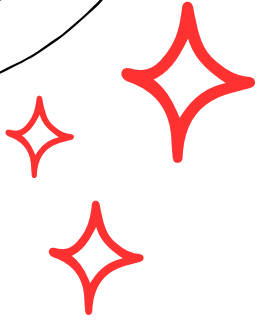


FALL 2023

VAL MARIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

WE ARE WELL UNDERWAY WITH ANOTHER YEAR OF LEARNING AND ACTIVITIES HERE AT VAL MARIE SCHOOL. WE HAVE A FEW NEW FACES TO OUR SCHOOL THIS FALL. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO LEAH BISONNETTE AND RENEE GAFF TO OUR SCHOOL STAFF! LEAH COMES TO US FROM CADILLAC AND BRINGS SEVERAL YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE WITH HER. LEAH HAS ACCEPTED A 0.5 POSITION AND WILL BE TEACHING ELA 10-12, PAA 7-9, AND ARTS ED K-9. RENEE HAS ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH THE NEW SASK DLC ONLINE SCHOOL AND IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS TAKING ANY CLASSES THROUGH THE DLC. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE BOTH LEAH AND RENEE JOIN OUR STAFF. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME QUINN OLSON TO KINDERGARTEN.

THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL WAS BUSY FOR STUDENTS GETTING SETTLED INTO SOME NEW ROUTINES. THE CHINOOK CYBER SCHOOL WAS DISSOLVED LAST JUNE AND IN ITS PLACE THERE IS NOW THE SASK DLC ONLINE SCHOOL. THE DLC OFFERS FULL TIME PROGRAMMING FOR K-12 STUDENTS AND PART TIME COURSES FOR GRADE 10-12 STUDENTS. WITH THE CHANGES COMES NEW CHALLENGES AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

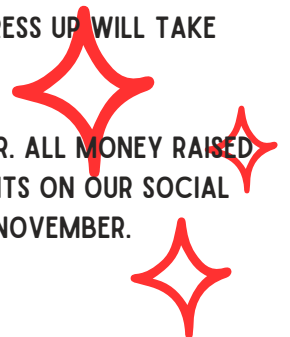
VAL MARIE SCHOOL HAS MOVED TO A 6 DAY LEARNING CYCLE. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT ON THE VAL MARIE SCHOOL CALENDAR THERE ARE NUMBERS 1-6 LISTED BESIDE EACH DAY. BASICALLY, WE ARE WORKING ON AN ODD/ EVEN DAY PREMISE. THE DECISION TO DO THIS WAS A RESULT OF WORKING AROUND STAFF SCHEDULES AS WELL AS THE DLC. WHILE IT TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO, IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING WELL.

CROSS COUNTRY WAS A SHORT BUT ACTIVE SEASON, WHICH WRAPPED UP OCTOBER 4TH AT THE DISTRICT MEET. THANKS TO OUR COACHES, MRS. BEAUCHAMP AND JANUARY FOR A FUN SEASON. SENIOR VOLLEYBALL IS ALSO BUSY WITH OUR PLAYERS IN THEIR THIRD SEASON OF A JOINT COOP PARTNERSHIP WITH PONTEIX SCHOOL. VAL MARIE WILL ASSIST PONTEIX IN HOSTING THE SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIALS ON NOVEMBER 24-25TH IN BOTH PONTEIX AND PAMBRUM SCHOOLS. COME OUT AND CHEER ON SOME GREAT VOLLEYBALL!

EDUCATION WEEK RUNS FROM OCTOBER 16-20TH AND WE WILL CELEBRATE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY ON OCTOBER 17TH. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL FULL TIME AND SPARE BUS DRIVERS WHO GET OUR STUDENTS SAFELY BACK AND FORTH TO SCHOOL EACH DAY; ROBYN KERR, SHELBY LATURNUS, SUSAN JOHNSON, CARMEN HANSON AND CARLENA ACKER. SCHOOL PICTURES WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 31ST IN THE MORNING AND HALLOWEEN DRESS UP WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR ANNUAL TERRY FOX AND MOM'S PANTRY FUNDRAISER. ALL MONEY RAISED FROM MOM'S PANTRY WILL GO TOWARDS YEAR END FIELD TRIPS. PLEASE WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK PAGE REGARDING OUR UPCOMING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING UP IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

