



Pictou Landing First Nation School

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Dear Pictou Landing First Nation School Families,

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Our Primaries and Grade 1&2 students have decorated a tree at the Highland Square mall with their handmade decorations! Check it out the next time you are at the mall.

Thanks to everyone who came to our Parent-Teacher meetings at this busy time of year. If you were unable to come in, and you wish to meet with your child's teachers, please feel free to come in or call to set up a meeting time convenient to you.

We are looking forward to a December full of learning and Christmas fun. We will be having our Christmas Spirit Days –December 18 to 21, with a different theme or activity for each day. Also our **Christmas Bazaar** will be held Tuesday, December 19. Students will have the opportunity to purchase items for close family members at bargain prices and experience the pleasure of giving a gift that they themselves have selected and purchased. We are always looking for donations of small items for this event.

The annual **WOW READING Challenge** has begun. Our school has always done very well in this challenge, and we hope to do so again this time! Books read at home count too!

Just a note about homework.:

Grades 1-6 have regular homework, and starting in 2nd term Grade Primary will also be taking weekly homework home. It is important that your child gets their homework done and handed in on time.

This encourages good work habits which needs to start in elementary school.

Each teacher has a Teacher Page on our website at pictoulandingschool.ca

On this page you will find regular updates regarding what is being learned in your child's class, as well as homework and assignments, and any upcoming assessments. Please check back frequently to keep updated.



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Check out our Decorated Tree at the Highland Square Mall!

SNOW SAFTEY TIPS

So far we have been spared snowy days, but winter is on it's way. Please remind children that when travelling to and from school, to take extra caution when crossing roads. Snow banks make it very difficult to see children waiting for the bus or looking to cross the road. It might be hard for drivers to see you playing if they have snowy or frosty windows. Icy roads can also make it difficult to stop. Do not play on roadside snow banks, snowplow drivers or other drivers may not see you. Be Safe !

Mark Your Calendar!

Dec. 18 to 21	Christmas Spirit Days
Dec. 18	Wear Christmas Colours
Dec.19	Christmas Bazaar & Pajama Day
Dec. 20	Dress Up Fancy Day Christmas Concert 2 pm
Dec. 21	Fun Swim at Fisheries Pool Last day of school
Jan. 3	First day back after break



STORM DAY CANCELLATIONS With winter weather on its way, icy roads, snow and freezing rain will be sure to happen. For all schools, winter weather means the potential closure of schools when conditions are considered unsafe for our students and staff. Cancellations due to weather conditions will be announced in several ways:

If you hear an announcement in the media that Chignecto Central Regional School Board schools are closed or are closing across the board or in the Celtic Family (Pictou County), then PLFN School will also be closed. Information is sent to all local radio stations including ECFM 94.1 and CBC in Nova Scotia. If we have no power, we will also post on the Pictou Landing First Nation School Information Page on Facebook as well as our school website.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of small new or gently used items to go in our Christmas Bazaar. You can drop items off or call the school to arrange for pick up.

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Some suggestions:

- Ornaments
- decorations
- mugs
- candles
- small toys
- crafts
- puzzles
- scarves
- gloves
- pendant

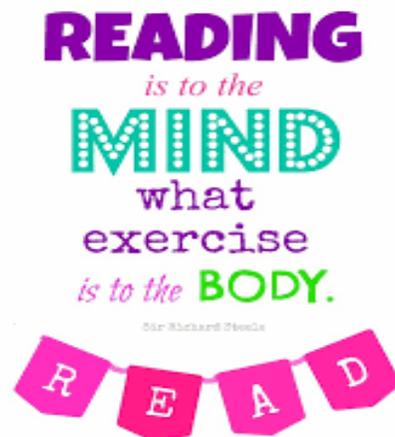


The WOW Reading Challenge has begun and will run to April 2018.

In this challenge, students keep track of all the books they read. We send our results in each week to the tally board at the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library website.

Rules for the WOW Reading Challenge.

- Any story book, chapter book, novel, graphic novel, or non fiction book less than 50 pages counts as one book.
- Every 50 pages read in a longer book = 1 book.
- Reading a newspaper or magazine also counts as a book. Books read at home or at school count towards our tally.
- Books that parents read to their children also count towards our tally, so you can let your child's teacher know the number of books read at home.



Wela'liek!

- Elders Linda, Sadie, Freda, and Ralph for helping out with events at our school.
- To all Band Office & Health Centre Staff for putting on a spooktacular Hallowe'en party for our students!
- Valerie Bernard and Brenda Wilson for taking our choir to the Pictou County Christmas Telethon on Sunday, November 26.
- Ann and Don Muisse for providing us transportation to the Pictou County Christmas Telethon and Highland Square Mall for tree decoration.
- Courtney Alex for volunteering in our school.
- Empire Theatre for donation of movie passes so our Grade 5/6 students could go see "Wonder" the movie based on a book they have been studying in class.
- Karen for decorating our hall and stage for Christmas!
- Heather Browning for arranging the donation of these tickets, and Sheila Francis for the snacks!
- Ladies from the I.O.D.E for the knitted mittens!
- Crystal & VCM for funding our Fun Swim on Dec. 21!

