Important Dates:

- November 7
  Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30am

- November 10
  No School – SI Day

- November 11
  No School – Remembrance Day

- November 14
  Deadline to purchase hot lunch

- November 20
  Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

- November 21
  First Report Card Goes Home today

- November 26
  Parent/Teacher Interviews 4 to 7 pm

- November 27
  Parent/Teacher Interviews 4 to 7pm

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Principal’s Ponderings:

Once again, another month has come and gone. October was a fun-filled month, with our cross-graded scavenger hunt and Halloween costume parade/parties which were enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the parents who came in for these events to help us celebrate the season.

Our next public gathering will be our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:30. Corporal John Maddison will be our guest speaker. Thanks to Mrs. Molin for starting an extra-curricular choir. We look forward to hearing this group, and our grade 6-9 band, perform at our Remembrance Day assembly. Other classes and/or students will also be sharing a song or some poems. All parents and community members are invited to come and pay their respect for those who fought and are fighting for our Country. Please keep in mind that there is no school on Nov 10th and 11th, due to staff development and Remembrance Day.

Our PE4CE (Positive Endeavors 4 Caring Environments) campaign has begun and we have had a couple of opportunities to meet in our cross grades color pods. Here is a schedule of some upcoming events. Please note the changes, as I made some errors when I shared this information in the October newsletter.

Family pods will meet about every 2nd Friday for the last period of the day

- November 28 – celebration of learning assembly at 2:30
- December 5 – LARGE GROUP CHALLENGE FROM 1:50-3:10
- January 16, 30 and Feb 27 last period of the day – working on a designated task
- March 13 – LARGE GROUP CHALLENGE FROM 1:50-3:10
- April 17, May 1 and 22 last period of the day – working on a designated task
- June 5 LARGE GROUP CHALLENGE FROM 1:50-3:10

The large group Challenge on December 5th will be arranged by the light purple, dark purple and grey groups. I am also looking forward to telling you about the volunteerism projects that are being planned and implemented by the yellow, orange and aqua groups. Very soon our entire school will also be enjoying a snack planned and distributed by the green, red and royal blue groups.
Report cards are fast approaching (Nov. 20 for KA students and November 21 for KB and gr 1-9 students). Hopefully, there will be no surprises with your child’s progress. If you are unsure of your child’s progress, you can contact your child’s teacher for updates. Parent teacher interviews, on Nov. 26th and 27th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., are also a great way to extend home-school communication and to foster goal setting with all of our students. For our Junior High Interviews, we are going to have all JH teachers in the gym again, thereby allowing parents to speak to whatever teachers they would like to speak with. However, if you would like to arrange a private meeting with a particular teacher, please call your child’s teacher to set this up. Research strongly suggests that parents who are actively involved in their children’s education have higher achieving children, and as such we are really looking forward to seeing all of you!

Thanks to the parents who either offered input into our school plan or who joined us on October 10, 2014 for a collaborative discussion with staff to develop our three year plan. Soon, you will find a copy of this plan, which includes our Provincial Achievement test results and accountability pillar survey results, on our school’s website under documents, along with other relevant policies/documents.

There were many highlights and accomplishments for Seven Persons School during the 2013-14 school year.

1) We were in the very high category for the following:
   Safe and Caring
   Education Quality
   Dropout rate
   Citizenship

2) We were in the high category for the following:
   PAT excellence
   Work preparation

3) We were in the acceptable level for:
   Parental involvement
   PAT – the number of students who achieved an acceptable standard
   School/Division improvement

We were very pleased that we did not have any areas in the low or very low range. I want to congratulate our teachers, parents and students who work so hard to achieve these outcomes!

While our results were very positive, we only had 30% of our eligible families (grade 4 and 7) complete the parent survey that was mailed out in January of last year (from AB Education). I cannot highlight how important it is for parents to take the time to complete surveys when they are sent out. We often use the results to develop new plans for the school, or to determine if what we are doing is successful. It is, therefore, important that we get as much feedback as possible. On the flip side, we had more than three times the student response, as the Tell Them From Me Survey was completed with all students from grade 4-9.

