

ECI NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

- November 4—Take your kid to work day (Grade 9s)
- November 6—High School Inservice—NO SCHOOL
- November 10—Remembrance Day service
- November 11—Remembrance Day—NO SCHOOL
- November 19—(5:00p.m.—7:00p.m.) Parent Teacher Interviews at RRFN
- November 20—Parent Teacher Interviews (9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.) at ECI
- November 19 and 20—Grade 11—Career Development Days
- December 18—last day of classes before Christmas holidays

NOVEMBER NEWS

We are now about halfway through the first semester for the high school students. Parents should have received progress updates from your student's teachers. Please contact your student's teacher if you would like more regular updates about your student's progress.

Some ECI students will be attending a "Day of Inspiration" in Brandon on November 9 and 10. One of the featured speakers is Crystal Shawanda. There were a limited number of spots available this year. Students who were not able to attend will be offered the opportunity next year.

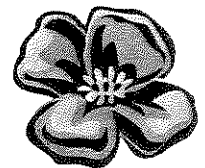
Grade 9 students went to citizenship court in Minnedosa on Thursday, Oct. 29 and had a positive learning experience.

The student council put on an excellent dance that was well attended by ECI students. There were many creative costumes including pirates, ghosts and so on. Students danced to their favourite tunes and had a fabulous evening. The student council also planned some fun and exciting Halloween activities for Friday afternoon to help raise school spirit.

Thanks to the Teens Against Drunk Driving (TADD) group who sold fun beverages and hot dogs at the dance as a fundraiser.

The Remembrance Day service will be held at the school on Nov. 10 in the morning. Community members are welcome to attend.

Finally, Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on November 19 from 5:00p.m. -7:00p.m. at RRFN. We will also conduct interviews on November 20th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at ECI. Please mark your calendars and come out to support your children in their education. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.



Homestay Families Needed

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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How the Tiger Got His Stripes—By Stefanie and Blake

One dark Halloween night, the tiger had come home from trick or treating. He was a mummy for Halloween, so he was unwrapping his costume. As he was unwrapping his costume he got called by his mom. He went to help her with supper. After that he went to unwrap it, then his dad

called him, so he went to go find out what his dad wanted him for. Then he helped him with fixing the bike.

Then went back to trying to unwrap his costume. As he was just about to take off the second layer of his wrap his mom called him again. Getting frustrated he yelled

"what?!"

His mom said "supper!" So he went to go for supper. After eating he was just about to go unwrap the costume and his brother had called him to help paint the outside of the house. He went to help. When he was finished he had to help clean up so he was getting mad. As he sat down he didn't

realize that his brother was walking by him and he accidentally tripped him and the bucket of paint flew up into the air it was coming down pretty fast he couldn't move fast enough so the bucket of paint came down and spilled all over tiger!

As the mummy suit was only covering pieces with stripes still showing the stripes that turned black he quickly ran to the washroom to wash off the paint but the paint wouldn't come off, he tried everything! The paint was stuck on him as days pasted, weeks past it wasn't fading! He tried washing it again nothing would work, it was stuck! Forever! So when he grew up and had kids he was surprised to see they had the stripes, from then on the tigers always had black stripes! That is how the tiger got its stripes.



From the Career Preparation & Exploration Desk— Mrs. Soltys

Take Our Kids to Work Day is on November 4, 2009.

The month of November brings numerous important dates for our program and some of our students. First of all we have the Take Our Kids to Work Day on November 4, 2009. This is a day for all of our grade 9 students to go to work with a parent, relative, or guardian to experience the work world. It's an exciting day for the students as they will not only get to spend a day away from school, but more so to see what the people important in their lives do for a living. This day can open up all kinds of very interesting conversations in regards to future career goals for everyone involved.

The next important dates to mark on the calendar are November 19 and 20, 2009, this is when our Grade 11 Career Preparation Days will be happening. This year

we have chosen to break up the 5 day work week for our grade 11's and spread them out over the 2 semesters, in hopes to take away less teaching time, give the students 2 different Career opportunities, and to better reflect upon each placement. Permission forms and choice sheets for these days will be going out shortly.

