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## October 25, 2023 - Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird

October is almost finished and we have some amazing things happening at PSC!

**Thank You:** PSC would like to thank D & M Concrete Products Ltd for donating the rocks for our Truth & Reconciliation Day project on September 29th, 2023. Students were invited to share what Truth & Reconciliation Day means to them with an individual rock which was then placed in our Talking Circle.

**Picture Retakes:** Picture retakes are scheduled for today, October 25, 2023. If students had their original pictures taken on the first day of school, but have lost their code to order pictures, please email [psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca) to request their photo code.

**Practice Safety Drills:** As we move through the school year we need to practice our emergency drills / procedures to ensure that our students and staff are safe and taking appropriate action in the event of an emergency. We had a successful fire drill last week, and will be doing a practice lock down on the morning of Friday, October 27, 2023. We thank everyone in advance for supporting our emergency procedures.

**Parent Council AGM:** We are looking forward to seeing you Monday, November 6, 2023 starting at 6:30 PM for our Parent Council Annual General Meeting! Save the date and come support our school through the parent council.

**Halloween at PSC:** We have some amazing activities planned for Halloween this year! Please take some time to ensure that when you kids leave home they are dressed appropriately, do not bring weapons / weapon props to school, are able to (and willing to) remove their mask outside of the costume contest (masks are not allowed during instructional time), and to ensure their costume is not causing distractions in the classroom. An example of this would be the inflatable costumes as they can be hard to move in, and do not fit well in desks - students are allowed to wear these, however; they need to be able to accommodate for their costume by deflating or removing it if required during instructional time.

**Costume Contest** - As always, we have our costume contest! We are encouraging students to sign up to be a part of this if they wish. They can sign up outside of the office and enter for: Best

single costume, best duo, best trio, best small group (4-5 people), or best large group (6+ people). We will have our homeroom classes join in the gym to cheer on our students who have signed up for the contest / fashion show.

**Pumpkin Carving** - We will have a class pumpkin carving contest before lunch. Each Class will be given a pumpkin and the classes will come up with creative and fun pumpkin ideas / designs!

**Jr. High Dance** - We will also have a Jr. High Dance in the afternoon (1:00-2:55 PM) in our gym! Students will have the opportunity to join the dance for the afternoon, work on some homework or participate in some board games for the afternoon.

**Skipping School Support:** We recognize that students who attend school are much more likely to be successful in school. Success can be measured not only by academic achievement, but also through social connections, a sense of belonging and overall happiness in school! At the Jr. High level we want to make sure that our students are attending school as regularly as possible. Moving forward, if a student has an unexcused absence (a parent / guardian has not informed the school of the absence) we will be asking students to do a catch up class during lunch. This will be a supervised space that allows students to get caught up on the work they missed, while holding them accountable to their classes. The point of this program is to prevent students from skipping school. If a student is pulled into this support block at lunch, but the parent / guardian hasn't called in yet or has forgotten to, we just ask that the student communicates that with the supervising teacher and the parent / guardian clears up the absence. Any excused absences will not require this lunch time support; however, **we ask that parents / guardians please let the school know when their kids will be away by calling the schools attendance line.**

**Remembrance Day / Jake's Gift:** We will be having our PSC Remembrance Day service Wednesday, November 8, 2023 starting at 10:00 AM. Thank you to Mr. Ron Labrie and his Broncs World Tour group for organizing and running this event. We would also like to celebrate a play that is coming to PSC October 25, 2023. Jake's Gift is a multi-award winning play by Julia Mackey about a Canadian World War Two veteran's reluctant return to Juno Beach for the 60th Anniversary of D-Day. PSC would like to thank our local FCSS for supporting our school by funding the play. We look forward to having Julia and her crew come in to help enrich PSC and our dedication to remembrance.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Our next parent teacher interview night will be Thursday, November 23, 2023. We wanted to also celebrate our IPP (Individual Program Plan) Invitational Night that was held on October 19, 2023. Parents / guardians of students with an individual program and learning support plans were invited in to review and expand our PSC student learning plans. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!

**Athletics:** Please visit our website and view our Athletics Calendar, which contains all our home games [PSC Athletic Calendar](#).

**Cross Country** - We have finished the season and are EXTREMELY proud of all of our runners! A special congratulations goes out to Jack Steeves for his run, Nash Ronnie for his 13th place finish in the province and also to our Grade 12's, Teresa Cutts and Ella Johnson, for their final Cross Country as Broncs!

**Football** - The team beat Coaldale in the first round of playoffs and are moving onto Camrose this Friday! Good luck Broncs!

**Volleyball** - PSC has had 9 volleyball teams this year and our league play is wrapping up. Please check out our [PSC Athletic Calendar](#). We have one home game remaining for our senior girls volleyball players. PSC will recognize these talented athletes at our annual Senior's Night on Tuesday, November 7th. Set your calendars and come out to support our teams.

**Keep in the Loop:** Easy ways to keep notified: [PSC Events Google Calendar](#), accessing and reading [Principal's Messages](#), as well as following us on [Facebook](#).

*Cody*

"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen."

Conan O'Brien