I want to thank our JH student council for taking on the role of completing a student newspaper. We will send out a copy of their publication once it is completed, so that you can hear about some of the happenings in our school, from the students’ perspective.
REMINDERS:

COMMUNICATION: Please take the time to review the “Lines of Communication” protocol in your child’s agenda (p. 4), specifically the last paragraph of this section. In the last two weeks alone, I have become aware of five different situations, whereby individuals (students and/or parents) have gathered the feedback from other individuals prior to voicing their opinion. I want to assure you that we hear and investigate every concern, and you do not need many people gathered in solidarity in order to be taken seriously. In fact, when individuals do seek outside support prior to working directly with the school, the perception can be that the ‘troops have been rallied’ in order to have more of an impact on any decision that is made. Certainly, no one wants to feel like they are backed into a corner, and indicating that you have spoken to other people does not really help the situation. Please know that we have an open door policy at SPS and want to hear from individuals who are impacted by any decision that is made. Similarly, speaking on behalf of others is not appropriate, nor is it helpful. If you happen to encounter a situation whereby someone is sharing a concern with you, please redirect them to the appropriate individual who can help them with their matter.

WEATHER: With the cooler weather upon us, students need to be prepared with warmer clothes for recesses. Also, as moisture will be settling on the ground, it is important for all students to have a separate pair of indoor shoes, ones that are also appropriate for gym. Thanks for your cooperation in this regard!

Now you can pay your School Fees, Hot Lunch & field trips ONLINE

The Prairie Rose School Division is pleased to now offer families the opportunity to pay student fees electronically for the 2014-15 school year. The new School Cash Online program will provide a convenient fee payment option that will save time, reduce paper, maintain a focus on instruction in the classroom and limit cash and checks in our schools. This system is equipped to collect any fees or fundraising activities at the school.

Participating parents will have the option to be notified by email of student fees available online once they register on the School Cash Online website. They can make secure online payments by bank transfer or credit card* anytime and receive a receipt.

To set up an account for your students – and to learn more about using the system, click on the “Fees” icon in the upper right corner of the School and Division Web pages or by visiting https://prairerose.schoolcashonline.com.
SEVEN PERSONS SCHOOL
2014/15 SCHOOL FEES

STUDENT’S NAME: ______________________________________
GRADE/HOMEROOM: ______________________________________

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FEES:
• (MANDATORY FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS)

$70.00 = _____________

ELEMENTARY FEES: Grades 1 – 6
• (MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES 1 - 6)

Agenda $ 10.00
Supply Package $ 15.00
Elementary Instructional materials Fees $ 70.00

TOTAL ELEMENTARY FEES: $ 95.00 = _____________

JUNIOR HIGH FEES: Grades 7 – 9
• (MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES 7 - 9)

Agenda $ 10.00
Junior High Instructional Materials Fees $100.00

TOTAL JUNIOR HIGH FEES: $110.00 = _____________

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FEES: Grades 6 - 9
Home Ec/Construction $75.00
(larger projects may incur additional costs)
Music – instrument rental $80.00
(only if renting an instrument)
Hunter’s Education $95.00
Options (Art, Drama, C02 Rockets, Sewing, and
Communication Tech. $10 each per semester)
$10.00 each (per semester)

= _____________

PAYMENT IS DUE October 15, 2014. TOTAL FEES =___________
(Please pay fees or make arrangements by October 15, 2014)

You can now pay online!!!! Please see the attached information
You can also still pay by cheque payable to Seven Persons School
**Library**

We have had quite a few exciting things happening in the library so far this year. We have been working on "Back to school" and "Fall" themes, with the lower elementary students decorating the reading pit with some beautiful fall colored leaves. Of course our latest topic is "Halloween!" Come check out our scary jack o' lanterns!

