Questions related to the dashboard.

CONCUSSIONS

Concussion Ed app is designed to give Canadians free access to critical concussion resources. This free mobile app has been developed primarily for youth, parents and educators, but covers concussions throughout different scenarios for a wide audience. It can be found in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

ANONYMOUS INCIDENT REPORTING

EAMS is committed to providing students and parents the opportunity to report incidents of concern in a safe and anonymous manner by giving them an effective reporting system. Effective Feb. 5, you will be able to submit a report of an incident/concern online. These reports will go directly to Administration. All reports will be taken seriously and will be responded to in an appropriate manner. Reports submitted after 4pm, on the weekend, or on a day with no school will be reviewed in a timely manner the following school day. Reports and provided information will stay anonymous. Please note, as reports are anonymous, we will not be able to contact you once we begin to respond to the report. Should further information develop or details change, please consider submitting another report or contacting Administration directly. This reporting system can be accessed as follows:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwtIOMs0taGiPIafxVuSX8MybY2vIs0reckIaDaHsSOx95HA/viewform>

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...Together We Read, Together We Soar...

