

# 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

We were glad to see many new and familiar parent faces on Thursday night. If you did not have a chance to come to 'Meet the Teacher' night, please be sure to stop in and chat with your child's teacher before or after-school.



Although we are not aware of any serious peanut allergies, as a school we continue to be cautious in this regard. Please be assured to inform us if your child has such an allergy.

## Bell Changes

The warning bell will now go at 8:30 am everyday to begin school. Monday to Thursday, school will end at 3:24. 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.



Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. The first few days back at school are always special as everyone returns with such enthusiasm. It's been a great first week as we welcomed 17 new students and three new teachers to our school. Although we also lost a few students, our numbers remain fairly consistent from the previous years, at around 200, from kindergarten to grade 6. As you may know, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Danielle Booker, teaching grade 3-4, and Mrs. Kim Booth and Miss Sarah Edmonds teaching grades 5-6. Several years ago, Kim and I had an opportunity to work together in Milo and it is great to be back together again.

We are also excited about some of the new programs we have in store this year. French is back at V.P.E. as the grade 3-4's once again add it to their weekly schedule. We are also introducing the "Leader in Me", a character based program based upon the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People", by Stephen Covey. The staff have been actively involved in working through this program and we look forward to working with all of the students of V.P.E..

We are pleased to announce that we are now Facebook official! If you have not yet "liked" us on V.P.E.'s new Facebook page, please come and check it out. It is updated very frequently and probably your best source of current information. We also have a new website that can be accessed at [www.vpes.ca](http://www.vpes.ca). As we have done in the past, regular newsletters will be sent out this year although we hope to go as paperless as possible. There are many ways we hope to keep you up to speed this year but if you ever feel you are not getting the information you need to support your child, please let us know.


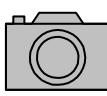

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and met their child's teacher yesterday. We had many parents turn out and hopefully it was the beginning of a positive partnership between home and school. As parents, you obviously know your child best and we depend on all of you to help provide the best education possible.

Have a great harvest to those of you in the fields and enjoy the last days of this great weather.

Mr. Shane Cranston

# September Calendar of Events

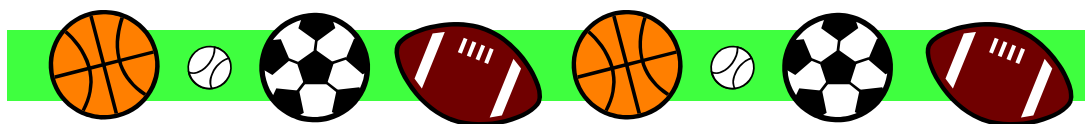


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 1st Day! 	4 Welcome back breakfast	5 Meet the Teacher and Mass Registration	6 Don't forget to bring back your summer reading
9	10	11	12	13
16 Running Club	17	18 School Pictures Running Club	19 School Pictures 	20 PD Day (No School for Students)
23 Running Club	24	25 Running Club	26	27 Terry Fox Run 
30 After-school basketball begins	October 1	2	3 After-school basketball	4

The x-country run date is yet to be determined but look for a note in the next couple of weeks.

## 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.



your run-  
forms

basketball forms will be coming home soon!

Return  
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## Who's New at VPE...

We are all excited to welcome some new faces to VPE. Along with many new students, we also have some new staff members.

Here they are so you can say hello when you see them in the school!

**Mrs. Booker** - Mrs. Booker is a new teacher and is joining the Grade 3/4 team here at VPE. She graduated from St. Mary's and was busy teaching the final two months of last year. She and her husband have moved to the Vulcan area from High River.



**Mrs. Booth** - Some of you may recognize Mrs. Booth from our sports events. She has transferred here from Milo school and has lots of teaching experience to share. She is busy with four children of her own as well. She will be teaching Grade 5/6 this year.



**Miss Edmonds** - Miss Edmonds is also new to teaching. She graduated from the University of Lethbridge and then taught for the last two months of last year. She is excited to join the Vulcan community as well as the Grade 5/6 team.

Vulcan Prairieview is lucky to have such dedicated and eager teachers come into our school.

## What Else is New?

- \*This year Grade 3 and 4 students will be doing French.
- \*There will be even more intramurals offered.
- \*Students will learn about 7 important Habits.
- \*Trickster Theatre will be returning in February!





