



Issue 03

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**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

Dec 23-Jan 3	Christmas Holidays
Jan 6	Back to School
Jan 16	School Council Meeting @ 3:15

**VICE  
PRINCIPALS  
MESSAGE**

We have been extremely busy with all the activities that the Christmas season brings. Our students once again made us very proud of their performance in the Christmas Concert! They give so much of themselves during practice - tweaking lines, perfecting movements, projecting their voices, and then when it comes time to perform on the big night they love to deliver for the audience and bring it all to fruition. With help from our Mom's the grade one students sewed stockings while the rest made tree ornaments to decorate our Christmas tree. Students then exchanged heartfelt messages and small treats from one another as Stocking Buddies. We were happy to have the Rosemary Elementary students visit us for a morning where the students had the opportunity to share their written stories with one another. Our Community Christmas Workshop was well attended by several pre-school age children who enjoyed making crafts and visiting with Santa Claus. The staff and students of Gem School wish you all a joyous and Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Heryford

# Gem of the Week



**Mrs. Dyck**

We are extremely grateful that Lenora Dyck was able to fill in for the last two months. She has done a tremendous job and the students have progressed very well under her instruction. She however will be returning to the land of retirement. Thank you, Mrs. Dyck, for all that you have done for the staff and students!





## ▶ BITS & PIECES ◀

My name is Alana Spark and I will be joining the Gem teaching team and community in January as the grade 1, 2, and 3 teacher! I am so excited for this opportunity and cannot wait to start my career in this amazing school! I grew up with family in this community and have fond memories of time spent at the farm and the Patricia Rodeo and am excited to establish my own roots here!

I was born and raised in Calgary but have spent some time living around Southern Alberta. I grew up playing competitive basketball, softball, and hockey, and I love to cook, bake, and craft! I come from a fine arts background and on top of creating my own artwork, I love to incorporate art and art making in all subjects in school! Finally, I am an animal lover- I have two dogs and a cat and you'll learn very quickly how much I LOVE to talk about them!

Thank you so much for taking some time to get to know me and I look forward to meeting everyone in the New Year!

Happy Holidays,

Alana Spark



Thank you to everyone for your contributions toward our Bake Sale which was a huge success and raised \$230.00 for the Compton Family!

