

New Brigden School Update

April 20, 2011

**Happy
Easter**

School Website: www.newbrigdenschool.com

Check out The Prairie Rose Perspective – a video blog with a new link each week @ <http://prrdweb.com/News>

SEEN AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Seen around the school making a difference was Dawne Beaudoin, Quinton Rude and Renae Pratt for all their help in delivering our supplies. Also, seen around the school were all the parents who were present for the great Music Recital.

Whiz Kids visiting Mr. Shields' Office for completing super work this week were: Kelten, Sean, Joel, Nathan, Osten, Cheyanne, Carlene, Michelle, Shaylynn, Maverick, Landen, Kagen, Alanna, Bobby, Brady G., Shelby, Tanner, Felicity, Selena, Kyle, Tyrell, Jonathan and Wyatt. Way to go!

MR. SHIELDS' OFFICE

School Council Meeting: we met via VC with the other school councils in the division on Monday for a good information and discussion regarding the funding problem next year. Currently we are looking at losing half a teacher for next year so we'll be hit fairly hard. That being said, there are other schools taking a proportionally larger hit so be assured that New Brigden hasn't been singled out. No school in the division has been untouched.

Currently, after discussing things with staff and school council, we are looking at largely trying to maintain the class schedule we currently have at the expense of admin and prep time. We will try and build time into the schedule for prep and admin using videoconferencing: whether it works or not will depend on how the VC is scheduled.

There will be a write-up in the Oyen Echo, likely next week, so please read it carefully. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Music Recital: a very nice job by the students and Mr. Orr for getting ready for the show: thanks very much for all your support for the program and for coming out to listen.

PRRD Website video: New Brigden will be featured on the Prairie Rose website with a video on the "Roots of Empathy" program. If you can't get it on the website please call the school and we'll try to help you access it.

Badminton: We have a number of students moving on to Zones on May 6th in Olds: students will need transportation there and back so please call the school and let us know your plans.

Field Trips: upcoming for the whole school on May 13th. I am trying to confirm our visit with SAIT and the biosand water filter organization so as soon as they get back to me we can confirm that date.

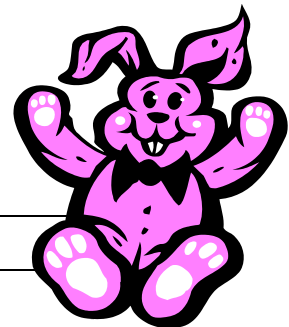
Community Cleanup: we have rescheduled the community cleanup for after Easter Break as we're still dealing with a lot of mud and snow. We'll announce the date when we get back.

Have a safe and happy Easter!

Congratulations to Jonathan! Our agenda draw winner for this week.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- **Reminder to please return your child's Report Card.**





MOM'S PANTRY PRODUCTS – N.B. STUDENTS' UNION FUNDRAISER

Students you have the Easter holidays to try your best in getting as many orders as you can from your family, friends and neighbours. With your effort and commitment the Students' Union will have a successful fund raiser. Please **return all order forms and money** to the school by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th**. Delivery of the products should be towards the end of May.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

The next **SUB TUESDAY** is **May 3** with **Pam Gorgichuk and Cheryl Blue** serving the subs. Remember to be at the school by 11:15 to prepare for lunch.



Prairie Rose
SCHOOL DIVISION NO.8

Preschool Screenings for children 2 to 5 years of age

Prairie Rose School Division will be offering preschool screenings around the district, to provide parents with valuable information about their child's development and to enable Prairie Rose to arrange early intervention for children with developmental delays.

Parents should choose the location and date most convenient for them.

Seven Persons School (403-832-3732)	May 17
Foremost School (403-867-3843)	May 5
Bow Island Elementary (403-545-2488)	May 10
I. F. Cox School (Redcliff) (403-548-3449)	May 6
Irvine School (403-834-3783)	May 19
Ralston School (403-544-3535)	May 20
Oyen Public School (403-664-3733)	June 1

Screenings are about 45 minutes in length. All children will be given a snack and a small treat for attending. Screening appointments can be made by contacting the school secretary.

