



PRINCESS ALEXANDRA SCHOOL

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Dear PA School Families and Friends,

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are next week!

Term 2 Report Cards will be sent home with students this coming Wednesday, March 3. Included with your child's report will be a Parent Survey for our Literacy initiative. Please complete the left hand side before you arrive for your conference; please complete the right hand side after your conference and return the survey to the box at the front entrance.

Three-way Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are scheduled from 1:00-4:00 & 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon next Friday, March 5. Your child's teacher will contact you about scheduling your conference. Dismissal next Thursday, will be at noon, and there will be no classes next Friday. Classes will resume Monday, March 8.

Wear GREEN Tomorrow

Please join the effort to show support for Hay River (and PA alumnus) **Brendan Green** by wearing GREEN tomorrow, the day he competes in biathlon. Please remind your child(ren) as well – we may be “the blue school,” but tomorrow we're all Green!

Come to the Movies Saturday

The Hay River Interagency is sponsoring Come to the Movies as a positive activity for youth this coming Saturday, February 27, at the Riverview Cineplex. A notice accompanies this *PA Letter*.

2010-2011 Calendar

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our survey about the preferred length of next year's Spring Break. Next year is an unusual year, because we must start later than usual to accommodate renovations at DJSS, and because Easter is as late as it can be. For these reasons, our Spring Break will begin after school on Friday, April 15, and run through Tuesday, April 26, 2011. We will send home a final calendar as soon as all details have been approved by the DEA.

Great Canadian Geography Challenge update

Congratulations to **Simon Pittman** of 4B, **Braiden Charlton** of 4T, and grade 4 homeschool student **Brooke Reintjes**, who finished 1-2-3 in a field of eleven finalists in Level 1 of the Great Canadian Geography Challenge. Great job!

National Math Contests

Preparation for the annual **Mathematica** Math Contests will begin on March 3. Mrs. Carroll will help interested students get ready for the tests during morning recess. The test day is April 14.

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Health Surveys – Grades 6 & 7

Canadian schools are participating in the World Health Organization's study of health behaviour in school-aged children. Students in grades 6 & 7 will bring home letters with details of the study, which is anonymous, secure (answer sheets are placed in sealed envelopes), and voluntary in whole and in part (students may choose not to participate, or decline to answer some questions). A parental form is attached to the information letter; if you do not wish your child to participate in the study, please return the form to school tomorrow.

Lights On this weekend

Lights On programming continues Saturday. Grades 4 through 7 are welcome to join us for a program of healthy activities from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** (note the earlier end time). Please use the community (grade 7) entrance. All students who attend must know how they are getting home after *Lights On*! Students who plan to attend should bring their indoor shoes with them, because the rest of the school will be closed and inaccessible on Saturday.

Top Cop update

Congratulations to the **18** students who have reached the rank of Superintendent in the Top Cop Challenge by logging at least 16 hours of home reading: **Arry Bertrand** (right, receiving his certificate from RCMP **Corporal Shawn King** & his partner, **Safety Bear**), **Novie Bordey**, **Caitlin Chambers**, **Daniel Cook**, **Carlene Fehr**, **Jenna Furlong**, **Jessica Gill**, **Damian Hoffmann**, **Fiona Huang**, **Sylvia Lockhart**, **Shania Pierre**, **Kanti Regmi**, **Donny Seaton**, **Ahmer Sipra**, **Uzair Sipra**, **Sean Smith**, **Ashlynn Tambour-Lau-a**, and **Abby Webster**.

Congratulations, also, to those students who recently reached the rank of Sergeant (8 hours): **Braiden Charlton**, **Ian Fraser**, **Sam Hoose**, **Andrew Lirette**, **Madison Loutit**, **Taylor Maurice**, **Simon Pittman**, **Levon Schumann**, **Danna Webster**, and **Shelby Yew-Ross**.

Our school total is **1249.5 hours**; 4B continues to lead all classes with 224 hours, and 5L is right behind with 192 hours. The Top Cop Challenge will wind up at our next awards assembly with presentations to those who have reached the rank of Commissioner (25 hours) by March 10. Be sure to have all your forms in on or before March 10, and in the meantime, *keep reading!*



Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library next Thursday and Friday, March 4 & 5. Students will be able to purchase from the fair on Thursday between 8:45 and 12:00. The fair will be open to the public from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 pm. on Thursday, and from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. next Friday. If your appointment is between 11:00 & 12:00 on Friday, please visit the fair prior to your conference.

All PA'S in!

Geoff Buerger, Principal