HAPPY "COWTOBER"!
MRS. SUSAN LEGAULT.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ALEC CAIRNS ~ SEPTEMBER 1

RENEE GAFF ~ SEPTEMBER 2

DOMINIC ANDREE ~ SEPTEMBER 11

JANINE PERRAULT ~ SEPTEMBER 14

QUINN OLSON ~ SEPTEMBER 20

GRACIE MCCREA ~ SEPTEMBER 26

JOEY PERRAULT ~ OCTOBER 25

ROBYN KERR ~ OCTOBER 13



*Congratulations
to*

*Spencer + Ashton Davis
on their wedding
this past summer*

**WE WOULD LIKE TO
EXTEND A
BIG MUSTANG
WELCOME TO**

MRS. LEAH BISSONNETTE

My name is Leah Bissonnette and I am teaching highschool English Language Arts, PAA 7-9, and Art K-4 and 5-9. I live in Cadillac with my husband, 3 kids, dog, and cat! I also teach halftime at Ponteix School. I love to read, cook and bake, hike at Grasslands, and spend time with my family. I look forward to getting to know more about Val Marie and everyone that lives here!

**We would like to extend a
Big Mustang Welcome
to Renee Gaff**

**Hi, I'm Renee Gaff. I am from a
ranching family from Maple
Creek, Sk. I enjoy taking care
of my yard & flowers, cooking
& visiting. I have 2 children
Ryder & Dakota and 2
grandsons. I look forward to
meeting the students and staff.**

Parent Reminder

**Please send cutlery & a
water bottle to school
if you have not yet
with your child**

**welcome to
kindergarten**

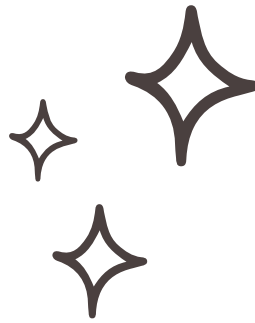
QUINN OLSON

**OCTOBER 18TH IS
SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
APPRECIATION**

THANK YOU

**TO ALL OF OUR HARD-WORKING
BUS DRIVERS!**

**SHELBY, ROBYN, SUSAN,
CARMEN & CARLENA**



**Picture Day
Tuesday,
October 31st**



Thank you to everyone
who supported our
Mom's Pantry
Fundraiser!!!

We raised \$1259.51
Your support is
greatly appreciated!!

HAT DAY EVERY

FRIDAY

WEAR YOUR HAT

FOR \$1



**TEMPERATURE IS
DROPPING
BE WINTER READY!**

**WINTER COAT
MITTS
HAT
SCARF**

**SNOW PANTS
WINTER BOOTS
CHANGE OF SOCKS**

Milk Program

**Grades 3~4 are
running the Milk
Program**



**15 Chocolate or
White milk for \$20**

**Gracie's Popcorn
Every Wednesday for a
Buck a Bag!**

**Or you can buy a
Popcorn card 10 for \$10**



**FRIDAY THE 13TH WILL BE
THE LAST DAY TO HAND IN
TERRY FOX DONATIONS**

**VAL MARIE SCHOOL WILL
ONCE AGAIN BE RUNNING
THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK
FAIR FROM
Nov. 6TH-10TH @
THE SCHOOL**

Cross Country Running Team

Trevyn Glas, Nieve Beauchamp, Flint McGuire, Alec Cairns, Mason Mything and Josie Legault
Josie, Mason and Alec all competed at Districts in Frontier. They represented our school well with some personal bests despite the weather!

PERSONAL BEST TIMES:

1 km runners: Trevyn 8:27; Flint 6:16; Nieve 5:40

2km runners: Alec 13:03; Josie 12:23; Mason 10:30

Thank you to January for helping coach, and running with the kids this year.



Mr. and Mrs. Rushka helped Kindergarten ~ Grade 4s
to learn about soils that support plant growth.

We picked pumpkins, fed the goats
and enjoyed a beautiful
day followed by lunch in Cadillac!





Grades 10-12 Volunteering

Career Fair

Grade 10-12 students attended the annual Chinook Career Expo at the Swift Current Comp on October 11th. Students got to pick 4 live sessions to attend as well as tour the gym full of exhibitors from all over Western Canada. It was a great day for making connections and getting a "feel" for what the future could hold.



