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Dear PA School Families and Friends,

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are next week!

Three-way Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are this coming 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.

The *Dive Into A Book* Reading Challenge ends next week!

Dive Into A Book will end next Wednesday, 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!*

Scholastic Book Fair

Speaking of books and reading, the Scholastic Book Fair will be hosted in our school library 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 8:00 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!

No *Lights On* this Saturday

Lights On is cancelled this week, because our gym is in use for Arctic Winter Games trials.

Speaking of the Holidays...

We are 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, available at the office.

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Wood Buffalo National Park

On Tuesday, **Natalie Bourke** and **David Musto** from Parks Canada (above) spent the day at PA with their annual outreach programme, which this year featured “the Magnificent Moose.” Each class enjoyed a diverse 45-minute programme which included music, animal conservation, and ungulate anatomy. Many thanks to Natalie, David, and Parks Canada for a great day!

Winter Reminder

Please ensure that your child is dressed for winter weather, from boots (sneakers don’t cut it in deep snow or at minus-30) to tuque. We go out every day for recess and after lunch, and yes, we even conduct fire drills when it’s cold! For safety’s sake, every student should be warmly dressed.

Next Week at the Hay River Centennial Library

You are invited to meet Hay River’s new Mayor (PA parent **Kelly Schofield**) and Town Council at the Centennial Library on Monday at 7:00 p.m. • On Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Faye Stark will be showing her slides of Scotland. • At the end of the week the Film Club will present “Sundance Revisited” (temporary membership \$7 at the door). Doors open Friday at 7:30 p.m. for “Choke,” and at 7:00 p.m. Saturday for “Frozen River” and “On Wire.”

Congratulations! to...

to this week’s PAS draw winners: **Michelle Buckley** in 7H, **Arry Bertrand** in 6T, **Devon Felker** in 5L, and **Paige Gagnier** in 4B. **Ms. Helmer** won the teacher’s draw, so her 7H class will have a special treat at snack on Monday.

We look forward to seeing you all at Parent-Student-Teacher conferences next week.

All PA’S in!

Geoff Buerger
Principal