**The act of
giving without
the expectation
of something
in return is
the true
definition of
kindness.**

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OUR GRADE 5/6 CLASS WENT TO VISIT THEIR GRADE 2/3 BUDDIES FROM WALTER DUGGAN SCHOOL.

HERE ARE SOME OF THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THEIR VISIT.

I think Walter Duggan school was a cool school. I like the students. They were very nice. I hope I see my buddies again. The classroom was very messy but I respect it. I won't blame them. They had a small classroom with 26 kids. I loved their school. The school was bigger than ours. When they came to our school I liked that we got to teach them some Mi'kmaq words. I liked the games we played. My favourite was the scavenger hunt.

-Paige Francis

When we were on the bus on our way to Walter Duggan school to visit the grade 2/3 I thought they would have a small average school like mine, but my expectations were wrong and when we got to their school it was about the size of three giant buses. It had three floors, and when I arrived in the classroom my buddy I made, Ginger, gave me a big hug and said "Ariel!". She asked me a lot of questions and I answered them as best as I could. She also went on about her favourite Hallowe'en candy including the candy she did not like. She was funny and pretty much had a smile on her face the entire time. Luar, on the other hand talked about her favourite running games and playing tag. She asked me if I liked playing tag so I said sure and then she asked me to play with her at recess. Luar was shy and Ginger was always wanting to hold my hand and when she took me around the school she did not let go of my arm or even leave my side. Both of them were nice and Luar soon was not shy to me. I hope to see them both again..

-Ariel Francis

I went to Walter Duggan school. I liked that they were happy to see us. I did like that we are bigger than grade 2/3. I did not have to do a lot. I liked that how big the school was. I like going to new places so much, I love it. I liked that they did show us around. They are nice to us.

-Nicholas Strickland

When we went to Walter Duggan school I like meeting new people and even got a new name Mr. look-alike. I liked doing the scavenger hunt. When Walter Duggan school came to our school I like playing bingo with my buddies. It was fun. We also did a round dance that was fun too. All of it was fun, but the thing I liked the most was experiencing the kids and their school.

-Evan Beadle

We visited Walter Duggan. They have four hundred and some kids. I am glad that I could play with my new friends Jake and Carter, and also play with my distant cousins. When they came to our school it was pretty fun too. When I went to their school somebody was like, "Hey girl, get out of the bathroom," but he was ok. At their school I was having a lot of fun, like we played sharks and mines. That was most fun. It was like magic because I was with my friends, so I am glad I went and I had fun.

-Ethan Francis

Walter Duggan School Visit

First they went to our school. We told him a bit about our culture. We danced and had a Mi'kmaq bingo game, and each time someone got a bingo. They also got this paper with colouring word searches then we went to recess. After that we went to the gym and did a friendship dance. I had so much fun when they came here. I loved it like when we did the Mi'kmaq bingo. When they remembered what the word meant I know they understood what they were saying.

- Kyleigh Francis

When we went to Walter Duggan School we saw a lot of classes. There were fifteen classes. We could not find the kids that we were with before, but when we found the class it was not that small like I thought it was. It was big like ours.

Before we left, we went to the gym. It was super small. I had a lot of fun there. When we left I was sad, but I had fun in a big field. We played games in the big field. That's why it was fun there.

-Seth Williams

Visit to Walter Duggan School

My class visited Walter Duggan school. We visited the grade two and threes. I liked it when they showed us around the school because we got to know where the gym, classes. and everything were. But I didn't like it we had to go so soon. Also I liked it that they had a big field. I didn't like that their class was messy. It was hard to get around with 26 students. I had fun there.

-Kyle Denny Francis

When our class went to Walter Duggan school I was amazed how big the office was. It was as big as our class, but that's not the point. I like that we visited Walter Duggan school grade two and three and I like that we hung out with our old buddies from the other time they visited our school, but that's another story. I like to recall the first time they came, but that's not what I'm talking about. I liked that we hung out with them, but at recess I got lost, but I regrouped with my buddies. Then we went back and then we played a scavenger hunt which we found cool facts that were about Halloween. That was fun.

- Mark Augustine

Our class went to visit Walter Duggan School. I had lots of fun playing and talking with the grade two and three students. I liked how the people were very nice. They welcomed us into their school and let us feel at home. Their teacher was really nice like ours, a very nice young woman filled with respect for others and herself.

- Jake Maloney

Our whole school had the opportunity to see the student production of ELF The Musical at New Glasgow Academy. Here are some reviews of the play by three Gr. 1 and 2 students.

*"Today we went to New Glasgow Academy to watch the play "Elf". The students worked very hard on the play. I really liked the play."
Kiera-Bernard Mills Grade 2*

*"Today we went to the New Glasgow Academy to watch the play "Elf". My favourite part was when the kids and Buddy the Elf were throwing snowballs at the other kids. I thought it was funny. The students worked very hard on the play, they practiced for a long time. I thought the students were good actors."
Janelle Beadle Grade 2*

*"I loved the play "Elf".
Kallie Cooke Grade 1*

