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Pipestone School

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# January Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Happy New Year Pipestone Families,

It is hard to believe it is January already! This month Pipestone school, with the help of our Parent Council, will be hosting our first family dance on January 30 from 6:00-8:00pm. We hope to see lots of families having fun on the dance floor! We will also be having our first Kindergarten Open house for next year on the evening of January 30th, so please let people know who may be interested in attending our school next year.

I look forward to sharing 2025 with all of you and your families,

Tanya McFarland  
Principal, Pipestone School

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# Pipestone News

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## Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 6**

- **Back to School**

**Jan. 14**

- **School colors day- wear blue and white**

**Jan. 14 - 30**

- **Grade 3/4 swimming lessons begin and run every Tuesday and Thursday ending Jan. 30**

**Jan. 20**

- **Parent council meeting at 6:00 pm**

**Jan. 24**

**opposite/backwards day**

**Jan. 30**

- **Kindergarten Open House 5:00-6:00 pm**
- **Family Dance 6:00 -8:00 pm**
- **Basketball Tournament**

**Jan. 31**

- **PLC day - no school**

## Family Dance



**Thursday, Jan. 30 from 6:00 - 8:00pm.**

**Bring your family and dance the night away!**



# Staff Spotlight



Happy New Year Pipestone School Community!

My name is Anjuli Phillips, and I have had the privilege of teaching at Pipestone School for my entire career (aside from a few substitute teaching jobs right at the very start). It has been an incredible experience to be part of this community, and to be the grade 5/6 teacher for the majority of those years.

One of the aspects I enjoy most about teaching older students is the increase in independence they exhibit. It is truly rewarding to watch them embrace their learning and get excited about the next steps in their educational journey. I believe one of the goals of these years is to prepare our students for the transition to junior high, ensuring they have the skills and confidence they need to thrive in their next chapter.

I aim to create a classroom environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued. I encourage my students to ask questions, share their thoughts, and explore new ideas.

In addition to teaching the grade 5/6 class, I also have the joy of being the music teacher for our school. Music is a wonderful way for students to express themselves, and I enjoy seeing them work together and be creative, especially during our Christmas concert. It's heartwarming to see their hard work and teamwork come together in such a beautiful way. In addition to music classes, the Pipestone Choir has started up this year and meets every Day 3 at lunch recess. I enjoy the students' enthusiasm and energy for singing together. I look forward to the progress we will make together this year. Leading up to the Christmas concert and often continuing into the New Year, I also run a handbell choir with interested grade 5 and 6 students. I was introduced to playing handbells in university and I have been thankful for the opportunity to introduce this instrument to others.

I enjoy my combination of roles and the ability it provides me to interact with all the students at our school on a regular basis. I look forward to the rest of this school year and the many opportunities there will be for learning, laughter, and music!

# WEST OF THE FIFTH POKER RUN



## SAVE THE DATE

MA-ME-O BEACH, PIGEON LAKE

Supporting local Friends of Falun School, Lakedell School Parent Fundraising Society, Friends of Pipestone School and Pigeon Lake Regional School, Class of 2025, SPLFD, MFD

### Fundraising Event for Students!

- Snowmobiles, ATV's, SXS's welcome
- Door Prizes, Raffles, 50/50
- NEW Merchandise
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Pre-Event Dinner and Dance \$25
- Poker Hand \$20 each AGLC #719653
- Online 50/50

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW**

Contact Us  
[westof5thpokerrun@gmail.com](mailto:westof5thpokerrun@gmail.com)

Pre-Event Friday 21

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

Family Fun Event!

**JOIN: Pigeon Lake Family of Schools  
Facebook and Instagram pages!**

Register here!

