

Friday, April 23, 2010

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

Show Time!

This coming Wednesday, April 28, the PA Players proudly present *Bullies Anonymous*, a timely and engaging musical that explores an important theme for today's students. The cast has been rehearsing hard and often, and it promises to be a great show. The curtain rises at 7 p.m. sharp – we hope to see you here!

For parents of students in the show: full dress rehearsals for ALL CAST MEMBERS are tomorrow (Saturday, April 24) from 2:00-3:30, and this coming Tuesday from 3:30-5:00.

Go, Predators, Go!

Our grade 7 soccer teams travel to Grande Prairie late next week for the annual Ernie's Rock-Around-the-Clock Indoor Soccer Tournament. Our boys and girls will be competing with teams from Alberta, British Columbia, and the North, and playing at all hours (hang in there, coaches). Play well, and good luck!

Special thanks to the **Hay River Elks** for their ongoing generous support of our athletes and teams, which makes our participation possible.

PA online

Digital (pdf format) copies of all *PA Letters* are online at http://www.ssdec.nt.ca/pa/PA_news.htm. In addition, we now developing a digital calendar online as well. Just click on the calendar link on our webpage: http://www.ssdec.nt.ca/schools/Princess_Alexandra.htm (where there is also a link to the *PA Letters* archive). It's not fancy, but may provide a handy reference. Please let us know what you think!



Lights On this weekend

We regularly include notices (like this one) about *Lights On!* programming on weekends, but until this week hadn't included any photos. Above, L-R: fußball, scooters & ping-pong, are just three of the activities on offer. *Lights On!* continues this Saturday, and children in grades 4 through 7 are welcome to join us for a program of healthy activities from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Please use the community (grade 7) entrance. As always, students who attend must know how they are getting home after *Lights On!*, and must bring their indoor shoes with them. The rest of the school will be inaccessible on Saturday.

Break-up Preparations

Families who live on Vale Island have been asked to advise the school about contingency plans for students who might be at school if flooding cuts off road access. (We're hoping for a flood-free break-up, but just in case...) If you have not yet returned the green form, please send it back to us as soon as possible.

Hay Days Logo Contest

The First Annual Hay Days Music, Arts and Cultural Festival will be held this coming June 19, 20 & 21, and the organizers are in need of a logo! All entrants must be students in one of the Hay River schools, and designs should reflect something that makes one think of Hay River's music, art, or culture—or all of them together. Drawings (which must be in black & white only) may be dropped off at the office, but the deadline is coming up fast—it's next Friday, April 30!

Looking Ahead for Grade Six

Grade Six classes will take the annual Alberta Achievement Tests (AATs) on May 12 & 13. The AATs are taken only every three years (grades 3, 6, & 9), and are an important measure of how our students are doing in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. If your child is in Grade Six, please make sure that he/she is in school on those days, having had good sleep and a good breakfast.

The following week is the annual trip Grade Six to the Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife, scheduled for May 18 & 19. Teachers have sent home preliminary letters, and more detailed information will be coming as we draw nearer to the date.

Congratulations! to...

this week's PAS draw winners: **Madison Loutit** in grade 4, **Jessica Gill** in grade 5, **Danna Webster** in grade 6, and **Kjel Crook** in grade 7. **Mr. Hawkins** won the teachers' draw, and **5H** received their ice cream treat after recess this morning.

Mystery Photo



Over the weekend, one of our classroom doors was mysteriously decorated, and our Word of the Day on Monday was "ancient."

Many happy returns of the day to a Very Important Person!

All PA'S in!

Geoff Buerger, Principal