I also want to inform you about the other programs we have available through the Career Prep. Program, they are: the Volunteer Credit, did you know that you can earn a high school credit by volunteering your time? You can! Come to my office and ask me how. Next we also have the Senior Years Apprenticeship Option, another incredible program that helps pave a solid path towards a trade. Imagine this: you can earn high school credits, appren-

ticeship hours and get paid all at the same time. Interested? Come see me in my office.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information about these programs please give me a call, stop by, or drop me an email. You can find me in my office on even days of our school cycle, by phoning the school (636- 2605), or email me at msoltys@rrsd.mb.ca. Have a great November and Happy Fall,
Marlies Soltys

PARENT- STUDENT INFORMATION

Rolling River School Division purchased a Student Information package, which allows parents to log into the system through the Internet to see your son / daughter's information. All you need to access this service is an Internet connection.

The username and password is supplied by the school and will be sent to you should you like to use this online service.

You will not be able to make any changes. The program only gives you the right to view the information.

The program has many safeguards to prevent anyone from accessing information that they do not have rights to access.

Parents can only access information about their own child.

Each parent will be given a User Name and Password to log into the program. The parent may change the password at anytime.

The online access will display the following information about your child.

- Family information
- Timetables

- Attendance
- History of Marks

If you would like to have access to the Parent Portal for student information please contact the school so that they can set up a username and password.

A 2009 VERSION OF HAMMURABI'S CODE—MRS. SELEWICH

Grade 8 students took the time to study Hammurabi's Code (1792 BCE-1750 BCE) as part of their unit on Mesopotamia. Students enjoyed learning about the earliest known record of laws set forth by

the government
A selection of laws from Hammurabi's Code:

" If a man put out the eye of another man, his eye shall be put out"
Or

If a builder build a house for some one, and does not construct it properly, and the house which he built fall in and kill its owner, then the builder shall be put to death."

If anyone has any treadmills or other exercise equipment that they would be willing to donate to the school fitness area, please contact Ms Dalton at the school. 636-2605.

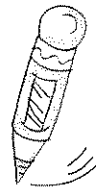
PETERS' WORLD—MS PETERS

Students in Grade 8 in Peters' World completed their novel study on *The Outsiders* by SE Hinton. They finished off with an assortment of assignments that included choices of making comics, posters, writing character sketches, writing new endings to the book or newspaper articles. All in all, students really seemed to enjoy reading the novel.

Students in Grade 10 are working their way through *April Raintree* by Beatrice Culleton. Students have been working on a variety of activities to do with character and plot of the story. They have just completed a compare and contrast essay about April's experiences with two families.

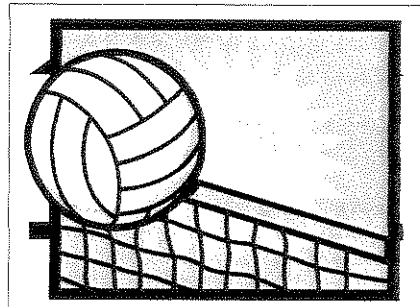
The grade 12 students have completed their study of the holocaust and

Elie Wiesel's memoir *Night*. They too have worked their way through an essay assignment. They will move on to a practice run of the provincial standards test.



Senior Girls Win Macgregor - Mr. Carefoot

The senior girls volleyball team travelled to Macgregor on the weekend to take



part in the Mustangs annual volleyball tournament. After going undefeated in the round robin the girls faced Treherne in the semi finals. The girls came up on top against Treherne winning 2-1 and in the finals they beat Ste Rose 2-0.

The girls travel to Killarney this

weekend for a volleyball tournament

Upcoming Home Games :

- Tuesday, November 3 Minnedosa
- Thursday, November 5 Elton
- Tuesday, November 10 Macgregor (4:30)
- Tuesday, November 10 Gladstone 6:30 (Zone Play)

Library Links—Mrs. McInnes

The winner of the New Moon Calendar draw was Mrs. Preisinger! Congratulations!

ECI Library is planning a fieldtrip to Brandon to see the movie, *New Moon* this month. Sign-up sheet is in the Library.

