

## Principal's Message

Thank you to all of our parents and guests who came to our Meet the Teacher Night and who cheered on our teams at the ELK's Soccer Tournament. Thanks also to the coaches, teachers and community members who volunteered the gift of their time to make the ELK's Soccer Tournament such a great success. What a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the thrill of competition in a safe and caring environment where sportsmanship and being a team player were constantly encouraged and reinforced.

This month we start our Exploratories. Students can choose an area of interest and participate in it. The Library Olympics, Hand bells, Just Dance are a few of the wonderful choices students have. Talk with your child about what they have chosen and what they are learning.

This month we are also kicking off our first Reading Challenge of the year called **Snow Flurry Frenzy!** Please encourage your child to read. We know that when you encourage your child to read, their reading gets better.

We are very lucky this year to have students from DJ who will be coming to organize sports activities in the gym. Our first intramural is indoor soccer. Should be fun.

Our Cross Country Team has been running hard and is ready for the NWT Cross-Country Championships in Behchoko on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. They have been diligent in their training and we know they will be great representatives for Princess Alexandra.

We also will be starting Volleyball practice and getting our teams ready for the Lawrie Hobart Volleyball Tournament Oct. 21-23 in Fort Smith. It is going to be a busy month at the Big Blue School and we appreciate your

help and support for all of our learning activities.

## Elk's Soccer



Congratulations to our Predators!  
PA teams brought home two banners at the annual Elks Soccer Tournament.  
**The Grade 4/5 Boys placed 1<sup>st</sup> as did the Grade 6/7 PA 2 Girls. In fact, it was an all PA final with our Girls Grade 6/7 PA 1 placing second after a shootout. Our Grade 4/5 Girls placed third and our Grade 6/7 boys placed second.**  
Great work Predators and a big special thanks to our coaches Mr. Munro, Ms. Boudreau, Ms. Helmer, Mrs. Moizes, Mrs. Walsh, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Brockway, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Goad and Mr. Smith for their time and coaching guidance.



# PA'S PRINTS

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Our students strive every day to show the three core values in our motto: **Pride, Achievement, and Safety!** We constantly 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!

**PAS-itive students** for September, recognized for their citizenship and good example to others were:

- **Alicia Hayne & Ian Fraser-7B**
- **Dylon St. Jean and Killian Schofield-7H**
- **Marisa Carter & Ally Carston- 6T;**  
**Austin Cayen & Davida Patterson-6M**
- **Tori Blake, Dustin Lamalice-5L;**
- **Zack Horton, Ellie-Rose Cunningham-5H**
- **Layne Leonard, Caleb Brockway-4T**
- **Hannah Laffery & Mason Moore -4B**

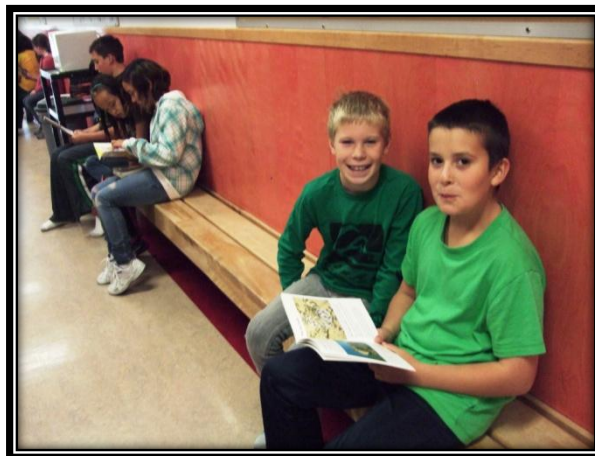
Well Done Everyone!!

## Literacy Week

Literacy Weeks was a great success once again. Thanks to all of our staff and



students for making it so successful and a special thanks to Ms. Hanson for organizing our activities and Mrs. Carroll for helping wherever she was needed.



## Book Awards

PA Predators love to read and we recognize all of the great reading they do through our monthly Book Awards. For September our Book Award winners were

- **Roxie McKay Beaulieu & Pranay Annavarapu-4B**
- **Natalie Tambour-Lau-a & Hunter Lafferty-4T**
- **Trevor Sabourin & Ashley Lamalice-5H**
- **Madison McPhee & Hunter Kraushaar-5L**
- **Sonia Roach and Damian Hoffmann-6M**
- **Fiona Huang & Michaela Crook-6T**
- **Jessica Schofield and Bryn Hill-7H**
- **Jessica Hill and Nolan Bloomstrand-7B**

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading. It is so important to lifelong learning.

