



DECEMBER ISSUE 2015

CELEBRATE WITH US!

- On Nov. 20th Palliser hosted Discover U a Student Leadership Conference in Lethbridge, it was a huge success and brought 500 students from across Palliser in grades 7-12
- We had an incredibly beautiful Remembrance Day Service on Nov. 10th Thank you to The Lions Club for organizing – Vulcan Advocate even featured us on a 2-page spread!
- The Student Leadership Team is working on the plans and details for Christmas activities and the Christmas concert – December will sure be fun!
- Students in grade 7-9 participated in a cross school volleyball tournament on November 26 at Baron's School. Students were able to meet new students and build a sense of community!
- We have successfully completed an advertisement for Milo School to be promoted in the spring edition of Calgary's Child Monner and Milo School friends! The advertisement is included in this News Update.
- Movie Night was on November 6th and brought families together for a family fun night! Thank you to parent organizers and staff!

Principal Message: High Expectations for Learning

Just hear those sleigh bells jinglin', ring ting tinglin' to... Come on it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you! With Christmas in the air and three months underway, much has been started, built and accomplished in learning! As we continue to focus on improving our practices, expectations are growing to help build student success. Help us become the best learning community we can possibly be, by maintaining high expectations at home for your child and their learning as well.

Thank you for those of you who attended Student Parent Teacher conferences. It was a great opportunity for parents to hear their child talk about their learning, for students to read to them and to learn about ways to support their child and help them excel and improve. Be sure to stay up-to-date and connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions about their progress.

Research suggests student achievement is related most to: high expectations, students being involved in their learning, continuous

and open feedback and active parental involvement. Areas that require continued attention for improvement and growth at our school are student attendance and student achievement. In December, you will receive a notice regarding our Attendance Policy which follows Palliser's procedures for attendance issues. Essentially, your child will experience greater success when attending school regularly. When your child is absent we need to know why and when there is a growing attendance concern parents will be contacted to have a meeting to discuss a plan for improvement. Thank you for your support with this.

Report Cards went home last week. Thank you for reviewing the report card with your child and signing the cover and envelope to return both to the school for re-using. Our Christmas Concert, entitled Christmas Castaway, set in 4 countries, will be on Dec. 15th at 7pm. I hope to see you there!

Thank you for all that you do! Yours in learning – Ms. Prud'Homme, Principal

Students learn leadership skills at Palliser conference

An excerpt from a Palliser article:

They filed into the Student Leadership Conference that morning school-by-school. As the day wound down, the more than 500 Palliser Regional Schools students gathered in a circle as a sign of unification.

It was a diverse crowd, with urban and rural students standing side-by-side; Islamic students working with Low-German Mennonite students; and Christian school students mingling with international students from Brazil.

Yet those students have more in common than differences that set them apart, pointed out student Andrew te Linde, who shared MC duties with fellow Calgary Christian schoolmate, Sophia Cliplef.

"You are leaders," te Linde told the students

ranging from Grades 7 to 12 after a couple of rousing revolutions of the wave.

He received a resounding "yes!" when he asked the crowd if they were ready to be leaders, and again when he questioned whether they were ready to go back to their respective schools and make a change.

The student organizing committee guided fellow students through a series of breakout sessions on leadership skills including ways to encourage and inspire their own creativity. Topics ranged from ways to make an impact locally and globally to building self-confidence, leaving a legacy and engaging the community.

The students then gathered back in school groups to make action plans for change. They will gather again as a group in April to share the results of their work.

International Baccalaureate Update

As an IB candidate school, we will strive for excellence and be an engaging, collaborative, and global community.

At home we encourage you to challenge your child in their learning through:

- asking questions,
- making connections about themselves and the world,
- thinking creatively, and
- valuing different perspectives.

Reading every night will increase their academic potential as well.

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

Lots of learning happens every day. Here is a picture of the grade 1-3s.



We continue to learn how to be global thinkers and good citizens.

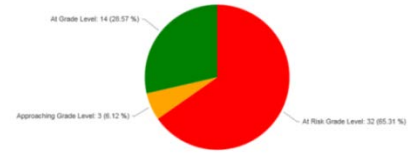


LITERACY update

With hard work, dedication and intervention strategies, students are increasing in their reading levels. Well done everyone! Just like learning an instrument it requires practice every day.

Thank you for supporting your child in their learning journey, by listening to them read, having in-depth conversations about their reading, learning and the world around them and for role modeling learning yourself. We are looking for volunteers at school - contact us if you are interested in reading one on one with a student, reading with a small group or helping with learning centres.

Here's a look at our reading levels from October.



Since this data we have had reading levels increase in

- Grade 1-3 by 14%
- Grade 4-6 by 8%
- Grade 7-9 by 10%

ASSESSMENT update

Students brought home their Monthly Progress Updates last month to communicate their learning and progress in their own words. Thank you for having conversations with them about their learning and goals. Moving forward we will have a Monthly Progress Update folder sent home with samples of work from the month with a brief description and goals, simply to communicate progress home. Please return the folders and work samples to school for the student's learning portfolios. Thank you!

Milo Community School is transforming...
the way we LEARN,
the way we TEACH,
the way we SUCCEED.

Milo December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	District PD Day - No 10am - Pre-School	Day 3 Student Leadership Team Meeting	Day 4	Day 1 9:30am - Ann from Health Unit for vaccinations	Yes - there is school today! Dream Teams!	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Day 2 10am - Pre-School	Day 3 Student Leadership Team Meeting	Day 4	Day 1 Inquiry Day	Milo No School	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NOTE: there is no School Council meeting this month	Day 2 10am - Pre-School	Christmas Concert Day 3 Christmas Concert "Christmas Cast Away" is at 7pm	Day 4	Day 1	Milo No School School begins after Christmas break on January 4, Day 2	Holiday/ No School
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Holiday/ No School						
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Calgary's Child advertisement (to the right) designed by Colin Monner. This will be in the spring edition of the magazine.

Milo Students are Global Thinkers



Consider unique K-9 programming in the safe, rural setting of the community of Milo.

As an International Baccalaureate Candidate School, we strive for excellence and prepare students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others, having the capacity to participate in the world around them.

- Globally Aware
- Family-centered
- Collaborative
- Inquiry-based
- Leadership-focused
- Reflective

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