## Welcome Back Breakfast!

This year to kick off another exciting school year,

students enjoyed a breakfast on Wednesday, September 4th. The staff provided muffins along with fruit and juice. It was a great way to start off the second day as a whole school community. Thank you to Mrs. Ellis for organizing the event!

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 27th. We will all work towards Terry's goal of ending cancer.

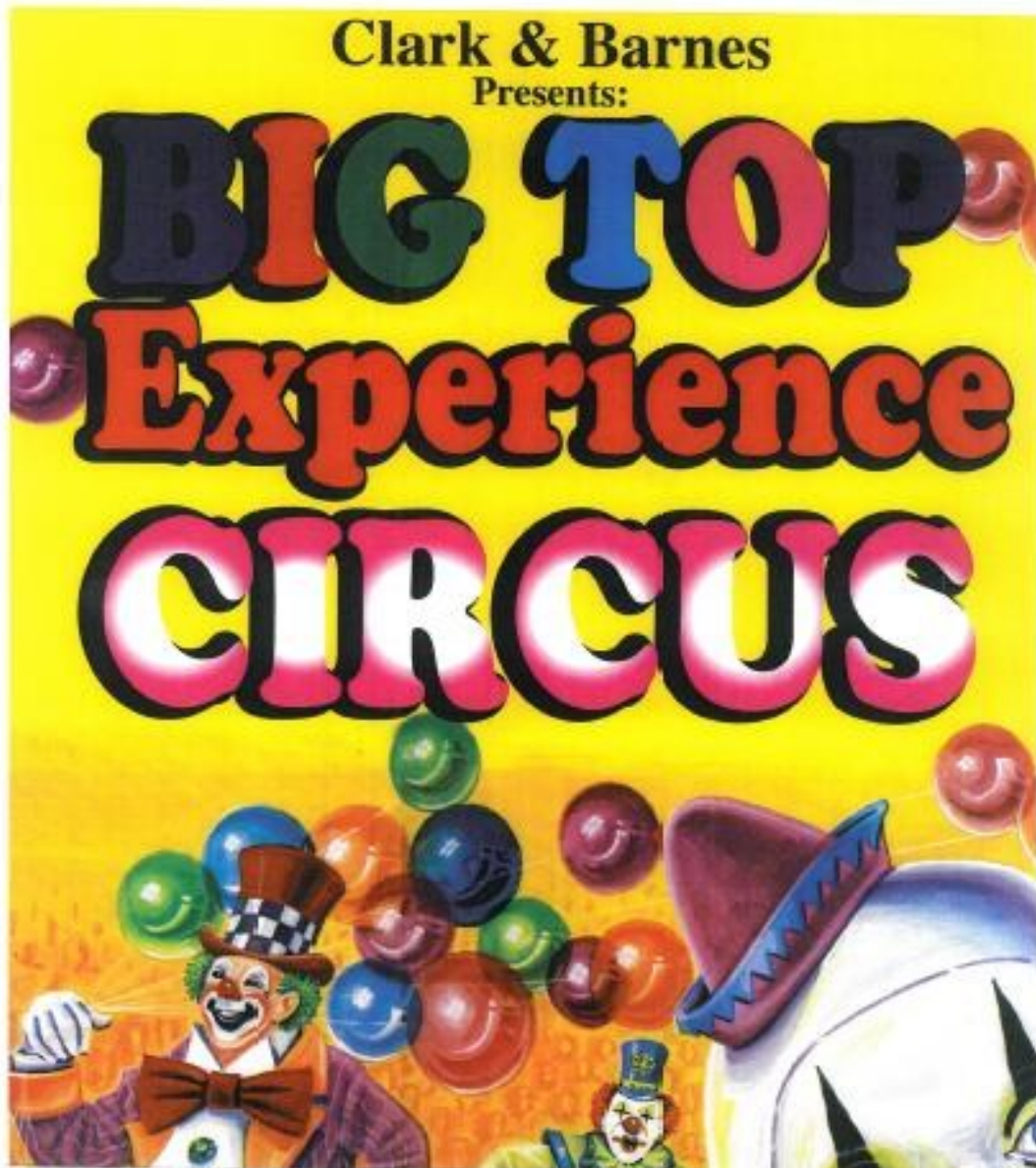
In order to make this event a success, we are in need of help. If you can come help set-up, hand out water bottles or walk with us it would be greatly appreciated.