## Terry Fox Run 2011

**Our Terry Fox Run was a great success. We earned \$3603.28 for the Canadian Cancer Society. Students**



**raised funds by obtaining pledges. Ms. Tweedie Grade 6 class held a bake sale that earned over \$300.00 and students**



**brought in Loonies and Toonies and anything they had to help with this worthy cause. Thank you for your help and support and a big thanks to Ms. Baxter for organizing our Terry Fox Run, Ms. Tweedie for her help and Mr. and Mrs. Lau-a for helping at our Terry Fox Lunch**

## Homework Tips



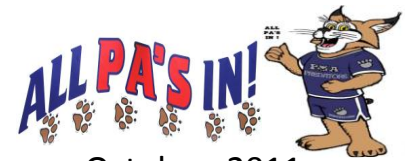
Savannah Moore won a new iPad 2 for always having her homework done. She was one of 40 PA students who finished their homework in 2010-11 on time. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Brent Kaulback, presented Savannah her new iPad 2 after drawing her name at our September Awards Assembly.

We know that homework is important to students learning. When students do their homework they succeed better at school. At PA we are very proud of our students who do their homework regularly. Here are some tips for helping your child with getting their homework completed.

1. Check your child's assignment notebook, so you and they know what homework is required each day.
2. Help your child plan for larger assignments that are due at a later date. Plan what they will need to do over time to get that assignment done.
3. Your child should preview their assignments each day, and decide the order in which they will do them. It's best to get the tougher tasks out of the way first!

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4. Teach your child to review their work frequently.
5. Get your child an organizer, and show them how to organize all their school papers.
6. Have your child use a book bag to transport books and papers.
7. Encourage your child to establish a regular time for doing homework.
8. Your child should keep old quizzes and tests to prepare for future tests.
9. Eliminate distractions like phone calls and television during homework time.
10. Establish a regular place for doing homework.

Congratulations to **Roxie McKay-Beaulieu** who was September's Homework Hero. Keep up the great work Predators!

## Lute Presentation



As I am sure you are aware, our own Mr. Tyler Hawkins is one of the Directors of the International Lute Festival, which is an annual Hay River musical event. We were very pleased to have four world class musicians take part in our PA Awards Assembly. Our students were a wonderful audience and the lute players

wanted us to pass on their appreciation for the opportunity to play for such a well mannered audience.



**Philip Rukavina, Chris Morrongiello Douglas Freunlich and Gale Gillespie entertain PA with some beautiful playing.**

## Pumpkin Time

This super food is a good source of beta carotene, potassium and fiber. This versatile squash can be used to make pies, soups, loaves, muffins and of course lanterns.

When carving your Halloween pumpkins, save the seeds to make a tasty nutritious snack for school lunches:

- Rinse pumpkin seeds to remove pulp
- Allow to dry by laying on a piece of paper towel
- Spread in a single layer on a baking sheet
- Sprinkle lightly with your favourite flavour (Mrs. Dash, seasoning salt, or cinnamon and brown sugar)
- Bake at 350 F, stirring occasionally until brown and crisp

To eat, you can remove the shell first, or enjoy them whole.





The annual Parade of Costumes will be on Friday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Back by popular demand is the **Jack O'Lantern Display**. Jack O'Lanterns can be brought to the school on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> and picked up on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. As you know with Halloween comes the colder weather and winter is just around the corner. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We all want them to come to school healthy and happy.

## Upcoming Dates and Events

- Oct 7 NWT Cross Country Run -Behchoko
- **Oct 10 Thanksgiving**
- Oct 14 Exploratories start
- Oct 21st to 23rd - Ft. Smith Lawrie Hobart Volleyball Tournament
- Oct 26-28 Jack O'Lantern display
- Oct 28 Parade of Costumes,
- **Oct 31 CEP (No Classes)**
- **Nov 1 Professional Development (No Classes)**
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- **Nov 11 Remembrance Day**
- Nov 23-26 Book Fair
- **Nov 25 & 26 Parent Teacher Interviews**
- Dec 2nd to 4th - Hay River Hockey Tournament
- Dec 16 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Vacation
- **Dec 17-January 2 Christmas Vacation**
- Jan 3 Classes Resume



## Middle School Tips

**Get to know your child's teachers.** Find out whether there will be regularly scheduled tests and if so, when. Ask about the best way to get in touch if you have questions.

**Find a niche for yourself at your child's school.** Serve as an adviser for an extracurricular activity such as the school paper, chess club, or science fair or help out in the computer lab. Being in the school is a great way to get a feel for what goes on there.

**Volunteer to chaperone school dances and drive kids to school sports competitions.** You'll meet other parents, school staff, and your child's classmates.

**Go to school meetings and events.** Attending concerts, plays, assemblies, meetings, and other activities is a good way to become familiar with your child's school community.

**Talk to your child about school.** Ask specific questions to draw out your child. Ask "How do you think you did on the math test?" "What games did you play in PE?"

**Give your child a quiet place to study and do homework.** Find an area in your home that is free of distraction. Be available to help if your child has a question.

**Check your child's homework, but don't do it for him/her.** Offer to check math problems, proofread written papers, and look over spelling words. If you find a mistake, point it out to your child and help her figure out the correct answer.

**Post a family calendar in a central place.** Write down important school dates.