UNCLE CARL'S NOVEMBER MENU

NOV. 2-4.....Soup & Sand Week

NOV. 5.....PIZZA DAY

NOV. 6.....NO SCHOOL

NOV. 9.....Taco Salad or Denver'

NOV.10.....Pizza Buns or Hot Dogs

NOV. 11.....NO SCHOOL

NOV.12.....Chicken Fingers or Ham & Cheddar Loaf

NOV. 13.....PIZZA DAY

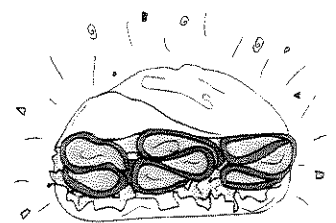
NOV. 16-18..Mexican Week

NOV. 19.....PIZZA DAY

NOV. 20.....NO SCHOOL

NOV. 23-26...Salad Bar

NOV.27.....PIZZA DAY



Food Drive—Mr. Carefoot

In December Mr. Carefoot's Math and Science class will be spending a day at the Samaritan house. If you would like to send some non-

perishable food items with them to take to the Samaritan house, you can drop the food off at the office or with Mr. Carefoot.



Time Capsule 2009-2010



The time capsule dig is officially over.

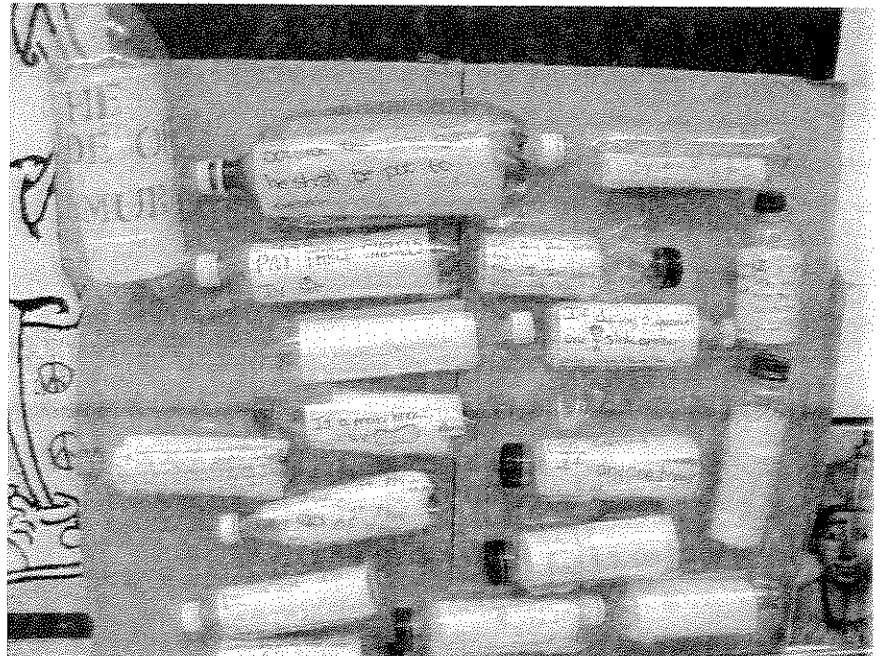
With the help of Beatty Construction, we attempted to locate the original time capsule. Students were unsuccessful in finding the 20 year old capsule. However, students had a great experience in the planning and implementation of this project.

Grade 8 S.S. students placed their time capsule in the ground with a variety of interesting objects. It is hoped that a future generation will find this time capsule one day.



Time Capsule Unearthed

—Mrs. Selewich



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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.



S3 Saulteaux—

Mrs. McKay

April McKay's mural for ECI "School Pride" is displayed in the hallway. The white & black sketching is on a 107x105cm canvas. The mural is included in her language mark.

Other Tidbits...

- Manitoba Career Week—Nov. 2-6
- Addictions Awareness Week— Nov. 9-13
- Grade 11 Grad Fundraiser—money is due by Nov. 9 or cheques will be cashed.
- Kids Can Shop will be happening again in December. Donations of new or gently used items suitable for men or women are greatly appreciated.

Report cards will not be handed out to students. Parents can pick up reports at the school on Nov. 19th.