

November 14, 2008

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

Congratulations!



...to **Mr. Santiago Lau-a** on thirty years of service to the Northwest Territories, 25 of them at Diamond Jenness and the last five at PA. Mr. Lau-a was honored yesterday at the GNWT Long Service Awards ceremony. PA parent **Mrs. Dorothy Lirette** was also recognized for twenty years of distinguished work with the students of the NWT. Other teachers receiving recognition were PA's own **Mrs. Bonnie Lee**, **Mrs. Carolyn Carroll**, & **Mrs. Rita Moizis**. Congratulations to all, and many thanks for all you've done for kids!

Parent-Teacher Interviews next Thursday and Friday

Three-way Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are scheduled from 1:00-4:00 p.m., and 6:00-9:00 p.m. next Thursday, November 20, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon next Friday, November 21. Homeroom teachers are setting up appointments. Students will be released at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, and there will be no classes on Friday.

Report Cards will be sent home next week. Included in the envelope will be a pamphlet about the "Big Five" reading strategies we use, and a quick six-question survey that we ask each parent to fill out about your understanding of the Leadership for Literacy (L4L) initiative. Please fill out the "before" side of the survey based on your current knowledge of the initiative and your child's achievement. Please complete the "after" side when the interview is over, and drop off your completed survey with Ms. Hanson in the front foyer before leaving the school.

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Parents who drop off the completed survey will receive a PAS coupon for the *PAS-itive Parents* draw (prizes are four \$25 gift certificates to local businesses). The purpose of the survey (which is anonymous) is to give us baseline data from which we can monitor our development of your understanding and partnership. Many thanks for your ongoing support of L4L!

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be hosted by PA School during the Three-Way Conferences next week. Please visit the library to view the book fair and to enter the Family Event Door Prize draw for a chance to win \$25 in books for your family and \$25 in books for your child's classroom. PA students will preview the book fair on Wednesday, November 19, and are invited to purchase books from the fair on Thursday morning. The fair is open to the public Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 and from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to buy great books for all ages and reading levels.

Remembrance Day

PA was well-represented at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion on Tuesday: it was terrific to see so many of our students in attendance. **Scott Burrows** and **Earl Ruttle** did a great job as flag-bearers for the Cadet Honor Guard, while **Jocelyn Mabbitt** and **Gracie Osted** laid the PA wreath at the Cenotaph. Well done!

Lunchtime Parent Volunteers Needed

As winter closes in on us, the number of students staying at noontime is increasing. Coupled with the extension of the playground (hurray!) to include the soccer field, that means we need more grown-ups to supervise at lunch. If you can help one day a week on a regular basis, please call.

Congratulations...

...to our award-winning *PAS-itive Students* for October: **Dane Dupuis & Rebecca Martin** in 4B; **Spencer Maillet & Emma Zdebiak** in 4T; **Ashley Felker & Dawson George** in 5H; **Jaymar Marzan & Grace Osted** in 5L; **Dylan Carter, Jesse Morfitt, & Jacob Wiedemann** in 6M; **Michelle Buckley & Kjel Crook** in 6T; **Jenna Aitken & Nathan Scheper** in 7A; and **Jeffrey Groenhyde and Lyndon Yee** in 7B. Well done!

And to...

...to our *Book Award* winners for October: **Kathleen Lundbek & Zachary Martin** in 7B; **Jack Jensen, Bryce Maher, & Andre Schmitz** in 7A; **Daniel Cook, Sandra Roloson, & Allyshia Rymer** in 6T; **Jessica Conroy, Ryan Dragon, & Carlene Fehr** in 6M; **Jared Leblanc & Judy-Lynn Matto** in 5L; **Shalaine Moore & Janna Roach** in 5H; **Elaine Chen & Reanna Cross** in 4T; and **Brooklyn Boudreau & Jordon Schumann** in 4B. Keep on reading!

All PA'S in!

Sincerely,

Geoff Buerger,
Principal