PROSPECT ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Allergies

An important reminder to check that school snacks/meals are peanut AND tree nut free.

Safe Arrival

To report an absence, parents and guardians can call 1-833-582-6940. This number is available 24/7. Absences can be reported in advance, up to 9 AM on the morning of the absence.

February Dates

- 3rd Recipes in a Jar Fundraiser Begins
 17th Heritage Day No Classes
- 19th Variety Show 1:30 PM Families welcome to attend
- 21st Family Bingo at PRES 6PM-7PM

Indigenous Athlete of the Month



JR Larose, born 1984, is a football player from One Arrow First Nation (located near Batocke, Saskatchewan). JR Larose played for the Edmonton Huskies (Junior Football) for 3 Season (2005 -2007) and won the 2005 Canadian Bowl with that team. He played for 9 seasons in the CFL with the Edmonton and British Columbia (B.C.). He won the Grey Cup (CFL championship) with B.C. in 2011

Chinese/Lunar New Year

January 29th marked the beginning of Chinese New Year (or Lunar New Year). This holiday dates back centuries and occurs along with the end of China's agricultural season, allowing farmers a break from field work and time to spend with family.

The tradition of spending the Lunar New Year with loved ones continues today, with many members of the Asian community traveling far and wide to gather with those most near and dear.

Typically, the ending of Chinese New Year is marked with the "Lantern Festival," a colorful display that honors loved ones and ancestors, as well as encourages peace and forgiveness in the year ahead.

Please watch the following video for more information:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=bLlrsIKVy_c

Core (Special) Word of the Week

We have begun identifying a 'Core Word of the Week' with our student AAC users! This program is an important part of building communication skills for our students.

What is AAC? Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) refers to various tools and methods that help individuals with speech difficulties communicate. These can range from picture boards to

speech-generating devices. Using AAC helps our students actively engage in learning and express themselves meaningfully.

Each week, we will highlight a core word to focus on and model during class and activities. Core words are essential because they are high-frequency words used in multiple contexts, which helps students become more confident communicators.

Fundraising

A reminder, Prospect Road Elementary has an account at Bluewater Recycling on Prospect Road. Proceeds from recyclables left at this location for PRES go towards our fundraising efforts in support of student events including extra curriculars/sports, indoor and outdoor materials including furniture/outdoor play items/consumable items, and events held throughout the school year.

Lunch Monitors

We are always in need of lunch monitors. If you are interested, please call the office for details on the hiring process. We currently have space for 5 additional lunch monitors.

