

## St. Theresa Newsletter PIKISKWEWIN



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Our new website will be launching at the end of this month...stay tuned for more info!

### Important Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 5– Swimming 2W, 3B, 2M, 2L, 1P, 5/6P, 6S, 5B, and 5O  
 Jan. 13– LSBC Meeting  
 Jan. 14– Swimming 1A, KG, 2A, ES, 2L, 6V, 4C, and KR  
 Jan. 16– Grade 4 Boreal Field Trip  
 Jan. 21– Swimming 1P, 4/5M, 5/6P, 2A, 2W, 2M, 3S, and 5B  
 Jan. 23– Family Friday  
 Jan. 27– Early Dismissal for Staff Meeting  
 Jan. 27– Family Literacy Night 6:30-8:00 pm  
 Jan. 28– Swimming 3B, 5O, 1A, KG, 1M, 4W, KR, and 4C  
 Jan. 30– PLC Early Dismissal

### LOCAL AGENCIES SUPPORT ST. THERESA'S LITERACY INITIATIVE

A very special thank you to Laricina and the former Wabasca–Desmarais Cadets for donating funds to be used to support literacy resources and events in our school.

Laricina recently made a donation to the school's literacy funds in the amount of \$5000.00. These monies will be used for classroom literacy resources and school-wide literacy events.

The former cadets donated \$1000.00 to be used for purchasing books to update the school library shelves.



# LITERACY IS THE KEY





## **LITERACY AT ST. THERESA**

**AWESOME NEWS**– *For the past 4-5 years, students at St. Theresa have been making steady progress with their literacy skills thanks to the maintenance of our literacy initiative and with the support of home and community. Last year alone, students at St. Theresa showed measureable progress. We had a 23% increase in students reading at or above grade level! Way to go, students, staff, and parents!*

**EVENT**- *St. Theresa School will be hosting “Family Literacy Night” to celebrate National Literacy Day. This will take place Tuesday, January 27th from 6:30-8:00 pm. There will be several fun activities to participate in as well as snacks and draws.*

### **PARENT LITERACY CORNER:**

- We are always looking for parent volunteers to read to classes. Contact Mandi in the office if interested.

**Parent “Literacy Tip of the Month”:** Make books special

- Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, read with them, and buy them books as gifts. Have a favorite place for books in your home or, even better, put books everywhere.

## **BOOK BONUS**

Every Friday and at each assembly, a student’s name will be drawn from the book bonus jar.

The student whose name is drawn will receive a brand new book of their choice from a bin in the office to take home with them :)

1st January draw is this Friday, Jan. 9!

## **MONTHLY WRITING CONTEST**

Students have until noon January 30 to submit their entries to Mrs. MacLennan.

Teachers may do this in class, or students may choose to enter on their own time.

The theme is “Winter in Wabasca”.

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each category.

Categories:

- Acrostic poem
- Short story
- Poetry, non-acrostic
- Descriptive paragraph



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## BUS DRIVERS WANTED!

The school is always looking for sub bus drivers. If you can help us out, please phone the school at 891-3833. You will need a class 1 or 2 license and you will need to fill out a driver's abstract.

S Endorsement is encouraged, but not mandatory.



### ATTENDANCE- "EVERY DAY COUNTS"

This past month (December) has seen St. Theresa have solid attendance rates, but not as strong as the past few months. Good job and thank you to our parents for encouraging their children to come to school everyday because we know that every day counts.

Our overall school attendance for the month of December was slightly higher than 80%. Other months this year have been closer to 90% and higher. Hopefully, our January count is back up to par :)

We had 73 students with PERFECT ATTENDANCE in December! These students will be treated to a special celebration this month in recognition of their dedication to attendance. The 116 November perfect attenders decorated ice-cream cone Christmas trees on December 19. To qualify for monthly perfect attendance awards, we use am and pm attendance numbers from our Maplewood program.

The following are our TOP 3 classes for attendance:

1. Mr. Vijendren's Class 88.64%
2. Mrs. Moore's Class 88.42%
3. Mr. Sikora's Class 85.3%

\*For our year end big prizes for yearly perfect attendance, this year we will be using Maplewood statistics as well as lates and leaving early from the school. For the end of the year awards, a student cannot have lates or left early any day. Teachers will be keeping track of this as well.



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## STUDENT COUNCIL FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:

Hailey Rathbone  
Xander Gullion  
Alex Dunham  
Tannis Beaver  
Colby Noskiye  
Shauvanna Roasting

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month students get nominated by their classroom teachers for having significant academic achievement and/or academic improvement. From these nominations, the Principal and Vice Principal meet to select a boy and girl from K-3 and 4-6 to be our school's STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.

For the month of December (announced at the January assembly), the winners are:

### K-3

FEMALE: Asiah Noskiye

She has made significant progress academically over the past few months. Based on recent testing, she has improved in both her reading and math. In her reading, she has progressed ahead 6 levels and is now reading at grade level. On her last two math tests, she achieved 100%. Her strong work habits, good attitude, determination, starting/finishing work on time, as well as following written and oral instructions carefully has lead to high achievement in her core subjects.

MALE: Kaedo Auger

Kaedo has shown great improvement in the classroom. His positive attitude and cooperation have helped him be more successful academically. He is a positive contributor to class discussions as well as to his Daily 5 group. His reading and math skills have improved as well. He has been taking his time more to do quality work and his patience is also improving.

### 4-6

FEMALE: Yasmine AbdalRahim

Yasmine always strives to do her very best, and her marks reflect this. She takes pride in every assignment and produces beautiful work. She is constantly a helper to others in her class, and she especially helps struggling classmates.

MALE: Kenton Alook

Kenton is a very hard working student. He is very helpful to other students and staff. His spelling skills and reading skills are strong. He is an overall great kid.

## OTHER NEWS...

### EXTRACURRICULAR

- Cheerleading is held three days a week after school. The team presented at the Christmas concerts in December and are looking forward to more events in the new year. New uniforms have been ordered and the team is looking at having a mascot as well. Thank you to all those who supported the team in their recent fund-raising efforts (Christmas basket raffle). Also, a huge thank you to the MD of Opportunity for donating \$1000.00 to the cheerleading team.
- Girl's Club is starting up again on Mondays starting January 12. Girl's Club is sponsored by Bigstone Community wellness. This club takes place after school from 3:30 to 5:00 pm on Mondays. Registration slips/permission slips must be handed in to the office this Friday, January 9. Thank you to Arielle Russell for offering this club!
- Floor hockey tryouts start this month. Thank you to Mr. Vijendren for coaching this team. A tournament date will be announced in the near future.
- Computer Club will be starting this month at lunch times. Thank you to Mrs. Moore for volunteering to run this club.

### COLD WEATHER

- ♦ Please remind your children to dress for the weather. The office does have some spare mittens and outdoor gear, but we are limited. If anyone has donations of jackets, mittens, toques, scarfs, gloves, etc., we always accept them for our students who need them.

### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

- \* Our "Virtue of the Month" for January is RESPONSIBILITY. Teachers will be addressing the virtue in their classrooms and we will review the virtue at the monthly assembly. Students who are "caught" displaying the monthly virtue will visit Beatrice in the office for a "Virtue Handshake" and reward.

### TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Please review the attached technology policy for St. Theresa School.