Children who have already been identified as requiring supports need not attend.

For more information on the preschool screenings or early intervention services available through Prairie Rose School Division (www.prrd.ab.ca) please contact:

Kerry Watson
Coordinator of Student Services
(Primary Programs)
403-527-5516 ext. 2309



Adult Literacy Learning Skills News



Tutoring Opportunities:

While your children are in school, volunteer to read to seniors at the Oyen Lodge and Extended Care. Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am or at your convenience.

I am looking for a tutor with small child/children to coach an English Language Learner with a young child.

I have a senior who is enthusiastic about working with children who need reading or spelling help.

English Language Learners need tutors to help with speaking and listening skills ASAP (Oyen)

Essential Skills and Adult Learning Opportunities:



Digital Photography

If you have any suggestions or need for Adult Learning Classes contact us.



Video Conferencing Opportunities at the Adult Learning Center Board Room.

Oyen:

(Preregistration is necessary to link to these VC sites) Preregister early to avoid cancellation

April 28 - 3:00 pm – Helping the Senior Driver in your Life – Alberta Motor

Association presentation (1½ hour session)

May 3 - 11:00 am- 12:30 pm – Family Support for Children with Disabilities –learn about the program’s principles and the two levels of service available in Alberta

May 12 – 9:00 – 10:30 am - Eating Disorders Introduction

May 17 - 9:00-10:30 am- Boys and Working with Boys Brains – insights into physical development and how boys process the world at different ages and stages

May 18 – 7:00 – Helping the Senior Driver in your Life – Alberta Motor Association presentation (1½ hour session)

May 26 – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm -Transition to Adult Services - Overview of PDD (Persons with Developmental Disabilities), OPG (Office of the Public Guardian), and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped)

May 30 – 9:30-11:00 am – Obsessive Compulsive Disorder – overview for families and professionals involved with children with the disorder

If any of these opportunities interest you, contact:

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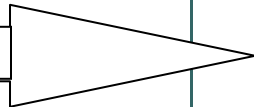
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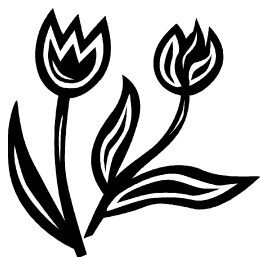
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“LEARNING TOGETHER”



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Mini BB Boys@OPS 3:30 & 4:30 pm Mini BB Girls@WPS 12:15 & 1:15 pm Gr. 10 registration @SCHS at 7 pm.	5	6 Mini BB Boys@WPS 1:30 & 2:30 pm Mini BB Girls@NBS 12:15 & 2:15 pm H & S Hot lunch	7	8 Happy B-day Felicity	9
10	11	12 Happy B-day Stevie Sub Tuesday	13 Hotdog lunch	14	15 HAT DAY! 	16
17	18 Happy B-day Bobby Report Cards	19 Happy B-day Keegan Music Recital with Mr. Orr	20 H & S Hot lunch	21	22 GOOD FRIDAY!	23
24 Happy B-day Ashlyn 	25	26 Happy B-day Quinton	27	28	29	30
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No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow..... we think!



MAY 2011

“LEARNING TOGETHER”



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Welcome Back! Junior High @OPS Presentation from 9:30 - 2:30 p.m.	3 Jr. High “Blast Program” Sub Tuesday	4 H & S Hotlunch	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Hotdog Lunch	12	13 Happy B-day Tyrell Gr. 1-6 Fieldtrip Jr. High Fieldtrip	14
15	16	17 Achievement Tests - Gr. 3 LA Sub Tuesday	18 Achievement Tests - Gr. 6 LA H & S Hotlunch	19 Achievement Tests - Gr. 9 LA	20 Backwards Inside out day!	21
22 Happy B-day Wyatt	23 VICTORIA DAY!	24	25 Hotdog Lunch	26	27 Gr. 9 Farewell	28
29	30	31 Happy B-day Nathan Sub Tuesday				

“Helping someone is what life is all about.”