



# ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

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## **MAST Student Citizenship Award**

Each year, the Manitoba Association of School Trustees (MAST) sponsors six Student Citizenship Awards for Manitoba Students. The intent of these awards is to honour the efforts of Manitoba Students at modeling and promoting good citizenship within both their schools and their broader communities. The awards are presented each March at a public ceremony held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees. It is my great pleasure to announce that Ms. Charlie Menard from Minnedosa Collegiate is this year's Region I winner. "Congratulations Charlie"!

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## **Parent Survey Results**

The parent survey results have been released to the Board by Proactive Information Services. In brief, the survey indicates:

- ◆ 96% of elementary parents and 85% of Senior Years Parents strongly agree or agree that their son/daughter is being provided with meaningful learning opportunities;
- ◆ 93% of all parents strongly agree or agree that their son/daughter is safe in school;
- ◆ 90% of all parents strongly agree or agree that their son/daughter is having an enjoyable school experience;
- ◆ Parental satisfaction with their child's education in the RRSD is reported at 94%.

All employees of our school division are to be congratulated for doing their part in building the confidence that has been shown to us by parents. You will no doubt be given more information on the survey as school planning "kicks" into high gear. Interested individuals may access the full survey results on the RRSD website.

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## **School Calendar 2006-07**

The 2006-07 school calendar has been set. The school year begins on September 5th and the first day of classes for students will be September 6th. Xmas break will be December 22, 2006 to January 8, 2007 and the Spring Break will be March 26 to March 30, 2007. The last day of classes for students will be June 28, 2007. The full 2006-07 school calendar is posted on our Website under RRSD Information.

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## **Oral Testing Without a Scribe**

Mary Dalton presented to the Resource Teachers a great method for oral testing students without the assistance of an adult. Using a little known feature of the PowerPoint program, the teacher is able to record the questions. The student is then able to answer the questions at his/her own pace by recording them as well. No writing is required. The workload is reduced for everyone. Students feel empowered. Most of all, the frustration and discouragement students often feel when unable to read well on their own is minimized, as is the stigma sometimes attached when an adult has to read and scribe everything. For more information, contact your Resource Teacher.

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## **Travel to Work Policy and Regulation**

There continues to be some confusion with regard to traveling to work during inclement weather/poor road conditions. Our policy states, in the event that an employee is unable to attend due to inclement weather or poor road conditions, he/she will be granted a days leave with deduction of applicable salary or benefits as per regulation. For a full explanation, you can access the policy GDB/P on the RRSD website or ask your principal.

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## **Teachers in Grades 5-8**

Grants of up to \$1000.00 are available for projects which include the involvement of a "Scientist in the Classroom". See your Principal for details.

***Have a great March!***