

# Prairieview Post

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*Together we will ensure learning success for all students to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.*

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## MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who could attend Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday. If you were unable to attend, but would still like to meet, you can still contact your child's teacher to arrange a time.



We would like to remind everyone that due to allergies, VPE is a nut-free zone. We thank you for your concern and cooperation.

## Bell Changes

The warning bell will now go at 8:25 am everyday to begin school. Monday to Thursday, school will end at 3:23. Friday dismissal is now at 12:30. There will be a short lunch break on Fridays so please send your child with at least some snacks.



## Principals Message

Welcome Back Everyone!

Although the summer always seems to go by so quickly, it is also nice for our kids to get back into those nightly routines of consistent bedtimes and daily activities. If your children are like mine, it's been an exciting first week, but they have come home pretty tired.

The start of the school year has been a smooth one. We welcomed 18 new students to our school but we also lost a few who have moved away. Overall, we are down a few students and sit at a total of 185 students from kindergarten to grade 6. Our staff remains fairly consistent from last year with only one change. Mrs. Kim Booth has transferred from V.P.E. and has moved a little closer to home, teaching at Arrowwood. We thank her for support of our school and her grade 5/6 class last year. Mrs. Jody Beagle has moved over from Arrowwood, where she was principal, and is now the Vice-principal and grade 5-6 teacher here at V.P.E.. This is the fourth time that Jody and I have worked together and I deeply admire her commitment and skill as a teacher. Great to have you back Mrs. Beagle!




We are getting right into the swing of things in terms of extracurricular activities. Starting Monday, we will begin our running club and Thursday, after school basketball starts. Intramurals, school patrol, x-country run and Terry Fox run will also occur in the month of September. Academics and providing a safe and caring for our students remain the focus for our students. V.P.E., like all schools in Pallier Regional Schools, continues to have a heavy focus on literacy. We will be tracking the progress of all of our students throughout the year and ensuring that every student continues to grow and progress as a reader. The "Leader in Me", based upon Stephen Covey's, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People", continues to be a focus in ensuring that we provide a safe and caring school AND that everyone in our school community, students and staff, develops their leadership skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our farming families a successful harvest and to everyone, a fantastic month of September.

Shane Cranston

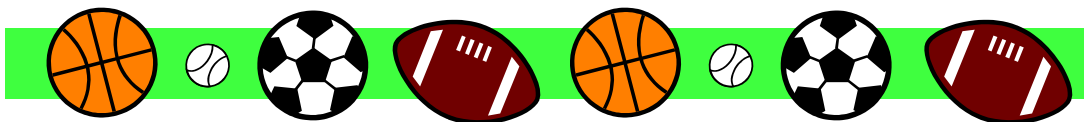
# September Calendar of Events



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 First Day of School 	3	4 Welcome Back Breakfast 8:00	5
8 School Patrol Orientation Soccer Intramurals Begin	9 Running Club	10 Bus Safety Assembly at 9:00 Running Club	11 After-school basketball	12
15 PD Day (No School for Students)	16 Grade 3/4 French Milk Starts School Patrol Begins Running Club	17 School Pictures Running Club	18  School Pictures After-school basketball	19 Fred Fox Visit Terry Fox Run 
22 Cross Country Run (Gr. 3-6)	23 Running Club	24 Running Club	25 After-school basketball	26 Grade 5/6 French Begins
29	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 After-school basketball	Oct. 3

## School Sports

Throughout the year students have a chance to participate in running, basketball, volleyball, curling, badminton and track and field after school. Be sure to keep an eye out for registration forms throughout the year. Return your running club and basketball forms soon.



## Who's New at VPE...



Mrs. Beagle has once again joined our VPE team. She was here a few years ago and then went back to Arrowwood. She will be taking on the role of Grade 5/6 teacher as well as vice-principal here. We are excited to have her back in Vulcan.

The week began with a splash as Mr. Cranston took part in the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS at our first assembly. Thank you Mr. Cranston for being such a good sport and leader. It was a fun way to end an awesome first day of school!



VPE is always looking for parents, grandparents or other community members who would like to help out in school. Whether it is reading with students, or sharing a special skill or knowledge please talk to Mr. Cranston or your child's teacher about how you can help out in the school.





## Welcome Back Breakfast!

This year to kick off another exciting school year, students enjoyed a breakfast on Thursday, September 4th. The staff provided muffins along with fruit and juice. It was a great way to start off the school year as a whole school community. Thank you to Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Lanktree for organizing the event again!

The milk program is continuing this year. Milk is delivered at lunch time from Monday to Thursday. Students can choose between chocolate and white.

Cost: Individual Milk \$1 each  
or  
Purchase a milk card for 12 milks for \$10.



## One Dream: A World Without Cancer

VPE will once again be taking part in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 19th. We will all work towards Terry's goal of ending cancer.

In order to make this event a success, we are in need of help. If you can come help set-up, hand out water bottles or walk with us it would be greatly appreciated.



More information will be coming, however if you are interested or have questions please contact Ms. Heather Meehan at the school (485-2074).

Thank you for your support



## Superintendent Message

Welcome, everyone, to a new school year, full of possibilities and opportunities for learning and growing.

This year, Palliser Regional Schools has adopted the theme of “Leadership in Literacy.” It’s a name we gave a Literacy Symposium we held in Palliser in October 2013. This professional development opportunity was attended by Central Office and school administrators, and all the presenters were part of the Palliser team, sharing their own expertise and experiences in literacy education.

By echoing that name as this year’s theme, we commit to continuing and deepening our work in literacy as a means of best supporting student success in school and in life.

The theme also reflects the leadership opportunities available to each of us as educators, support staff, parents/guardians and students in this literacy journey. Each of us has an opportunity to support each other in literacy, whether by modelling reading and writing, by talking about the books we read and enjoy and by supporting our students as they develop reading and writing skills.

At all grades and in all schools, we are focused on literacy as the key building block to critical thinking skills and engaged citizenship. Through literacy, we’ll help our students achieve their fullest potential wherever their lives, ambitions and interests take them.

Thank you for being part of Palliser and for being part of this literacy journey. I look forward to seeing where our students and our staff take their literacy journey in the coming year.

Finally, don’t forget to have fun. Our years in K-12 school go by so quickly. While we’re in the midst of those years as students and parents/guardians, take time to enjoy the experiences and opportunities that come with school life. Make the most of it!

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent  
Palliser Regional Schools

## Have you checked out the Vulcan Prairieview Elementary Facebook Page?

We now have a published page that we hope will help to keep you informed about upcoming events as well as share the great things that happen here at VPE. Be sure to like us! We have 152 likes and hope to keep growing.



# First Week Fun!

Empowered Minds  
Building  
Strong Community



We can't wait to see  
what the year has in  
store here at VPE!