

Poplar Ridge School March Newsletter

Happy March! We hope you all had a wonderful Family day and Winter Break!

Top things you need to know about Poplar Ridge for March:

Our School Report Card! We are celebrating... Drum roll please.....

Academic Excellence:

Reading - 92% of our students are reading at or above grade level!

Science - The percentage of students achieving the Standard of Excellence has increased from 11% in 2022, to 23% in 2023 and 41% in 2024!!!

Social Emotional Well- Being:

Parental Involvement - We are very pleased with the increase in satisfaction with Parental Involvement. Thank you, parents, for your continued support and active involvement in education.

Safe and Caring School - Parents and staff agree! We are a Safe and Caring School and received a 100% rating from parents and staff.

Attendance: 92% of our students are attending school regularly.

Career Connections:

We at Poplar Ridge, offer leadership opportunities that foster meaningful connections to future career pathways. These opportunities include managing our school store, overseeing the recycling program and many other opportunities designed to help students develop skills for future success.

What's next for Poplar Ridge? We are focused on enhancing numeracy skills.

A focus for our school division is to ensure safe and caring school environments where each student, staff member and parent feels welcome, and respected. Implementation of safety protocols through Hour Zero, as well as engagement with stakeholders to better understand this important topic is a key priority for the 2024-2025 school year. We have used "shelter in place" a few times when moose have entered our neighborhood. School Emergency Program Guide for Parents

For more information, you can familiarize yourself with the Chinook's Edge webpage that is focused on safety in schools: Chinook's Edge School Division Safety Plans

<u>Mark Your Calendar</u> - On Mar. 6, at 2:15, Clair Butterfly, a Cree knowledge-keeper, will host his dance performance for the staff and students. Families are welcome to attend.

<u>Professional Learning Days-</u> Our staff will be engaged in Professional Learning Days on Mar. 7 and 21. Please note that there is no school for students on those dates.

<u>Parent Teacher Interviews</u>- Spring Parent Teacher Interviews are on Wednesday, Mar. 19 and Thursday, Mar. 20. Stay tuned for an email regarding sign ups.

<u>School Council</u> The next bottle drive will be Mar. 19 and 20. Our next meeting is Mar. 28 at 9 am.

Alien Inline - Inline skating is coming to Poplar Ridge! Stay tuned for more information!!

Facebook- Make sure not to miss out on any announcements or photos. Follow us!

<u>Boston Pizza</u> has launched the Operation Education Fundraiser. When you eat out at Boston Pizza, save your receipts and send them to the school. The school receives a 5% cash back on the pretax total on submitted receipts.

Dates to Remember:

Mar. 6- Clair Butterfly at 2:15

Mar. 7 - Professional Learning Day - no school for students

Mar. 19 & 20 - Parent Teacher Interviews/Poplar Ridge Bottle Drive

Mar. 21 - Professional Learning Day - no school for students

Mar. 28- School Council Meeting at 9 am. Everyone welcome!

Mar. 31- Apr. 4- Alien Inline Skating

