

January Newsletter



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January Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone has had a fabulous Winter Break and are ready to tackle 2026! This is a great time of year at school - with learning communities and routines already established, we are able to get quickly back into learning and go broader and deeper than we went in Term 1. It's also a time with fewer interruptions to the schedule - only one Friday school-day between now and Spring Break - so those routines can stay solid and support strong learning.

The feeling around the school as we started back up today was very positive - it's clear that students and staff have had a good break but are excited to reconnect and get back to learning. We loved seeing so many happy faces greeting each other and catching up after our two weeks away!

January includes our Intermediate Ski and Snowboard program (hopefully - see the note below!), the start of basketball season, and initial work towards the District Science fair. On top of all of that, we are looking to phase back in our morning walk by the end of this month or in early February. With the light slowly returning and not a lot of snow on the horizon, we want to get back outside to start our day with exercise, fresh air, and connection.

Thank you again for all you do to support Perley school. This is a strong community and all of our children benefit from that!

Kirsten & Shawn

Upcoming Events

Jan. 12 PAC Meeting at 5pm

Various Dates - Classes Skating

January 19 - Ski and Snowboard Program (Ms. Mace, Ms. Perry, Ms. Sidwell and Ms. Sherstobitoff's 4s)

January 20 - Ski and Snowboard Program Mr. Stolen and Ms. Legere

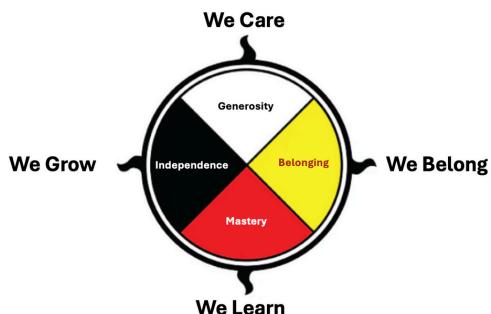
January 26/27 Ski and Snowboard Program

January 29 Assembly at 11:30

Ski/Snowboard Program

As you may have noticed, the weather hasn't been cooperating for our January Ski/Board program. As of now, we have postponed our start date to January 19th. Please cross your fingers for snow between now and then so our intermediates can get on the hill soon! If we are not able to start that week, we will make sure intermediate classes are informed of the plan as early as possible.

Ms. Mace, Ms. Perry, Ms. Sidwell, and Ms. Sherstobitoff's Grade 4s will all be on the mountain on Mondays and Mr. Stolen and Ms. Legere's classes will be there on Tuesdays for three weeks once we start!



Circle of Courage: Mastery

This term we will be focused on the area of Mastery. In January, classes will explore how we become strong learners through these weekly topics:

- Growth Mindset
- Perseverance
- Responsibility and Work Ethic
- Self-Improvement

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for weekly home-connection ideas!

Office Update

The fabulous Jade will be working at the District Office for January and February so we are welcoming Stacey Smith to our office for Wednesdays and Thursdays! Between her and Sharon, we know the office will continue to run smoothly during this temporary adjustment.



District Science Fair

Our District Science Fair is coming up just before Spring Break, so it's time for junior Scientists to start planning their projects! This is an excellent opportunity for students in Grade 3 and up, who are welcome to participate even if their class isn't participating as a whole group. Stay tuned for more details!

See you at the PAC meeting on January 12!

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