

Friday, June 11, 2010

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

### **Track & Field – PA Owns the Podium!**

Congratulations to all the Predators who participated in the 2010 NWT Track & Field Championships. 105 of our athletes (below left, at our Pep Rally; below right, marching in for the opening ceremonies) went head-to-head with the best in the territories, and we dominated the medals in our age groups: **Jared Leblanc, Kaed Blake & Joel Demarcke** swept the podium (gold, silver & bronze, respectively) for the Bantam Boys, **Kierra Mandeville** took silver in the Bantam Girls, and **Bryn Hill** brought home the gold medal in the PeeWee Girls division. We are also celebrating a pair of NWT records: **Jared Leblanc** set a new mark in the Bantam Boys Triple Jump with a leap of 8.72 metres, and **Bryn Hill, Abby Webster, Michaela Crook**, and friend **Cassidy Ring** of École Boréale entered the record books with a time of 1:10.87 in the 4x100 PeeWee Girls Shuttle Relay. Wow—great job, and *congratulations* one and all!



### **Attention Grade Seven!**

Next week is a full one for grade 7. On Monday evening we urge current grade 7 students and their parents/guardians to attend the annual “Welcome to High School” information night in the concourse at Diamond Jenness. Tuesday through Friday, all grade 7 students write their final examinations:

- June 15 – Language Arts Final Exam
- June 16 – Math Final Exam
- June 17 – Science Final Exam
- June 18 – Social Studies Final Exam

Please note that it is especially important for students to be **ON TIME** for their finals. When they have finished their exams (typically by 11 a.m.), grade 7 students are dismissed for the day.

### **AATs for Grade Six next Wednesday & Thursday**

Grade Six students write the Alberta Achievement Tests next week, as well: part two of the English Language Arts test on Wednesday at 9 a.m., and the Mathematics test on Thursday at 9 a.m. The AATs are very important -- please ensure that your student gets a good night’s sleep the night before, and a good breakfast on test day.

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## Kole Crook Fiddlers

Applications for the Kole Crook Summer Fiddle Camp are due next week! This is a great opportunity for aspiring musicians interested in the signature instrument of the North. Some sponsorships are available – please see Ms. Power for more information. The deadline is next Friday.

## Special Events

June has been a very busy month, with lots of guests and special events. Among them, a visit to Music classes by the Kole Crook Fiddle Association (below, left), the cultivation of a class garden plot by the students of 4B (below, centre), and a special presentation about owls by Bruce Green (below, right), to accompany a class reading of *Owls In the Family* in Ms. Baxter's class.



## Kudos to Student Council!

...for raising \$435.35 through the concession stand to support the Predators team participating in the **Relay for Life** fundraiser for cancer research. Thanks to all the students who supported their drive!

## Thank you, Rotary!

A special THANK YOU! to the Rotary Club of Hay River Sunrise, who came by on Monday with their annual gift of books for all our students—just in time for summer reading! Rotary is committed to promoting literacy, and helps put books in the home of each and every student. *Mahsi cho!*

## Transition Time for Grade 7

Two weeks ago Predator alums **Jenna Aitken**, **Christine Gagnier**, **Cole Loutit**, and **Zachary Martin** returned to PA to introduce our rising grade 8s to the restorative justice model used at DJSS (right, Zach & Jenna with 7H). This week both homerooms visited DJ for an orientation tour, and the grade 8 teachers came to PA to meet with us about the transition. Four years sure do go by in a hurry!



## Congratulations...

...to this week's PAS draw winners: **Shania Pierre** in grade 4, **Ian Fraser** in grade 5, **Shalaine Moore** in grade 6, and **James Martel** in grade 7. **Mrs Lee** won the teacher's draw.

All PA'S in!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Buerger'.

Geoff Buerger, Principal