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





**Vulcan AB**  
**Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Vulcan Rodeo Grounds**  
**Showtimes 4:30 & 7pm**  
 Sponsored by the  
 Town of Vulcan Recreation Department  
 Advance Tickets Available at  
 Market Street Foods & the Recreation Office

**TICKETS:**  
 Advance Tickets  
 \$15.00 Adults 15 years old and up  
 \$7.00 Child 3-14 years old  
 At the Door Tickets  
 \$20.00 Adult 15 years old and up  
 \$10.00 Child 3-14 years old

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.



**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!

## Piano Offered Again

Jalena Charko will be offering half hour lessons during school hours on Thursday's. She has up to Grade 9 Royal Conservatory and Grade 2 Rudiments. She is working with a world renowned pianist/teacher, Michael Angell. These half hour lesson's will cost \$17.00 and will be billed at the beginning of each month (piano books not included). If you prefer not to do the lesson during school hours, she will also be offering lessons after school hours in her own studio at 112 Allen Crescent.



For more information please contact Jalena:

[403-485-1313](tel:403-485-1313) (Work- cell number)

[403-485-2277](tel:403-485-2277) (Home)

or e-mail : [jalena.charko@gmail.com](mailto:jalena.charko@gmail.com)



Karate will once again be running out of the VPE gym Mondays and Thursday from 7:00 8:30pm for ages 8 years old and up. Parents are welcome to attend.

Save the Date for...

## "Raising Great Kids" September 13<sup>th</sup>

**What:** A chance to exchange ideas and pick up tips, tools and encouragement. Open to anybody who loves a child and wants to help them blossom. This event is a combination conference, kids clothing/toy swap, resource fair, and fun family event.

**When:** Friday September 13, 2013 from 3pm - 8pm (Keynote is at 7:00)

**Where:** County Central High School & the CRC, Vulcan

**Cost:** \$3 per adult or 2 for \$5

**Guided Workshops:** Positive Parenting Program, Learning Language and Loving It, Family Literacy, Building with Kids, Grandparents Parenting, and Kids Have Stress Too!

**Keynote Speaker: Julie Freedman** (Parenting Power) **"Maintaining Sanity"**. Learn tips and tricks to maintain a healthy balance between life, kids, work, and your own needs. This talk will be both humorous and informative.

Supervised kids activities for children 4-11 years old      Supper  
will be available for purchase

Children's clothing & toy swap, please call FCSS if you would like to rent a free table



Welcome back, Palliser students and families!

This year, Palliser Regional Schools has adopted a theme of “Literacy: Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader.” This reflects our belief that literacy is the key to success in school and in life.

In my opening day address to our staff, I shared a quote from former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan about the value of literacy.

“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development, an essential complement to investments in roads, dams, clinics and factories. Literacy is a platform for democratization, and a vehicle for the promotion of cultural and national identity. Especially for girls and women, it is an agent of family health and nutrition. For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right... Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential.”

We can see the truth of this in our own communities. Palliser’s investment in literacy, in having all teachers support and teach literacy in our classrooms at all grade levels and in all subjects, is truly an investment in the future of our communities. When literacy rates rise, our society improves.

I promise you will be hearing more about literacy through the year, as our two literacy coaches share their expertise not only with teachers and administrators, but with you, our parents and guardians.

After all, we are all teachers of literacy.

One way you can access information on literacy is through our new website. Still found at [www.pallisersd.ab.ca](http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca), this site was designed with you, our parents/guardians, in mind. You’ll find information about Palliser’s many programs and services, links to helpful resources, and a tool for tracking the status of your Palliser school bus. We’ve pared down the documents you don’t need and focused on the ones you do need.

If you have comments about our website, or a literacy success story to share, please contact my office at 403-328-4111 or by email through our website. I’d appreciate your feedback.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent

Palliser Regional Schools



# First Week Fun!



It promises to  
be a great year  
here at VPE!

