



PRINCESS ALEXANDRA SCHOOL

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Dear PA School Families and Friends,

***Lights On* begins this Saturday**

Lights On returns to PA! Beginning this Saturday, we will have a program of healthy activities in our gym for PA students. Grades 4 through 7 are welcome from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please use the community (grade 7) entrance, and please ensure that all students who attend know how they are getting home after *Lights On*! Students who plan to attend should bring their indoor shoes home with them on Friday, because the rest of the school will be closed and inaccessible on Saturday.

Parent Action Committee News

The PA PAC is looking for volunteers to help with for our next fundraiser—catering the SSDEC meetings being held at PA November 30 through December 4. If you are able to help in any way, such as preparing, setting up or donating coffee break items (baking, fruit trays, etc.), please contact Donna Dean at 874-6864.

→ **The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010** at lunch. All parents who would like to support the school and our students are warmly invited to attend.

A Very Special Thank You!

... to the volunteers at the PA School Bingo: **Donna Dean, Kelly Schofield, Kandis Jameson, Leah & Marc Miltenberger, Shelly Martin, Melvin & Joletta Larocque, Connie Belanger, and Marina Dimion.**

Dive Into A Book Reading Challenge update

Our reading total is currently at an impressive **1482** hours! Congratulations to those students who have earned their Level 4 prizes by reading for 20 hours or more: **James Beaulieu, Novie Bordey, Jessica Gill, Fiona Huang, Larissa Nekurak, Aaron Moizis, Elycia Nimegeers, Amanda Roach, Jessica Schofield, Ahmer Sipra, Uzair Sipra, Abby Webster, and Danna Webster.**

The final lap in the race for top homeroom is nearing the home stretch: *Dive Into A Book* will end on November 25! Please return all signed reading slips to the school by Thursday, November 26 to ensure your reading is included in the class total toward the pizza luncheon and to receive any prizes you have earned—in the meantime, *keep reading!*

Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees is a treasured Hay River tradition, customarily hosted at PA. So far no one has stepped up to organize the event this year, and there is a very real possibility that there will be no 2009 Festival of Trees. We are not asking anyone to shoulder the burden alone, but if you would be willing to help as part of a committee, please call me at 874-6388 next week so we can get organized.

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Speaking of the Holidays...

Princess Alexandra School is currently fundraising by selling Christmas cards featuring our students' handiwork. Please support PA students by purchasing a set of 6 Christmas cards for \$5.00. Cards are available at the office.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be hosted by PA School during the Three-Way Conferences. Please visit the library to view the book fair and to enter the Family Event Door Prize draw for a chance to win \$25.00 in books for your family and \$25.00 in books for your child's classroom. PA students will preview the book fair on Wednesday, November 25 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. In addition to our usual wide selection of books, we will be broadening our stock to include more Young Adult titles appropriate for High School readers. This is a great opportunity to buy a book for Christmas for all members of the family!

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are coming up!

Three-way Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are coming up the week after next (Thursday and Friday, November 26-27). Conferences are scheduled from 1:00-4:00 p.m., and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Friday. Students will be released at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, and there will be no classes on Friday. Homeroom teachers will be sending home appointment times; please contact your child's teacher if you need to re-schedule your conference.

Leadership for Literacy parent surveys will go home with report cards. Please complete the left-hand side and bring them back with you when you come for your three-way conference. We will again draw the name of one parent from each grade that we serve who has returned the survey: the prize will be a gift certificate to a local business.

Next Week at the Hay River Centennial Library

You are invited to join Parks Canada staff from Wood Buffalo National Park for a movie evening featuring moose, bison and wolves next Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. Fans of fantasy literature will enjoy a presentation by fantasy writer Robyn Vizniowski of her "work in progress" next Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m.

and Congratulations! to...

to this week's PAS draw winners: **Aaron Moizis** in 7H, **Uzair Sipra** in 6M, **Jayden Smith** in 5L, and **Andrew Arnault** in 4T. **Ms. Thompson** won the teacher's draw, so her 4T class had a special treat at snack today.

All PA'S in!



Geoff Buerger
Principal