

ECI NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

- Dec. 4 and 11—Samaritan House field trip
- December 5—Junior High Volleyball tournament
- December 18—last day of classes before Christmas holidays
- January 5-8, 2010—Grade 12 ELA provincial standards test
- January 25-29, 2010—Grade 12 work experience
- January 25-28, 2010—Semester 1 final exams
- January 29, 2010—Admin. Day (no school)
- February 1, 2010—First day of semester 2
- February 6, 2010—JH curling in Rivers

DECEMBER NEWS

Christmas break is fast approaching and with that the end of semester one at ECI.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended parent teacher interviews in November. They were quite well attended. Thank you to Rolling River First Nation who hosted the interviews in the Southquill Hall on the Thursday evening. It was great to see so many students join their parents at interviews. Thanks also to the parents who provided email addresses to the school. We will create a database which will allow us to send newsletters

and other information electronically.

Right after the break, the grade 12 students return to the first provincial exam. ELA is written from Jan. 5-8, 2010. Students are expected to attend all four days unless there is a shutdown due to inclement weather.

Please watch for a final exam schedule for all high school students to be posted in the near future. Exams will take place from January 25-28, 2010.

Grade 12 students will be going out on work experience during the week of January 25-29, 2010.

Some ECI students will be spending two days at

Samaritan House, a food bank in Brandon, in the month of December. Hopefully they will find that to be a rewarding experience.

Finally, the staff would like to extend warm wishes for the holiday season and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.



Success With SuccessMaker—Mrs. B. Young

Many ECI students have been utilizing our SuccessMaker courses. SuccessMaker, which is in use throughout Rolling River School Division, provides students with the opportunity to practice and improve their skills in the areas of language arts and mathematics.

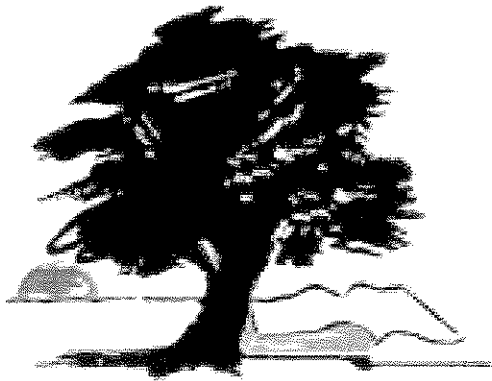
The grade seven students have been energetically participating in the program and are nearing completion of an initial placement in

Math Concepts and Skills. They will continue with the program into the second half of term one. The grade eight students have just finished working on Spelling Skills and are about to begin Reader's Workshop. Both classes have participated in the SuccessMaker program with enthusiasm and dedication.

The senior high alternative class has also been working on SuccessMaker. Students in this program divide their time between Reader's Workshop, Spelling

Skills and Math Concepts and Skills, with Spelling Skills being the perennial favourite. Marks received in these programs will be included in the students' overall grades.





Homestay Families Needed

Study Manitoba School Divisions

In October of 2008, the five school divisions in Southwestern Manitoba: Beautiful Plains, Fort la Bosse, Rolling River, Southwest Horizon and Turtle Mountain, formed a consortium to bring international students to our area. Over the past 12 months, we have worked to build a program and recruit students. The program is moving forward and we are getting many inquires about studying at our schools.

A very important piece to our program is homestay families. We are now actively seeking families to open their homes to students from other countries. Over the summer, our office has had many inquires from families requesting information. We would like to encourage anyone interested in becoming a homestay family to please apply now. Visit www.studymanitoba to find out more about homestay family guidelines. You can apply to host a student for one or two semesters. You may apply online. Once registered, you will need to provide the following:

Criminal Record Checks for family members over the age of 18, living at home

Child Abuse Registry Checks for family members over the age of 18, living at home
2 Letters of recommendation, Home site visit

We will be placing students with eligible homestay families in the next 4-12 months. The only limit we have to our international student program is the number of families we have to place students with. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office:

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Students will only be placed with fully approved homestay families, therefore we need to get families registered in advance of student applications. Any families that have hosted international students before and/or families that you know would make excellent hosts, please consider becoming registered with the Study Manitoba program. They are looking for a traditional family unit, with children in school, active in the community and healthy in their lifestyle. They are looking for at least five interested families in each community.

Bold Eagle

Bold Eagle is an Aboriginal youth development program conducted by the Department of National Defence and its partnered Aboriginal organizations. Bold Eagle's goals are to contribute to the development of Aboriginal youth by fostering: self-confidence, self-discipline, teamwork, physical fitness. There will be a presentation about the program on Dec. 10th. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Collyer at the school for more information.

SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL—MR. CAREFOOT

The senior girls' volleyball team played Monday night in Carberry against Hartney for a wild-card to provincials.

Winning three sets straight; they got the opportunity to compete at the Single A provincials in Grandview last weekend. Their

first match was on Thursday against the number one ranked team from Manitou. The girls competed from Thursday to Saturday.

The girls played extremely well and lost in the bronze medal game against Grandview.

This marks the end of the volleyball season. Congratulations on an excellent season.



*ECI TADD
Thanks to all who supported the program by purchasing TADD ghoulish drinks.*

ECI TADD GROUP SERVES UP GHOULISH DRINKS...