On the note of Fall, we are hosting our Book fair in November during the week of parent teacher interviews. At that time, during your child's library class, they will get a SNEAK PEEK and be making a "wish" list. We would love to see you come out and visit the book fair as all the proceeds go to purchasing new titles and items for the library. Also there will be a family prize draw made from entries dropped off during interview nights! Hope to see you there!

Lynn @ Seven Persons School  
403-832-3732 ext. 2820

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**October/November Student Council Update**

This month has been full of many great enjoyable days. From the theme days we have to just playing outside in general! This month we had many fun activities. Many theme days, Peace 4 SPS get together and much more! It was great seeing all the costumes at the Halloween Parade. There were many creative and cool costumes! November looks to be even better! Theme days, more peace 4 SPS, a Jr. high Dance, and more! As we get closer to Christmas our calendars start to fill up and snow starts to fall. Start to be in the Christmas spirit, help others more often, or even surprise someone! We look forward to the holiday season and the end of fall. See you next time!

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**Casino Volunteers**

Anyone considering volunteering to work the Casino for the Seven Persons School, please submit your paperwork today or tomorrow.

Here is the link to the form:  
[http://www.aglc.ca/pdf/gaming/gaming_forms/5400.pdf](http://www.aglc.ca/pdf/gaming/gaming_forms/5400.pdf)

Please fill out & send to Seven Persons School. If you have any questions, please let Tammy Burgevitz know:  
burg9360@aol.com  
403-581-1552

Thanks & have a great day!
Hello everyone, hope you’re settling into the school year nicely. I know Sept & Oct are usually a blur & then comes Christmas... 😊

Parent Council is working on a few things. Please let me know if you need any further information or details.

**Grade Rep Letters**
I sent home letters to every grade. If yours didn’t make it home, please let me know what grade your child is in & I will send one to you. If you still need to return yours, please do so, we are still collecting them.

**Please note the upcoming Parent Council Events:**

| November       | Thurs, Nov 20’14-Parent Council Meeting – 6:30pm – School Staff Room – everyone welcome! |
|               | Fri, Nov 21’14 - **Family Movie Night** – ‘How to Train Your Dragon 2’ – Bring the whole family – treats available for purchase – wear your pj’s...parents too! |
|               | Fri, Nov 28’14-**Hot Lunch (Gr 6 organizing)** – Pulled Pork – Tanya Ellis & MaryLou Godard – Grade 6 families - Please let Tanya or MaryLou know if you can help out that day. Meet at 11am in Art Room |

Thank you for your support & participation,
Angela Guest
Parent Council Chair

‘Like’ our Facebook page: Seven Persons School Council
WhatsApp Group – send us your cell # & we can add you! All you need is the app: WhatsApp

**Pictures Wanted:**
The yearbook is always in need of pictures. If you have taken pictures at a school or classroom activity, please share them to be used in the yearbook. Select your favorite 2 or 3 from each activity and email them to Deanna.dola@prrd.ab.ca. If it is a class activity, please indicate the grade level. Thank you.
Hello everyone, the Little House on the Baja 2014 group just wanted to thank everyone that donated their used/new school supplies, clothing, books, shoes, sporting equipment, & toiletries last June. The amount of donations we received was overwhelming & they almost all didn’t fit on the bus… But don’t worry, none were left behind. I had the personal privilege of collecting the items & organizing them (and making sure they ALL made it on the bus). I will tell you that I still get tears in my eyes when I think of the warm, caring, loving children of Seven Persons School that donated them & then to get to see the happy, excited, smiling, and loving children that received them. It was really awesome to see the project come full circle.

