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William D. Pratt School Weekly Update

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Dear William D. Pratt Families and Guardians,

I hope everyone is doing well. We wrapped up another week and two days at Pratt with two profound Remembrance Day assemblies. We are so proud of the respect our students showed and the insightful questions they asked our guest speaker.

We extend a huge thank you to our school community for your generous support of our Food Bank Drive and Jacket Racket campaign last month. We are so proud to be supporting these worthwhile causes.

Our Grade 9 Outdoor Education students took their learning to new heights at the Climbing Centre this month. Students had the opportunity to learn the basics of top-rope climbing. For many, it was a chance to step outside their comfort zone, face fears, and discover just how much they could accomplish with a courage and encouragement.

As you may know, several new structures were introduced this school year, and I committed to engagement with you as we reflect on their impact on student learning and well-being. Through our ongoing observations/conversations, preliminary data, and reflections over the past two and a half months, we have decided to return to grade-based groupings next year. This is to strengthen social and learning connections among students within their grade levels, while creating more meaningful opportunities for teacher collaboration in support of student learning and well-being. As we look ahead to next year, we remain curious about your perspectives on the Grade 5 generalist model and two-year teacher looping, particularly if and how these approaches may be supporting, or could support, student learning and well-being. If the grade 5 generalist model questions do not apply to your child(ren), please feel free to only answer the questions about looping.
I welcome your feedback below over the next 4 weeks until Dec 18, 2026.

William D. Pratt - Parent/Guardian Feedback

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

Have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Sam Kaddoura
Principal, William D. Pratt School

Announcements & Reminders

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES INFORMATION:

Parent-Teacher Conferences | November 26 & 27, 2026
Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up! This is a great opportunity for parents and guardians to connect with teachers, discuss their child's learning and progress, and celebrate their successes.

- **Bookings Open: Tuesday, November 17 at 8:00 AM**
- **Bookings Close: Monday, November 23 at 8:00 PM**

Conferences will take place on the following dates:

Thursday, November 26 – *In Person*

- Time: 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Location: William D. Pratt School
- Appointment Length: 10 minutes

Friday, November 27 – *Online*

- Time: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Format: Virtual meetings
- Appointment Length: 10 minutes

Please ensure you book your appointments during the booking window.
We look forward to connecting with you!

ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT SOCIETY:

- **Purdy's Fundraiser**
  Thank you so much for the support so far this year! We have another fundraiser on the go. We have been doing this one ever since the school opened; deliciously Canadian Purdy's Chocolates!
  Order and pay securely through this link:
  https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000033053
  Ordering ends November 28th at midnight, items will be ready for pick up before December 10th.
  Thank you for the support!

- **Coupon Books!** The fundraising team is also selling "The Great Little Coupon Book" this year. We have a limited quantity. If interested, please email the Fundraising team at wdprattfundraising@gmail.com and we can coordinate this. They are $15 each and the school profits $7.50 from each book. They quickly pay for themselves and they are valid until August 31!

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Nov 11-13 – November Break
- Nov 18 – Fun Lunch – Tim Horton's
- Nov 19 – School Council Meeting – all are welcome!
- November 26, 4-8pm – Parent-Teacher Conferences

- November 27, 8:30am-12pm – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

Athletics:

- Please check the calendar on our website and our Athletics tab on the school website for more information about upcoming basketball games.

  Congratulations to all of our amazing basketball athletes for wrapping up their regular game schedule. We look forward to seeing everyone in the semi-finals the week of Nov 16. Go Mavs!

- Our mini mavs will continue on Friday mornings at 6:45am. Please contact Ms. Stobo or Ms. Strohbach for more information.

Clubs and Activities

Please check out our most current clubs list!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Band Club – Mr. Ormiston Room 155 12-12:35 **Gr. 8 & 9**	**Comic Club – Strohbach** Room 105 12:18-12:35 (Oct.-Dec) **Gr. 5 & 6**	**Music Club-Mr. Ormiston** Room 155 12-12:35 **Gr. 5, 6, 7**	**NXT Gen Club (Bridge Fdn)** Learning Commons 12-12:35 **All grades**
Homework Club-Strohbach Room 106 12:18-12:35 **Grade 5 & 6**	**Main & Aux Gym Open** 12:00-12:35 **Grade 7**	**Knitting & Crochet Club-Sihota** Room 237 12-12:35 **Gr. 7,8,9**	**Main & Aux Gym Open**12:00-12:35 **Grade 9**
Main & Aux Gym Open 12:00-12:35 **Grade 5 & 6**	**Learning Commons Open** 12:00-12:35 **Grades 7, 8, 9**	**Dungeons and Dragons/Anime Club - Duff** Room 103 12:18 – 12:35 **Grade 5, 6, 7**	**Animation Club- Stobo** Rm 221 12:18-12:35 **All Grades**
Aviation Club-Badr, Abraham Room 104 12:18-12:35 **All grades**	**Science Fair – Badr/Hagen** Room 235 12:00-12:35 **Grades 7, 8, 9**	**Science Fair-Strohbach/Stobo** Room 106 12:18-12:35 **Grades 5 & 6**	**Pokemon Club – Wheeldon** Room 130 12:18-12:35 **All Grades**
Learning Commons Open 12:00-12:35 **Grades 7, 8, 9**		**Student Action Club - Bonello** Room 229 12-12:35 **All grades**	
Chess Club – Ms. Shial **Room 156** **12-12:35** **All grades**		**Aviation Club-Badr, Abraham** Room 107 12:18-12:35 **All grades**	
		Main & Aux Gym Open 12:00-12:35 **Grade 8**	