School of Medical Rehabilitation

OPEN HOUSE

Respiratory Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy

Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010

Time: 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Drop In

Tours! Displays! Admissions Information!

Place: University of Manitoba

Bannatyne Campus

Brodie Centre

727 McDermot Ave.

Erickson Elementary School Christmas Craft Sale

Saturday, December 12 in the school gym.
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

For table rental please call the school at 635-2266

Proceeds to buy a well for a village in India

- Good Christmas gifts
- Assorted crafts
- Kid creations

LAST CALL:

All grade 11 parents/students who have *not* submitted their chocolate bar money your cheques will be deposited on Friday, December 4th unless other arrangements have been made.

Thank you!! Mrs Collyer

WINTER SESSION OF DRIVER ED TO BEGIN - MS SELEWICH

Driver Ed is set to start on November 30, 2009 and run until February 2, 2010 at Erickson Collegiate Institute. It will run from 3:45 PM to 6:15 PM.

The Corporation is pleased to offer this program, which enables high school students to obtain professional, quality driver training.

The program consists of 34 hours of classroom instruction, 8 hours of behind-the-wheel training

and 8 hours of observation.

The curriculum covers topics such as: basic driving skills, rules of the road, impaired driving consequences, defensive driving, winter challenges and gravel road driving.

The classroom instructor will be Denise Selewich. The in-car instructors will be Denise Selewich and Don Barclay.

Important Dates:

Classes: November 30, December 7, 8, 14 Janu-



ary 4, 5, 11, 18, 19, 25 and February 1, 2

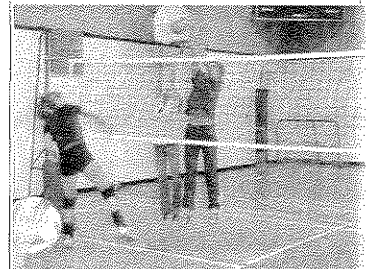
Mandatory Parent Meeting: December 7 at 6 PM
Class 5 Test: December 15 at 4PM

Any questions can be directed to the Road Safety Department at 985-7199 or toll free 1-800-261-9928 or visit www.mpi.mb.ca

RRFN Study Group

Tuesdays from 3:30–5:00 at the school.

Dec. 1, 8, and 15.



NEWS FROM PETERS' WORLD—MS PETERS

The semester is flying by in Peters' World.

The grade 12 students completed a practice provincial standards test and will likely complete another one before the end of December. We are reading Tennessee Williams' classic play *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The class did not believe me when I told them that Marlon Brando,

who played the lead character Stanley Kowalski in the screen version was the "Brad Pitt of his day".

The grade 10 class have started a unit on poetry. There is some groaning and moaning but I plan to turn them all into armchair Romeos—perhaps their texts will be more poetic??? This class will be writing a variety of poems on a topic of their choice. Perhaps this is also a

stepping stone to a future career with Hallmark.

Finally, the grade 8 students are working on Inquiry projects on a variety of topics. Since they are the experts on their own topics, they will teach the class what they have learned. There are many topics being explored including: Italy, Switzerland, donuts, hunting and much more.

Pre-Game Practice

Library Links

Fifty students and 6 chaperones travelled to Brandon this month for the Library Fieldtrip to see *New Moon*. It was an awesome movie and enjoyed by all!

The students and staff will be doing some fundraising to help pay for this event.

Come check out the new fiction titles in the Library! There are several novels including:

- Pygmy* by Chuck Palahniuk
- The Murder of Kurt Cobain*
- Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* by Hunter S. Thompson
- Fatal Charm* by Linda Joy Singleton.

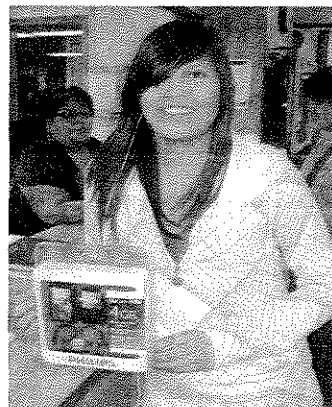
There are 23 titles in total.

Mrs. McInnes

WINNER—JADE WILSON

Congratulations to Jade Wilson. Wilson was the winner of the draw for an MP3 player. Each parent who attended parent teacher interviews entered the name of their student into the draw bin for a chance to win. ECI would like to thank all the parents for attending inter-

views. They were very well attended and we look forward to seeing everyone out for the spring interviews.



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Parents:

If you would like to receive regular email contact from the school please send your name and email address to:

lpeters@rrsd.mb.ca

You can keep in regular contact with your student's teacher about attendance, marks and overall progress.



**Drama
Production**

ECI will be presenting "Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde" in the new year. Watch for more details.

Kids Can Shop

We are looking for new or gently used items for our Kids Can Shop program. Students from Erickson Elementary will be coming over on Dec. 15 and shopping for Christmas presents. Donations may be dropped off at the front office.

There is always an extra need for male gifts. Thank you for your support.

WELCOME!!!

ECI extends a warm welcome to Mrs. Beaumont who joined the staff at the end of November. Mrs. Beaumont will be teaching Consumer Math 30S, Applied Math 20S, Science 10F and Family Studies 40S.