
Pipestone School

September Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Hello Pipestone Families,

Welcome back to another school year. I am very excited to be working with the amazing staff and families at Pipestone School. I recognize there have been many changes this year with a new calendar, new bell schedules and some new staff, including me, but please be assured our goal remains the same. At Pipestone School we want to provide each student with a safe, supportive learning environment where the school community creates the conditions for high student achievement.

Tanya McFarland
Principal, Pipestone School

Pipestone News

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 12 - Terry Fox Run 2:00

Sept. 17 - Welcome Back BBQ 4:30-6:00

Sept. 17 - Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sept. 18 - X-country Meet

Sept. 30 - National Day for TRC - no school

Welcome Back BBQ

Join us Tuesday, Sept. 17th from 4:30 to 6:00 for a hot dog and a hello!



Interested in Pipestone Parent Council?

Find out more after the BBQ on Sept. 17 at 6:00pm

Truth & Reconciliation Week

During the month of September, Pipestone School will continue to explore the rich and diverse cultures of the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. We will be participating in the Walk for Wenjack throughout the month and be visited by an Elder during the last week of September. There is no school on September 30th as we are closed in honor of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Pipestone Staff

Principal - Tanya McFarland
Admin Assistant - Renee Harris

Homeroom Teachers:

Kindergarten - Colleen Holtby
Grade 1/2 - Leonora Benson
Grade 3/4 - Adam Kanso
Grade 5/6 - Anjuli Phillips

Part-time PE- Lee Woodward
Literacy/Inclusion Coach -
Colleen Holtby

Educational Assistants:

Gracie Bachman
Donna Fontaine
Amanda Johnson
Sandy Kadatz
Corie Schmidt

Custodian -Monica Huber

Family School Liaison

Worker - Alicia Cardinal

Indigenous Support Worker -
Gloria Rogers

Mental Health Capacity
Worker - Casandra Wood

Pipestone Appreciation

*We
thank
you!*

A special thank you to Fortis for their generous donation of \$1000.00 to our Memorial Garden

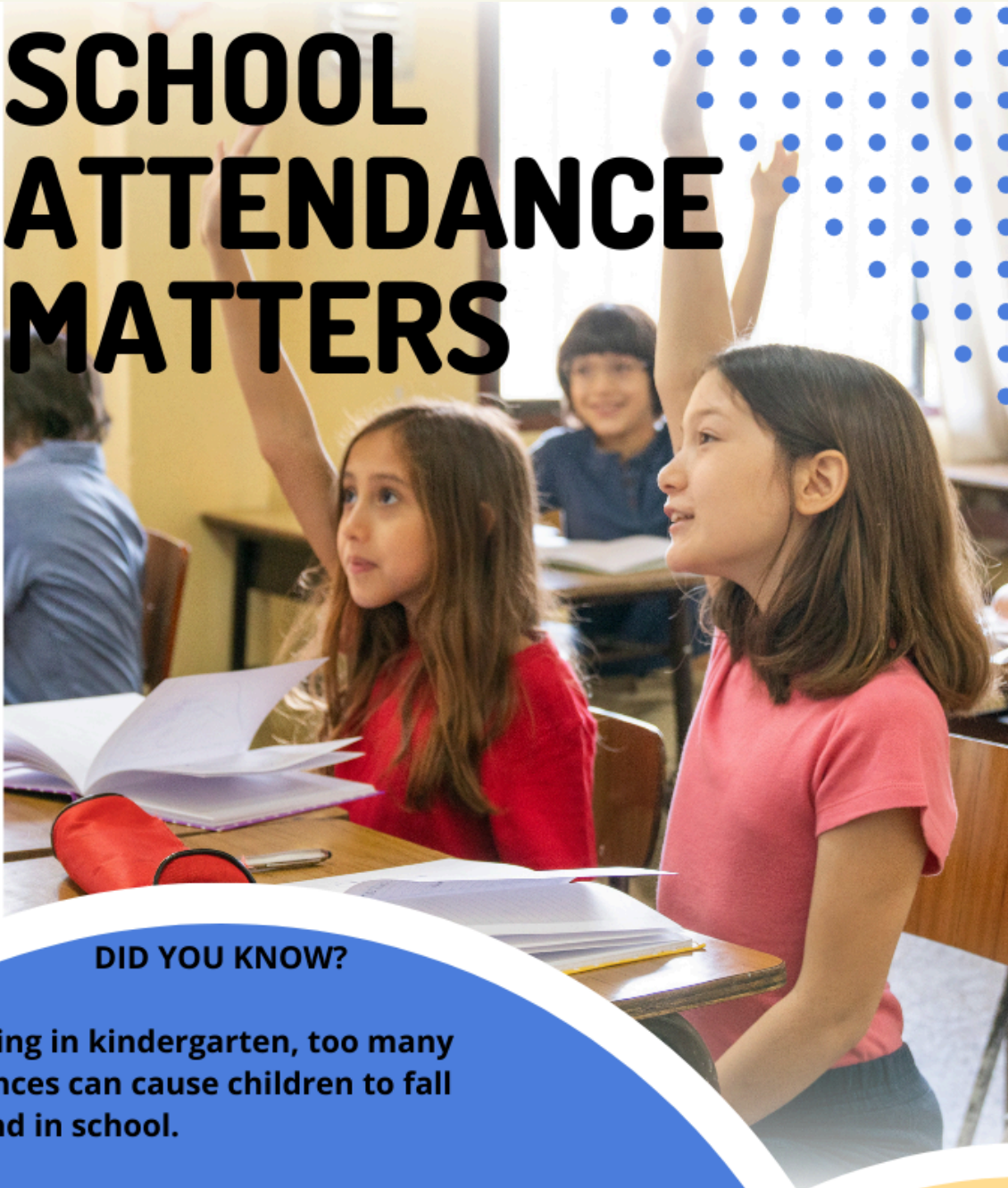
A huge thank you to Friends of Parent Council for our new look on the playground which includes a U-swing, gaga ball pit, new asphalt and line painting!





Description	Start Time	End Time
Morning supervision	8:20 am	8:30 am
Transition	8:30	8:34
Period 1	8:34	9:10
Period 2	9:10	9:46
Period 3	9:46	10:22
Snack, recess and transition	10:22	10:50
Period 4	10:50	11:26
Period 5	11:26	12:02
Lunch, recess and transition	12:02	12:51
Period 6	12:51	1:27
Period 7	1:27	2:03
Snack, recess and transition	2:03	2:24
Period 8	2:24	3:00
Period 9	3:00	3:36

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



DID YOU KNOW?

Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.

Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences