



# Plainville Public School



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## January Character Trait: OPTIMISM

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**Head Custodian:** Shawn Herman

### ~Message from Ms. Marris

Happy New Year and thanks for reading the newsletter! Its' been a wintery beginning here at PPS, and good to get back into routine.

Special thanks to Ms. Bell, and Mr. Bridel for overseeing our Christmas Concert, and to all staff for their expertise in facilitating such memorable performances. Also – thank you to Team Bell/Bridel for organizing our community Angel Tree! PPS staff and families did an amazing job of supporting this endeavour. The generosity was overwhelming and greatly appreciated☺

Thank you for sending your children with many layers of warmth as the wind blows strong and cold here up here on the hill. Extra socks and mittens would be great too!

We welcome our new Head Custodian – Mr. Shawn Herman – who joined us in early January. It's great to have him as part of the team.

Organization for our annual Winter Fun Day has begun! We are looking forward to this event on February 16<sup>th</sup> – the Friday before Family Day. Please make your choice on the form provided with this newsletter.

Enjoy the snowy outdoors and thank you for your continued support!

Ms. Marris



### UPCOMING DATES

- Jan 22 – School Council 6pm
- Jan 27 –FAMILY LITERACY DAY!
- Feb 2 – PA Day
- Feb 16 – Winter Fun Day
- Feb 19 – Family Day – school closed
- Feb 21 – First Term Report Cards go home

### PPS's Christmas Concert



### ***Have you CHANGED YOUR CELL NUMBER or ADDRESS?***

**Please call the school as soon as you have new contact information so that we have the ability to connect with you – especially in case of an emergency. THANKS!**

## School Council

Greetings from the Plainville PS Council! We'd like to thank all parents for their support in raising funds for PPS students. OUR NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY JAN 22 AT 6PM. We would love to see you there:)

Our BREAKFAST program is used widely by students – an average of 70 students drop in when they arrive at school to enjoy some healthy snacks. If you have a couple of hours to donate by preparing food, shopping or distributing food, please let the school know. Monetary donations are always welcomed:)



### FUN FAIR 2018 – SAVE THE DATE!

\*\*\*\*\*FRIDAY JUNE 8, 2018 \*\*\*\*\*

2018 is a PPS FUNFAIR year! Planning meetings will begin very soon. Please join us to plan this event that raises funds for our school! It is always a fun, family event for our community☺



### KEEPING CALM at PPS

Ask your child about STRATEGIES that we are learning about to STAY CALM when we get STRESSED OUT! Here are two things you can do at home:

~Sing the “Calm Down” song together! The words are attached to this newsletter

~At times when everyone is CALM practice belly breathing and talk about what your stress looks like and feels like so you can recognize it and own it.

## Students in Gr 1 singing the Calm Down Song – hands on your belly and breathe!!



## Christmas Lunch THANKS!

Many thanks to Lisa Sutherland for catering another delicious lunch for the PPS school community. It was a delight to enjoy this time together surrounded by an art gallery of seasonal artistic creations by our talented students!



**Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, remind yourself!...**  
**It's time to REGISTER for JSK!!**

If your child will be four years of age by December 2018, now's the time to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2018!

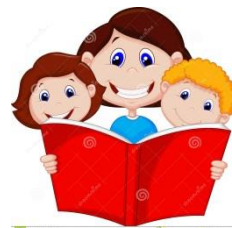
Our schools are stimulating, caring environments with a broad range of programs and opportunities to help students excel in learning, succeed in life, and enrich our communities.

Visit our website [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca), and click on School Registration to find your local school with our online maps and to learn more about how to register (e.g. proof of age, proof of address and immunization record). If you are in the Plainville area, please drop by to pick up a registration form from the office.



## ~SPORTS REPORT

Junior students are currently trying out for the Girls and Boys Volleyball teams – Tournament Date is Feb 1<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck!



**~Don't forget! Family Literacy Day is Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

There are so many FUN things to do as a family to recognize how AWESOME it is to be literate with words and numbers. Here are some ideas – visit [abclifeliteracy.ca](http://abclifeliteracy.ca) for more!

**Lights out, talk on:** After your bedtime story, turn the lights off and talk about new endings to the story you just read together.

**Surfing Snacks:** Go online together to find out how your favourite foods are made. Are they something you can make together at home?

**Find A-B-C:** Have an alphabet scavenger hunt to look for things that begin with each letter of the alphabet. If you can't find some letters, go outside or try looking in books and magazines.

**Let's go Shopping:** Have kids write the family grocery list out themselves, then bring it to the store. Let them check each item off the list. (Hmm, wonder how jelly beans got on the list...)

**Number Walk:** As you put on your shoes, choose something you want to count during your walk. It could be dogs, trees, stop signs, cars anything you want! On your walk, count how many you can find.