

Jennie Emery Elementary



Newsletter 2020

We will once again be recognizing Mental Health Week at *Jennie Emery* from **May 4th – May 10th** in conjunction with the *Canadian Mental Health Association*. This year's theme is #GetReal and focuses on finding opportunities to genuinely connect while being apart physically.

Please watch for daily focus or activities coming from the school each day that week – they will also be posted on our website at www.jees.ca.

CMHA

Mental Health Week

#GetReal

May 4-10, 2020

Also - we will have a couple special events that will allow us to come together as a school community!

On **Monday, May 4th from 12:30-1:30 p.m.**, available staff will be outside along the fence line on 11th street for parents and students to drive or bike by and say a quick hello! **Please remember that physical distancing remains in effect and we will ask that people stay off school grounds.

On **Wednesday, May 6th** we will be participating in "*Hats on for Mental Health*" to raise awareness of the importance of mental health. Please send us pictures of you at home wearing your favorite hat!



There will be no school work sent home on **Friday, May 15th** or **Monday, May 18th**. We hope all students and their families have a relaxing and healthy break!

Message from the Principal

Boy, do we miss all of you! The building feels so lifeless without all the bodies, laughter and chaos. We sure hope you are all doing well. It is great to see all the teachers here, still excited (in a different way) about creating awesome and engaging lessons.

If you are reading this wondering if I have any insight into when this is all over. . . I don't. I am as dependent on Dr. Hinshaw for any new information as all of you. Be assured, that we will keep plugging along, doing our best to provide engaging work for your children.

These are extremely trying times. Not only do we have to worry about COVID, but there is also our mental wellness. I know we are limited in options, but be sure to get outside, explore new hobbies, and find ways to engage our brain.

If there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to contact us. If we can't help, I'm sure we can give you the information of someone who can. And when this is all over, we can have a big garage sale to sell all the clothes we have outgrown.

Take care and stay safe.

Curtis Uyesugi, *Principal*



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Palliser School District is excited to announce an online student registration/data validation system for the upcoming school year, powered by InfoSnap. The system is a secure and green process, which allows the district to verify all student demographic, emergency and medical information for your child prior to the start of the new school year. The system will also allow you to electronically sign the annual permission forms for school district policies. In short, this online process replaces all the hard copy student registration and permission forms that your child brings home on the first day of school.

This is possibly the most important form we ask parents to fill out on a yearly basis.

We will be sending these forms to all emails on file on **Monday, May 4th**. Please create an account as indicated in the email and complete these online forms as soon as possible. If you do not receive an email, please contact the front office or watch for a letter containing this information.

We ask that all forms are completed by **Friday, May 29th**.

On Monday, May 4th, you will receive an email from **Jennie Emery** with instructions on how to access the system for your student. The email will contain a link, instructions and a secure "snapcode" that links directly to your student's information. You will create an account, that you will use each year for this process, and submit a form for each student in your family. To make the process easier for families with multiple students, you will have the option to copy all generic family information to all other students in your family. **We would appreciate if all families take action and complete these forms as soon as possible after receiving the email.** Your student's registration will not be complete until the forms have been submitted. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the front office at 403-345-2403 and make an appointment to use a school computer. If you have any further questions, please contact the school (403-345-2403).

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

It is that time of year where we start looking at class lists for the coming year. Basically, the process involves teachers collaboratively working together to create a balance of classes that supports both the cohort of students and the students as individuals. We want to make sure we balance gender, ability, and behaviour. At the same time, we need to make sure your child has the right chemistry with the next year's students and teacher. As you can imagine, this is not an easy task.

For this task, we could use your help. If there are relationships that you feel will negatively influence your child's success next year, we want to know. We can not guarantee this, but we will do our best to make sure we avoid these relationships. Keep in mind, this is not an opportunity to request a teacher or that your child is in a class with another student. It is so we can avoid pairings that are likely to interfere with the education of our students and success of the school year.

If you have information that may be of value to this process, please email Curtis Uyesugi at curtis.uyesugi@pallisersd.ab.ca by May 31st.

Jennie Emery will once again be offering School Start, a private company that puts together and delivers complete packages of school supplies. A portion of the proceeds also come back to the school! Parents can complete their orders online at <https://schoolstart.ca/> or with a hard copy order form which is collected at the school.



