



Media Release Form

Student Information (please print)

Student's Full Legal Name: _____

Media Release

Prairie Sky School uses pedagogical documentation, including photo documentation, as a 21st Century tool. Photos of children engaged in activities, as learning and inquiry progress, are the most important method for gaining assessment information about a young child. Pedagogical documentation, including photo documentation, has been described as “visible listening” – using notes, slides, videos and so on to reconstruct children’s learning paths and processes. Gandini and Kaminsky (2004) similarly describe it as a “pedagogy of listening,” broadening the notion of documentation to include the collection of many forms and types of text to make student learning visible and to create an authentic record for dialogue, reflection and analysis. Pedagogical documentation is not done at the end of a lesson or unit, as a summative assessment, but is ongoing – a cyclical process that facilitates growth and improvement. This multifaceted approach transforms understanding of teaching and learning in five strategic ways: Creates Shared Understanding, Celebrates the Rights of Individual Learners, Recognizes Students’ Ownership of Their Learning, Actualizes Shared Accountability, and Provides Voice in Learning for Everyone.

All students enrolled in any of Prairie Sky School’s programs will have their photo taken and displayed as described below. By registering your child into any of PSS’s programs you agree to all photos or short video clips of your child to be:

- Displayed in the school building.
- Displayed on the school website (available to the general online public) with **NO NAMES** listed.
- Displayed on printed promotional materials (i.e. posters, brochures) with **NO NAMES** listed.
- Displayed in the *Skylark* - PSS school newsletter (available online via our website) with **NO NAMES** listed.
- Displayed on social media (PSS Facebook Page, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) with **NO NAMES** listed.

I/We, _____, consent to photo documentation and use of the resulting images as described above.



School Communication via Social Media

Prairie Sky School conducted a survey in 2016 in order to improve our communication with families. From this study, we learned that daily/weekly communication, curriculum updates, and photo documentation through an online platform was something our families wanted! Although there are many online social media programs for schools, our families voted for us to use Facebook as they were already using it personally. Thus, we have created a Facebook presence for Prairie Sky School (public page, closed: volunteer, summer camp and buy and sell pages, and secret individual class pages).

To start, please like and follow our main public Facebook Page: Prairie Sky School Inc
<https://www.facebook.com/prairieskyschoolinc/>

Next indicate which family members you would like added to the closed and/or secret groups:

Name (of family members you want added to the groups)	Facebook Profile Name	Email linked to your FB Profile

Finally indicate which closed and/or secret group pages you would like to belong to:

Name (of family members you want added to the groups)	PSS Volunteer Closed Group	PSS Buy and Sell Closed Group	PSS Summer Camp Closed Group	Rosebuds & Starflowers Secret Group	Cattails Secret Group	Wolf Willows Secret Group	Fireweeds Secret Group	Taproots Secret Group

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (dd/mm/yy)