Our trip & building project was a success. We built a 2 room school in 4 days. Here are some of the details from our trip:

“Our Little House on the Baja 2014 School Build Group traveled July 4-14, 2014 with 46 people from Medicine Hat by bus to Vincente Guerrero, Mexico with a common goal to build an elementary school. This was a nondenominational missions/volunteer trip. Our group was made up of individuals ranging in age from 13 years to 65 years; bringing each of these individuals together with their unique skills we were able to successfully build a school in 4 days. We worked with an organization called IDT Missions (http://idtmissions.com/) and we stayed at their camp while in Mexico. This organization is a nonprofit group that works with poverty-stricken communities of Mexico Baja California. We also had the privilege to visit an orphanage during our trip (http://www.ffhm.org/). It was a very humbling & unforgettable experience – just as the whole trip was…” I have attached some pictures from the trip.

Thank you again for all of the support,
Angela Guest & the Little House on the Baja 2014 Group

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Seven Persons Christmas Craft Sale
Sunday December 7th
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
@ The Seven Persons Community Hall
For more information contact Angie @ 403-832-2886
Our goal is to create a little Magic of Christmas for your Children. Do you remember: being a child and picking out the perfect gift for someone you love? the excitement of the anticipation of presenting your gift and watching them open it? That was the Magic of Christmas. Our wish is to help your kids create that same feeling by hosting a Students Holiday Market, where they can shop, wrap and tag their Christmas Gifts ... ready to be placed under the tree for their special loved ones: Mom, Dad, Siblings, Grandparents, for only a few loonies. They could even earn their money by doing chores for YOU!

We need YOUR help:
- Please consider donating your gently used items. We are looking for men & women's items in clean condition with lots of life left in them.

Examples: household items, jewelry, picture frames, fancy lotions, soap or perfume, scarves and mittens, specialty tea or coffee, purses, wallets, candles, books, DVD's, CD's, board games, travel mugs, cologne, tennis or golf balls, hockey pucks, small tools, or key chains. Consider re-gifting that item you never plan to use! Men's items were especially hard to find last year, so please look around and see what you might be able to down-size.

- We also need Holiday Gift Bags, wrapping tape (LOTS of wrapping tape), ribbon and tissue.

- Last but certainly not the least – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS the day of the sale to help sort and wrap gifts. Do you belong to a group or club who might consider volunteering a few hours on the day of the sale?

December 17, 2014
Seven Persons School Gymnasium

Please help make Christmas just as exciting (if not more) to give than it is to receive. Items collected can be dropped off at the school anytime and will be held until the day of the sale. If you have any questions or would consider helping to gift wrap please feel free to contact me – Tanya Ellis: ttellis@platinum.ca or 403-504-6781
Kidz Quiz

Congratulations to the winners of the October Kidz Quiz Contest: Maddy Ziegenhagel, Talayna Miller, and Sheybrie Kulessa. To enter this contest, read the entire newsletter, then answer all the questions below correctly and return this form to the office. Three names will be drawn each month and they will receive a prize. Parents may help younger children with this contest. Entry deadline is November 13, 2014.

1. When is the deadline to purchase the next round of school hot lunches?

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2. Does Seven Persons School have a new online purchasing system that can be used to purchase hot lunch, school fees, etc.?

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3. When are Parent/Teacher Interviews in November?

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4. When will the first report card go home?

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5. When is the next Parent Council Meeting?

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Co-Ed Community League Program
Starts Nov 24th, runs til March 8th

Register Online at www.rangersbasketballclub.ca
Space is limited, register early to guarantee your spot

Grades 5-7
One practice/game per week
& receive a free uniform
$220

+ Grade 7/8 Prep Camp
- Grades 7-8 / 9-10
- Sunday afternoons
- September 28-November 2
Hone your skills and get in shape for the school season
$240

+ Grade 5/6 MY Basketball
- Two sessions per week
- September 22 - Oct 30
- Includes jersey & ball
An introductory program consisting of quality instruction and extensive game play
$280

Contact us at RBCHoops@telus.net
@RBCHoops 403-548-7286

Exact times and locations of each session on the website
Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat
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9 | 10 | 11 No School SI Day | 12 No School Remembrance Day Lunch: Arby’s | 13 | 14 Deadline to order school hot lunch (online payment) | 15
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