Grade level lists, prices and deadline dates will be emailed to parents soon. This information will also be posted on our website for your convenience.



As our students are now receiving their school work online, we ask that you take this opportunity to have a discussion with your child(ren) about internet safety. Please encourage them to check with an adult before joining any meetings or invitations if they do not know who sent the invite. Remind them about the dangers of sharing personal information through any websites. Also, as they are signed into the Palliser network, it is important that they are behaving online as though they are in school – this includes any meeting, google chats or websites they may visit.

Thank you for your assistance sharing this information.

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

IT'S PRETTY QUIET IN HERE

Hello! I know librarians like a quiet library but it has been a little too quiet the past few weeks. I have missed all of you and hope you are doing well at home, keeping busy and hopefully doing a little bit of reading :)

I have been very busy cleaning the Learning Commons and changing things up a little bit. It will look a little different when you all return. Change is good and it will make things a little exciting when you all come back. We will definitely have a lot of new books on the shelves for you to check out and I am excited for that!

While you've been gone I have been watching the birds on the 'Cat TV' as many are migrating back to Canada now that Spring is here and the snow is hopefully done for now. You can watch them out your windows now too! The birds are hungry after their long flights so having a little food out there is good entertainment for you and very appreciated by the birds flying by! As well, of course, I have been watching the 'Kitten Academy Live Stream' so I can keep up with all the new mom cats and kittens! The kittens we saw before you left are getting so big and there is a new family of kittens that arrived about 3 weeks ago. I thought I would share the website with you and you can catch up on the cats and kittens as well. Hopefully it will also bring you some enjoyment and entertainment while you are home, so here it is **kitten.academy** (that's all). If you type that into your Google browser it will take you right to the site. Let the grownups know it is safe and they have a 'no sads' policy so only 'pawsitive' news about cats and kittens and their stories of being adopted and living happily ever after!

I do have a little business to take care of as well. Thank you to all the families that have found and returned library books back to the school. If you have books that still need to be returned all you need to do is contact your child's teacher, me or the office when you get here and someone will come to the front door of the school to take it from you. If you cannot find the book/s that are missing we will be sending out invoices at the end of May for the missing items. We will be setting up payment through School Cash Online. If you have any questions about any of this please email or call me at the school. I will soon have a link set up on the School Website with Learning Commons information and a blog to keep you informed through the year. It should be up and running soon!

Take care everyone,
Librarian Sue Wells



May

2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Mental Health Week 4 Drive by Parade! 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Mental Health Week 5	Mental Health Week 6 Hats on for Mental Health	Mental Health Week 7	Mental Health Week 8 Tin Foil Accessory Day!!
11	12	13	14	15 No School Work
18 No School Work	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

SOUTH

JENNIE EMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR - BOARD APPROVED - November 26, 2019

Approved: April 24, 2020

August 2020				
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November 2020				
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NS	2			

18 / 20

February 2021				
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19 / 20

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19 / 21

December 2020				
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14 / 14

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22 / 23

June 2021				
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28 (D)	29	30		

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TD	21			
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NS	3			

18 / 21

October 2020				
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20 / 21

January 2021				
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NS	1			

19 / 20

April 2021				
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19(D)	20(D)	21	22	23
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TD	16			
I	15			
NS	1			

15 / 16

July 2021				
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NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Division-Wide PD Days
Opening Ceremony August 31, 2020
September 21, 2020 (Summit Day)
November 20, 2020
March 19, 2021

Collective Agreement Teacher Directed Days
August 28, 2020 and June 29, 2021
Site PD Days
August 26, 27 and September 1, 2020
January 29, 2021
May 21, 2021
June 28, 2021

Prof. Development (ATA)
Teachers' Convention - February 18 and 19, 2021
School PD Days
October 2, November 2, 2020, April 30, June 4, 2021

School year begins: August 26, 2020
 First day for students: September 2, 2020
 Semester 2 begins: February 1, 2021
 Last day for students: June 25, 2021

XX	No Staff/Students
Yellow	Prof. Dev. Days (Palliser Directed)
Blue	Site Based Prof. Dev. Days
Grey	Summer Break
Pink	Collective Agreement Teacher Directed Days
Green	Teachers' Convention - ATA PD
Purple	School PD Days