



Issue 01

October 2019

DATES TO
REMEMBER

**PRINCIPALS
 MESSAGE**

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| Nov 4 | No School for Students |
| Nov 11 & 12 | No School |
| Nov 14 | Report Cards/Assembly School Council Meeting |
| Dec 2 | No School |
| Dec 6 | Stocking Sewing Bee |
| Dec 12 | Christmas Concert |
| Dec 19 | School and Community Christmas Workshop |

Two months into the school year already! I can't believe how quickly the time has gone by. I have really enjoyed my Friday visits to Gem and the opportunity to work with the kids. It is always fun to catch up on what is going on in their lives both at school and outside of school. They are all pretty amazing kids and I feel blessed to be able to be a part of Gem School.

On another note, I wanted to thank Mrs. Lenora Dyck for stepping in on such short notice for Mrs. Chafe while she is out on a medical leave. I have known Mrs. Dyck for a number of years and she is an excellent teacher with a lot of valuable teaching experience. I am confident that our grades 1, 2 and 3 students are in good hands and we will continue to see great progress from them. We also look forward to having Mrs. Chafe back some time in the new year when she is feeling better.

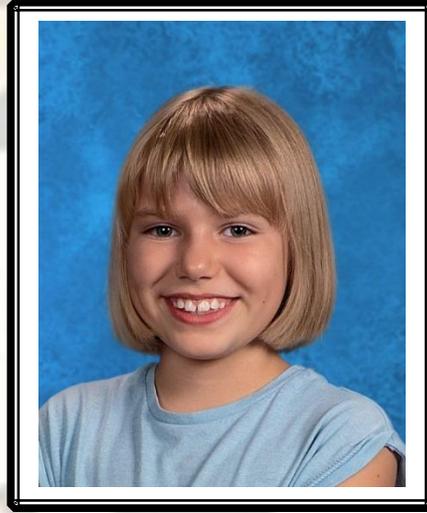
Something to put on your calendars for the month of November is the Rural Strategic Planning Meeting coming up on November 20th. Rosemary School will be hosting this event in our School Gym from 6:30 pm - 8:30 PM. This is a chance to share your thoughts and give feedback to the School Board and Central Office Staff regarding the future and direction of Grasslands School Division. Community members from Rosemary, Duchess, Gem and Bassano are invited to attend.

For further information regarding what is going on at the school you can visit our school website at www.gem.grasslands.ab.ca

Sincerely,
 Mr. Gibbon



Anna Klassen



Miranda Klassen



Mrs. Rose



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Mrs. Krahn



Gem of the Week



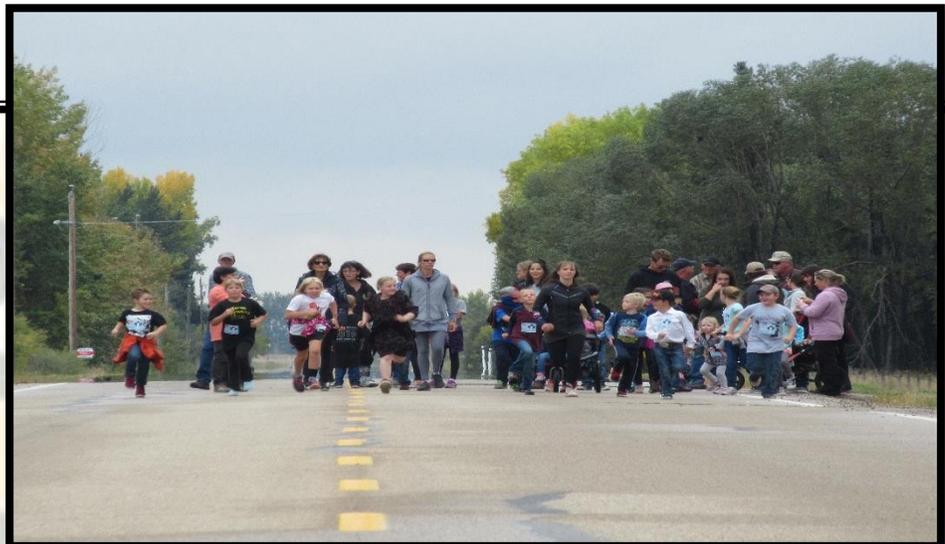
▶ BITS & PIECES ◀

THANK YOU! We would like to extend our immense gratitude to Mrs. Plett for coming out of retirement to fill the temporary position of Administrative Assistant, especially when it was a busy time of the year on her farm. She willingly filled the position long enough to be sure that Mrs. Paetkau was well trained in her new role. We are fortunate that Mrs. Plett remains dedicated to our school and continues to give her time, energy and expertise. She comes in weekly to volunteer, teach music, and answer the many questions we still have of her. From the bottoms of our heart, thank you, Mrs. Plett!

WELCOME! The staff and students of Gem School welcome Mrs. Paetkau to our team! Prior to joining our staff Mrs. Paetkau completed her Administrative Assistant Certificate Course. With her training, outstanding computer skills and efficient work habits she is doing a great job of running the day to day operations of the school. She has a kind and considerate attitude towards the students and has developed many wonderful relationships with them.

Welcome, Mrs. Paetkau!

Terry Fox Run and Fall Fair This year was once again a success thanks to the many parents, volunteers, and community members that came out to join us! The students continue to amaze us with their creative talents as they can turn a tomato, carrot, zucchini, or flowers into something incredible. A big thanks goes out to our Judges this year, Rhian Schroeder and Edith Simo! They did a fantastic job! The BBQ was a bit rainy but the afternoon turned into a beautiful day with sunshine and great weather for the Terry Fox Run. With our cash donations of \$290.00 along with the cheques written directly to the Terry Fox Foundation, we raised approximately \$500! Way to go!!



MESSAGES FROM
CENTRAL OFFICE

General Notice - handbooks

Grasslands Public Schools is committed to providing the best possible programs and services to all students. We have an extensive network of professional services available to all students including Family Wellness mentors, Psychologists, Behavior Consultants, Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists, Physical Therapists and consultants in the areas of literacy and learning and innovation. These professionals are in our schools providing ongoing consultation and support to teachers, administrators and assistants. Your child/student may see different members of this team in their classrooms at various times working with school based staff. If, at any time, it is felt that support from one of these professionals would be beneficial to your child specifically, you will be contacted by the school to discuss the services recommended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school's administrator.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

2020-2025 Strategic Planning Parent & Community Engagement

Rosemary School, Bassano School, Gem School and Duchess School

The Board of Trustees of Grasslands Public Schools is beginning its process to review and revise its current strategic plan. Trustees want to better understand what is important to our students, parents, staff, and community members.

We want to know:

1. What are some things we can do in our schools and Division to continue to improve?
2. What are some things you appreciate or think are working well in our schools and Division?
3. What are some of the key skills our young people need to attain in schools to develop into responsible and productive adults?

We invite parents and community members from the areas surrounding Rosemary School, Bassano School, Gem School and Duchess School to attend the engagement session on November 20th. Hearing from all our stakeholders is important to the Board of Trustees!

When - November 20th - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Where - Rosemary School

