

MAY 2021

May

24 (Mon) Victoria Day– schools closed
31 (Mon) Grade 5 Track and Field

June

1 (Tues) Grade 6 Track and Field
2 (Wed) Grade 7 Track and Field
3 (Thurs) Grade 8 Track and Field
29 (Tues) Last day for students



STAYING HOME OR RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

(See attached updated chart in green for guidelines.)

Please remember to follow the guidelines if someone in your home is ill, a close contact, or has travelled outside the province. Following the guidelines will keep all of us safe!

The province announced that eligibility for the Pfizer vaccine has been expanded to include all children aged 12 and up. Please see the attached letter.

TRACK AND FIELD

At this time we are tentatively planning Track and Field days. Each grade cohort would get their own day to help us follow protocols:

May 31 Grade 5's June 1 Grade 6's
June 2 Grade 7's June 3 Grade 8's

More information will be sent home closer to the date. At this time spectators will not be allowed.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

As the weather gets nicer, it is tempting for students to leave the school grounds at lunch time. **THIS IS NOT PERMITTED.** If your child's lunch time arrangements have changed since the beginning of the year, please call the school to let us know what the new arrangements are. Students are **not permitted** to go to the Co-op while waiting for their bus at home time or at anytime. Please note, too, that students are not allowed to leave the grounds after getting off the bus in the morning or when waiting for the bus at 3:30.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES IN MAY (GRADE 8)

The grade 8 students spent some time with the grade 9 support team on April 19th and 22nd. They chose their courses for grade 9 and used www.myblueprint.ca (an online tool), to register for their choices. Our final transition activity takes place on June 15th – students will have a chance to tour around the PCI campus in small groups. Please feel free to reach out to Mme Rheault, EAMS Guidance Counsellor, if you or your child has questions about the transition to PCI for next year.

BUS TRANSPORTATION 2021/2022

We are in the initial stages of planning bus transportation for next school year. Please follow the link below to fill in a brief survey on your needs for student bus transportation and to update/verify contact information. Please fill in a separate survey for each student in your household. Each survey should take less than 5 minutes. If you have questions or concerns regarding this survey please contact Shelley Anderson at sanderson@plpsd.mb.ca or (204) 857-5841 ext 123.

YEARBOOK

Thank you to all students and families who have purchased a Yearbook! If you didn't order one, you may put your name on a waiting list in the office and if we have extras, we will sell them on a first come first served basis (Grade 8's will get first priority)! They will be distributed during the last week of June.

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thank you to all that did some online fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Association. EAMS raised almost \$900!

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle at school every day. We have seen an increase in requests for plastic cups and would like to avoid providing those to students if possible. Thank you!

BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH

May is Bike Everywhere Month.

Feel good! Bikes + spring weather + quiet streets = exploring your neighborhood at a safe distance from others.

Learn better! Schooling has been extremely tough this year. With outdoor activity and fresh air, kids can focus better when they need to be working indoors

Lighten your impact! Now is the perfect time to leave the car at home more often, reducing emissions and air pollution!

No worries if you don't have a bike, walking, skateboarding, scootering are all great options as well. Just be sure to wear appropriate safety gear when you are rolling

NOTHING BUT NETS

Thank you to Basketball Manitoba for providing us with some new netting for our outdoor basketball nets. Many of the courts in Portage have been added to the court map on the following website: <https://www.basketballmanitoba.ca/2013/09/outdoor-basketball-court-map.html> All these courts can be used after school hours by anyone in the community. Basketball is a great game for all ages!

PHYS.ED NEWS

Students are reminded to have a pair of runners at school to use during Physical Education class. It is sandal season but for safety sake runners are needed for the activities we do in class.

EAMS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

The students and staff at EAMS took part in a sustainability week, April 19th to 23rd. Students were involved in workshops about fair trade through MCIC. Grade 6 Crevier, grade 7 Graham and grade 5 Brooks all participated in our litter-less lunch and won themselves a rock painting session! Mrs. Cooper, our librarian, shared a variety of books on environmental issues with all classes, throughout the week. There were DIY beeswax kits available, trivia questions and prizes for students and for classroom libraries! Students did their part to get outside and clean up our playground and surrounding areas. Great job EAMS! We are looking forward to some outdoor learning activities for the months of May and June.

MESSAGE FROM TERRY FOX'S FAMILY

We recently received a letter addressed to the staff and students of EAMS. Below is part of that letter:

Terry had to try. 2020 will be forever remembered as the year you and fellow Terry Foxers tried and triumphed over an unexpected challenge and in turn contributed to a remarkable 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. Our family watched in awe as schools like yours still found a way to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients, despite the extraordinary obstacles you were facing as educators, staff and students.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

With the increased amount of time we are spending outdoors to allow for more physical distancing, students are reminded to wear sunscreen and to reapply it when needed throughout the day. Sunscreen, a hat and a refillable water bottle are encouraged and greatly appreciated both for outdoor learning and for recesses.