To Whom it may concern:

Ponteix School, with Pambrum as co-host, will be hosting the Provincial AA Boys Volleyball Championship on Friday, November 24 and Saturday the 25th. Approximately one hundred fifty players and coaches from across the province will be participating in this prestigious event.

Our team consists of athletes from Ponteix School, L'Ecole Boreale, Vanguard and Val Marie School.

We require the support of Ponteix and surrounding communities. Some of our expenses will include t-shirts for volunteers, bagged lunches for athletes, team and coach gifts, and decorations.

We are requesting donations (cash, coupons, or merchandise) to help offset the cost of this tournament.

We thank you for considering our request, and we hope you will be able to help. The economic impact of this event will benefit our community. All sponsors will be recognized in the program. All cheques and merchandise can be sent to:

Ponteix School
Box 630
Ponteix, SK
S0N 1Z0

If you have any questions you can contact the school at 625-3277 or email lkendall@chinooksd.ca

Leah Bissonnette
Lori Kendall
Provincial 2A Volleyball Committee

Important Dates

October 16 ~ Val Marie School hosts Sr. Boys Volleyball Game
Time TBA

November 9 ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-6:00 pm

November 13 ~ No School Remembrance Day

November 16 ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-6:00 pm

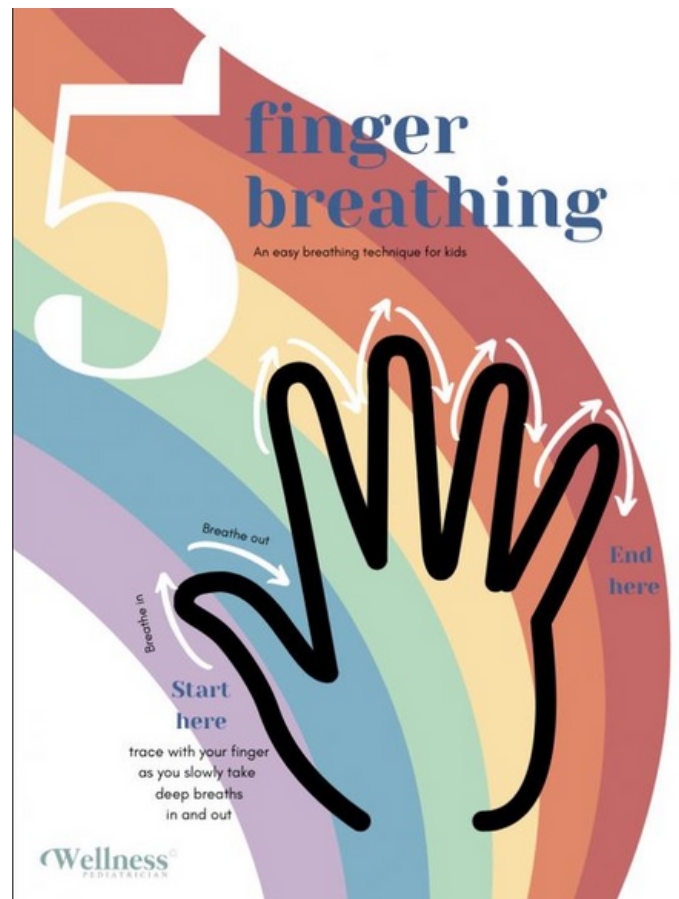
November 20 ~ No School In lieu of Parent/Teacher Conference

November 24 & 25 ~ Sr Boys Volleyball host Provincials in Ponteix & Pambrum



8 WAYS ROUTINES BENEFIT KIDS

Cooperation	Less Power Struggles
Expectations Are Established	Consistency
Confidence & Independence	Stronger Family Connections
Time Management Skills	Stability & Security



Early Learning Centre News

The Christmas fundraiser for Val Marie Early Learning Centre is now underway. Be sure to check out the chocolate and coffee! Forms can be picked up from the centre or delivered to you if you live in town. All monies and orders are due on October 30th.

The Early Learning Centre is having a hot lunch day on Monday, October 16 from 11:30 - 1:00. \$5.00 for a plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and a slice of garlic toast. This is open to everyone in the community. Please come to the north doors of the school, adjacent to the playground.