

# PRINCESS ALEXANDRA SCHOOL

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Dear PA School Families and Friends,

It's great to see everyone back after a wonderful summer holiday. Please join us in extending a warm PA welcome to **Ms. Helmer**, who rejoins us as a grade 7 teacher; **Mrs. McKinney**, our new Literacy Assistant; new students from as far afield as Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, Rankin Inlet, and Saskatchewan; and all of this year's grade 4 students, who are making the big move up from Harry Camsell School. **Welcome to PA** – we're glad to have you with us!

## **Tuesday is Meet the Teacher Night!**

Please join us for our annual Meet the Teacher event this coming Tuesday, September 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. We'll begin with a general welcome in the PA Gym, and then each teacher will have a brief presentation for parents of their students in their respective classrooms. We hope to see you here!

## **Please Check In**

We pride ourselves on being an open school where everyone is welcome, and we hope that all parents feel free to visit and volunteer. As a safety measure, this year we are asking (as other schools do) that all parents, guests and other visitors sign in at the office when you come to PA, and sign out again when you leave. That way we know who is in the building, and can account for you during drills and actual emergencies. *Mahsi!*

## **Notes About Lunch**

We ask that students eat lunch at home whenever possible: the break and fresh air really help students focus during the second half of the day. For those students who must eat lunch at school, we have three requests: please make sure your child brings a lunch with him/her, rather than rely on delivery; please send whatever he or she may need to eat it (*e.g.*, a spoon or fork); and please avoid unhealthy foods (such as candy, chips & pop) and peanut products. "Junk food" is not permitted at school, and several individuals (students & staff) have severe peanut allergies. We also ask that parents who must drop off a lunch do so at the office, rather than interrupting class.

The office is closed during the noon hour, and the school doors are locked. Students who stay for lunch eat in designated rooms from 11:55 until 12:20, and then go outside for recess. (Noon hour intramurals will not begin until October.) Students who go home for lunch but return early should join everyone on the playground until the bell sounds at 12:55. Classes resume at 1:00 sharp.

## Congratulations!

...to **Dane Dupuis**, the lucky winner in the Great Homework Completion Contest sponsored by the South Slave Homework and Study Skills Committee. Dane was one of 64 Princess Alexandra students whose names were entered in the draw in recognition of 100% homework completion throughout the 2008-09 year. All 64 diligently completed their homework and had their parents/guardians sign their agenda more than 150 times during the school year. Congratulations to Dane and every student whose homework habits are creating success—PA topped all SSDEC schools with the most students in the draw! Our target for this year: let's get everyone in the 09-10 draw! (Below, left: Whiskers accepts an eBook computer from SSDEC Assistant Superintendent Brent Kaulback on Dane's behalf, with Hugo the Homework Hero looking on.)



## PAS-itive Behaviour!

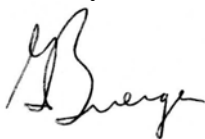
Our students strive every day to show the three core values in our motto: Pride, Achievement, and Safety! Each day this week we began with a brief assembly to review what PAS-itive behaviour looks like all around PA School: in class, in the hallways, on the playground, in the lunchroom, in the office—everywhere! (Above, right: our skit about PAS-itive behaviour on the bus.)

## Congratulations...

...to the first PAS draw winners of the new school year: **Daniel Cook** in grade 7, **Daniel Melanson** in grade 6, **Emma Zdebiak** in grade 5, and **Austin Cayen** in grade 4. **Ms. Thompson** won the teacher's draw, so her 4T class received a special treat at snack today. Keep up the great work!

*All PA'S in!*

Sincerely,



Geoff Buerger  
Principal

PS – Remember that Monday is Labour Day; classes resume on Tuesday!