



# Grade Two News

## October 2018



Hard to believe we are in month number two of grade two. Students have worked hard to demonstrate an understanding of 'above the line' behaviors at school (using appropriate manners and following rules). We are pleased with students effort and progress. Please remember our day begins at 8:30 am, it is very important your child arrives on time to ensure they don't miss important learning opportunities. If you have not already done so, please send headphones with your child as we use them for listen to reading and computer projects. Students also require a water bottle to help them stay hydrated throughout the day.

School picture day will be on October 10th and 11th.

### Language:

We will continue working on building our stamina during **Daily 5 literacy** activities (read to self, read to someone, word work, work on writing and listen to reading). Students are enjoying working on their reading and writing stamina. Students will begin working on our grade 2 spelling program, **Words Their Way**. Students will be grouped into **four** groups to allow us to best meet each child's academic needs.

Home reading will begin this month. Please watch for the home reading bag (book and recording sheet). Students will be awarded a prize for every 25 nights of reading. We ask that you please spend 10- 15 min per night listening to your child read, to further enhance their accuracy and fluency skills. Thank you for your continued support.

Book orders will be sent home in October. Due dates for book orders will be written in student agendas.

### Math:

We are continuing to work on **patterns**. Each child will be identifying, reproducing, extending and creating repeating, increasing and decreasing patterns. We are also working on our **number sense** unit, students are learning to break apart numbers and find all the ways to make ten.

### Science:

We will be continuing with our unit on **Exploring Liquids**. The kids are enjoying getting their hands wet while doing lots of experiments. There are lots of opportunities to identify and observe liquids at home; you can ask your child to compare different liquids and explain their properties. Coming up this month, we will also learn about the water cycle and the importance of water in our lives.

### Social:

Students worked hard to remember the location of the 4 communities, from our first social unit. The four focus communities in grade two social studies are: **Ponoka, AB/ Saskatoon, SK/ Meteghan, NS, and Iqaluit, NT**. We have started our first exciting journey to Iqaluit, Nunavut. Please ask your child about Iqaluit and all the exciting learning adventures.



## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are October 25th from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Interview scheduling letters will be sent home in October. Appointments are booked on a first come, first serve basis. The purpose of this interview is to discuss how your child is adjusting to the social expectations and routines of grade two, as well as baseline (Sept- Oct.) academic progress.

School Pictures will be on October 10-11th.

Grade twos will have their pictures taken on October 10.





# Halloween Information!

Your child may dress up for the day on Wednesday Oct. 31. A few students from each afternoon homeroom will be asked to bring a snack to share with their class. Everyone will be asked to bring snacks for ONE party throughout the year. Please watch for a note with further details in mid Oct. We will participate in grade level activities planned for the afternoon. No make up will be applied to children. Please NO masks, swords or guns.

*Ponoka Elementary School is trying to go digital with our monthly newsletters.* In addition to the general school newsletter that will be posted online each month, you can stay informed about the specific happenings in grade two by checking out our grade two team website:

[www.pesgrade2.weebly.com](http://www.pesgrade2.weebly.com) Each month we will post a calendar of events and updates about exciting learning events. **If you do not have the ability/access to view our grade two website, please let us know and we will make other arrangements.**

## Our Grade 2 Blog

You can access our grade level blog at the following domain:

<http://pesgrade2.weebly.com>

The link can also be found on each of our *Teacher pages on the Ponoka Elementary School website.* We will use this blog to inform you of our learning activities/ projects each month, upcoming events and due dates of book orders and forms. We will post pictures and add a variety websites/games to enhance your child's learning. We will attach monthly calendars to the website as well.

**Please check the website frequently.**

Thank you to everyone who raised  
money for the Terry Fox Run.  
Way to go!

We hope that you as parents will become comfortable approaching and communicating with us about your child. Your involvement is appreciated and important! When you have questions or concerns, we would ask that you contact your son/daughter's homeroom teacher as a first point of contact. Then we can facilitate communication with other team members. Listed below are our school phone and email information.

Sign up for REMIND 101 and receive text messages about what's happening in your child's classroom.



	Enter this number	Text this message
<b>Mrs. Abt</b>	(587) 409-5868	@babt2
<b>Mrs. Wessner</b>	(587)316-6201	@mrswessn
<b>Ms. Allen</b>	(289)204-1128	@f6cd6g
<b>Mrs. J.</b>	(587) 316 6201	@johansen-2

Teacher	School phone	email
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Lisa Allen	403-783-3583 EXT. 4279	lisa.allen@wolfcreek.ab.ca
Shauna Wessner	403-783-3583 EXT. 4224	shauna.wessner@wolfcreek.ab.ca
Joan Johansen	403-783-3583 Ext 4651	joan.johansenhornett@wolfcreek.ab.ca
Emergency phone calls should be directed to the office, as teachers often are not able to get to the phone if it rings during class.		



# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Home Reading Begins	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> School pictures 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Staff collaboration day (No school for students)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Parent Teacher interviews 3:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> Staff collaboration day (No school for students)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween Fun 			