



Lest We Forget.

NOVEMBER 2020

November

5 (Thurs) Picture retakes
10 (Tues) Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly
11 (Wed) Remembrance Day– no classes
13 (Fri) Admin Day– no school
25 (Wed) Report cards e-mailed out
26 (Thurs) Student Leds 5pm-7:30pm
27 (Fri) Student Leds 10am-1 pm- no classes
30 (Mon) PD Day– no classes

December

1 (Tues) PD Day– no classes
18 (Fri) Last day of fall term

Christmas Break

Dec 21– Jan 1

January

4 (Mon) First day of fall term

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 5-7:30
16 (Fri) Student Leds 10am-1pm

May

24 (Mon) Victoria Day– schools closed

June

29 (Tues) Last day for student

Student - Led Conferences
Nov. 26th 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 27th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-Led Conferences will be held virtually or by phone this year on Thurs., Nov. 26 from 5:00-7:30 and Fri., Nov., 27 from 10am until 1pm. Letters have gone out to all students/families and parents/guardians have selected times to “meet” with their child’s homeroom teacher. If you are new to our school or have not yet had the opportunity to book a conference time with your child’s teacher/s, please contact the school. Confirmation times/letters will be sent home shortly.

IT’S BOOK FAIR TIME

We are so excited to be able to partner with Scholastic to bring you a “Virtual Bookfair”. This fair will run from November 16th to November 30th. All done online and delivery is right to your home in time for Christmas! Flyers will be sent out later in the month to inform you how you can join the link to our school fair which helps our library raise funds to enable us to bring current new books in for students.

If you would like to browse the available books, please visit <https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5151615>

Please note that you will not be able to shop until the Book Fair opens on November 16th, but you can access the link anytime to see what is available!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be e-mailed out Wed., Nov. 25 by our office (not the homeroom teacher). Please ensure that the e-mail address you would like used for this purpose is recorded with our Office.

THANK-YOU

Many thanks to all for your generous cereal or monetary contributions during Dino’s Brake for Breakfast fundraiser on Oct. 29. Thank you, too, to our parents, families, and community groups who have made and continue to make donations of cereal, bread, fruit and who have even knitted hats and mitts for students who may be without. Your thoughtfulness, care, and support for our students has been overwhelming and so appreciated!

TRAFFIC/PARKING

Thank you to our parents and community for driving slowly and safely onto our property and in our parking lot while dropping off or picking up your child. A reminder that if you are parking on neighboring streets close-by, to please drive slowly and avoid blocking driveways; please do not park in neighboring apartment building parking lots/assigned stalls.



RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

EAMS' Return to School Plan is always being updated to reflect changes. This can be found on both the school division's and EAMS' school website.

Link: <http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/uploads/ck/files/EAMS%20Return%20to%20School%20Plan--REVISED%20Oct%202020.pdf>

WATER BOTTLES

Due to our water fountains being unavailable for students this year, we are seeing a large increase in the number of cups we are providing for students. We would like to remind parents to please send your child with a water bottle to use throughout the day. We have had a few water bottle filling stations installed for easy and safe refills.

CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION/GR. 8 RELOCATION

As shared in the media last month, ÉAMS is excited to inform our school community that a long-awaited renovation project is about to begin. The area of our school formerly used as an auto shop (when our school was Arthur Meighen High School), is set to be transformed. The construction phase of the project will take place this school year, with the formal start date anticipated for late December. As a result of the construction, all of our grade 8 students will be relocating to the upper floor/west wing of the PCI West building. The last day of classes for our Grade 8's will be on Friday, December 18, 2020. As our EAMS enrolment continues to grow, we are in need of additional classroom space and this new design will add 6 spacious classrooms and a new accessible washroom.

GR. 7 RELOCATION TO LARGER AREAS WITHIN OUR SCHOOL

To accommodate further distancing, last week, four of our Grade 7 classes relocated to larger areas. 7B and 7S have relocated to the gym, 7D to the Music Room, and 7DV to the library. To ensure continued library services, books of interest or books requested are taken to those classes by our librarian, Mrs. Cooper. She is also continuing with any supports in those classrooms. PE classes will continue to be outside when weather allows, otherwise activities will take place within these new spaces.

BREAKFAST CLUB

EAMS runs a breakfast club for all interested students. Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to sit down together as in past years and enjoy breakfast together. As our gym is being used to house gr. 7 homerooms at this time, breakfast is currently being served in front of the canteen/counselling area. Cohorts are called down in a safe and staggered manner. Thanks to the generous donations of cereal and funds from our community members, we are able to keep our program running.

THRILLER DANCE

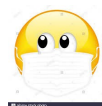
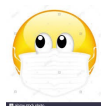
Our students showed great school spirit on Friday performing the Thriller Dance outdoors in their cohort groups. Students practiced in Physical Education class and at home to perfect and memorize the moves. Great school spirit was shown and lots of fun had by all.

TERRY FOX WALK

Close to \$800 was raised by EAMS to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. The provincial office sent the following message for EAMS: The overwhelming amount of support from our schools in Manitoba is something we could have never fathomed. We are thrilled that Terry's mission continues to live on through your school's dedication. We appreciate your support of The Terry Fox Foundation and ensuring the next generation continues the fight against cancer on behalf of Terry Fox.

On behalf of the Manitoba office,

Thank you.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A couple of reminders :

Phys.ed classes will take place outdoors when weather allows. Please make sure your child is dressed to go outdoors on cooler days. Snow boots and winter gear will be required during the winter months.

When indoors, proper footwear is important to prevent injuries. Running shoes (clean and dry) are required and much more comfortable in the gym than rubber or winter boots.

In Physical Education class we will continue to cycle through a variety of skills and games from the 4 main categories : Target, Net/Wall, Territory/Invasion and Striking/Fielding. We will also do some dance, fitness and individual focused activities. At home please try to limit screen time and encourage some movement activity. Students only get Phys. Ed. 4 times over a six day cycle. Daily physical activity is recommended by doctors and experts.

CRITICAL CARE WORKERS

PLPSD needs your help in letting us know if you are a critical service worker. Changes in the response system can mean PLPSD will support your child if you are a critical service worker. Click the link for more information.

[http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/uploads/ck/files/PLPSD%20CRITSERVWORKERS%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/uploads/ck/files/PLPSD%20CRITSERVWORKERS%20(2).pdf)

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

EAMS will be having our annual hearing and vision screening in the next few months. Any students new to our school, in special programs or identified by the teachers will have this screening done. If you wish for your child to be screened please email our Resource Teacher, Tammy Pierrepont at tammypierrepont@plpsd.mb.ca or contact Tammy at the school. Once screening is completed if you child is requiring a formal assessment, a letter will come home with recommendations.