



MARCH 2021

REPORT CARDS WILL BE EMAILED OUT ON WEDNESDAY, April 14th

March

22 (Mon) PD Day-- no classes

Spring Break

March 29-April 2

April

5-9 Jump Rope for Heart

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

BUDGET MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the PLPSD cordially invite you to attend a Zoom meeting regarding the 2021-2022 Portage la Prairie School Division budget. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7pm**. The Public Meeting will be a virtual event this year due to COVID-19. Please see the letter/details attached to this newsletter.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFFS

Please ensure that you are using our drop off and pick up area at the south side of the school when dropping off or picking up your child from school and avoid doing so at our front entrance/in the staff parking lot, at the side of the highway, or in the parking lots across the street. It is safest if students don't have to cross the highway or contend with traffic and buses or our own staff pulling into and out of their parking lot.

VIDEO/INTERCOM SYSTEM

EAMS, along with other schools in our division, has had a Video Intercom system installed at its front entrance last week. We will no longer have the doorbell on a stand outside our front entrance. This new Video Intercom System will allow the main office staff to see and speak with visitors outside the school and to open the door from the office.

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

The EAMS Student Council group is looking to raise funds for school activities!

We are selling reusable snack bags from a company called Colibri. These snack bags are great for student lunches and allow students to cut down on plastic use and other garbage.

Information about the fundraiser can be found at www.colibrifundraising.com Look for our school name when placing your order. Thank you!

Our fundraiser with Colibri ends on Monday March 15th so please make sure to place your order before then.

A few important details...

The Colibri fundraising website is different than the regular Colibri retail website. Please visit www.colibrifundraising.com to place your order.

You will see our school name when you check out. Please make sure you fill in all the required info to make sure your order comes to the school labeled and ready to enjoy!





YEARBOOK

We are excited to announce that EAMS will be having a yearbook this year! Books will be \$20 each and order forms will be sent home soon (they can also be ordered online). If you have any remote learning pictures that you feel would be great to include in our yearbook please email them to tammypierrepoint@plpsd.mb.ca.

STAFF UPDATE

EAMS said farewell to two of our EAs, Terriers Brady Grasdahl and Peyton Gorski, in February. We wish them the very best with their future hockey plans! We are pleased to welcome EA Roberta Kelly and Student Teacher, Angela Rud, who will be student teaching alongside with Mr. Goertzen, starting next week until the end of April. Congratulations go out to Mr. Brett Janz and wife Mercedes, who welcomed baby boy Brooks at the end of January and to Mlle Taylor Ritchot and Kyle, who welcomed baby girl Wrenley in February! Welcome to 7R Mr. Cullen Yeates, who will be replacing Mlle Ritchot this year while on leave. Congratulations, too, go out to 6C teacher, Mr. (and Mrs.) Crevier, who are first-time grandparents to new grandson, Vann!

VARIETY NIGHT

This year EAMS will be putting together a virtual Variety Night. If students are interested in participating, they can speak to Mr. Goertzen! More details will follow.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-Led Conferences will be conducted in the same manner as they were in November, ie virtually, or by phone. More info. to follow.

LIBRARY NEWS

Parents, are you looking for alternative ways to get your child interested in reading? The school division has an online e-library that students can access on school computers or on their personal devices. Follow the steps below to open a new way of reading.

1. Download the **Sora** app onto your device
2. Under 'find your school' type "Manitoba" and choose "Manitoba Small Public Division Consortium"
3. Under "Select your School" select "Portage Collegiate Institute"
4. Use the same username and password that you use at school to login.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The Kickoff Assembly for Jump Rope for Heart will be held virtually on March 23rd. Students will learn the importance of Heart Health and will receive their fundraising packages. The **Jump Rope For Heart at EAMS** will be held the week of April 5-9th in our grade cohorts.

ANNUAL FREE THROW COMPETITION

We held our annual Free Throw Competition at the start of February. The top competitor from each class won a treat from the canteen. Congratulations to the following winners:

5M Dominic 5G Jaxon 5D Harper 5B Reece 5K Wyatt
6C Blake 6D Troy 6M Aiden 6T Amelie
7R Lawson 7B Luan 7J Declan 7D Wilbert



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www.plpsd.mb.ca/eams



COVID-19 DASHBOARD

The **COVID-19 Dashboard: Student and School Staff Cases in Manitoba** can be found at t manitoba.ca/covid19/schools/index.html.

CLOSE CONTACT INFO.

You can find the latest changes re: Close Contacts and Isolation requirements at:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/monitoring/close-contacts.html>

(Public Health orders have been changed regarding self isolation and travel. Please contact the school if you have any questions).

What does it mean to be a close contact of a COVID-19 case?

A close contact is anyone who has been in close physical proximity (less than two metres or six feet) for more than 10 minutes to someone who has COVID-19. It also includes people who provided care for the case or had direct contact with infectious body fluids.

You are a close contact when:

- You were less than two metres or six feet away for 10 minutes or more, even if you were wearing a non-medical mask.
- You had multiple close interactions with someone over a 24-hour period (even if each was less than 10 minutes).
- You had close physical contact with the person, such as a hug.
You live or provide care to someone in the same home.

You are not a close contact when:

- You had brief close contact (less than 10 minutes)
- You had prolonged close contact while wearing medical grade personal protective equipment
- You passed by someone quickly.
- You greeted someone and kept your distance of two metres or six feet.
You made a delivery to someone who was self-isolating but had no contact at the time.



I am a close contact of a COVID-19 case. What should I do?

Because you are a close contact of a COVID-19 case, you are required to self-isolate for **14 days** from the time you were exposed. You must continue to self-isolate for the full 14 days even if you receive a negative test, or as public health officials advise.

