

FRESHIE DAY 2006



The 2006 Freshie Day was a resounding success with the majority of Grade 12 and Grade 9 newcomers taking part. Best costume winners were Landon Lee, dressed by Zoe Pratt, Caitlin Koversky,



dressed by Apryl Larson and Justine Cornelson dressed by Karlee McLaughlin. Liam Hogan was the winner of the eraser relay.

Diversity day planned for October 26

The Diversity Forum is planned for this Thursday and is a day long antiracism/pro diversity initiative. Groups of students will rotate through four speaker sessions:

1. Mark Young—Opaskwayak Cree Nation
2. Eugene Blackbird - Executive Director, Keeseekoowenin Sharing Lodge
3. Garry Robson - Consultant, Aboriginal Education Directorate; MB Education, Citizenship and Youth
4. Shelley Faintuch - Director, Community Relations, Jewish Federation of Winnipeg

Sessions are as follows:

Library - Mark Young

Mrs. Branconnier's Room - Eugene Blackbird

Stage - Shelley Faintuch

Mr. Edwards Room - Garry Robson

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I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers who have made the program such a success up to this point. Thank you to Agnes Amyotte, Phoebe Morrissette, Marlene Gregory, Donna Favel, Eugene Gaywish, Claude Shannacappo, Lorraine Amyotte, Sheila Mckay, Leo Amyotte and Cecile Huntinghawk for their time and knowledge shared with the students.

One activity we are presently involved in is the making of regalia (outfits that dancers wear while participating in the pow wow) for Women's Fancy Dance, Women's Jingle Dress, Men's Grass Dance, Men's Chicken Dance.

There have been 4 students that have started their Star Blankets with many others waiting for their turn to start. One student has started making moccasins. We will be starting our Horsemanship Program on October 23, 2006 with 8 students involved. Each student is required to have 120 hours in order to receive credit. Sports fanatics will be happy to know that we will be starting Gym Nights at the Erickson Collegiate on Monday, November 6, 2006 (7:30-9:00). We are also planning to start guitar lessons once a month for those who are musically inclined! If you are interested look for the posters, information and sign up sheets that will be put up in my office.

One of the major activities that is in the planning stages is the development and painting of a Mural which integrates and showcases the different cultures that are present in our school. Students are being asked to submit pictures or ideas of what they would want to see on the Mural. This activity will commence as soon as we receive enough ideas and pictures from the students.

We encourage and invite parents to come and participate in our activities and to learn more about the First Nation Culture.

Note - The Gazing at the Stars Activity scheduled for October 27 & 28 and has been rescheduled for Nov. 23 & 24.

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Myrna Young, Rolling River First Nation Liaison

Junior High happenings

By Mrs. Branconnier, Mr. Cornish and Mrs. Nysten

The Grade 7's are settling into their new routine. Homework letters are being sent home weekly for Grade 7 & 8's. If you are not getting the letters, you can assume that your child is completing his or her work as required. All Junior High students have planners and are hopefully showing them to you daily.

The Grade 8's have a Math test on Wednesday and the Grade 7's will have one next week. Please review with your child before hand.

In ELA, the Grade 8's are finishing their novel study on *The Outsiders*. The Grade 7's have weekly spelling and grammar booklets to complete with quizzes held on Friday's.

In Science, the Grade 8's are learning about cells with some of the students having created their own three dimensional cell models. They are also learning to use microscopes. The Grade 7's are learning about eco-systems and biomes.

We hope to see you all at parent-teacher interviews on November 23rd.

Career Preparation

Career Prep activities are underway for the new school year. On Wednesday, October 18, the Grade 11 and 12 students traveled to Minnedosa to hear presentations on a variety of post-secondary institutions. Hopefully they learned more about application procedures, eligibility criteria and some of the differences between high school and post secondary environments.

The next community-based career prep activity is the Grade 9 "Take Our Kids to Work" day. This is happening on Wednesday, November 1, 2006. As I type this, I am missing 21 out of a possible 31 forms. Parents who have not seen the information on this program are urged to call Deb Maluk at the school (636-2605) or on her cell (867-0428) to make arrangements for their child.

The Grade 11 students will be participating in a week of work experience from Monday, November 20 to Friday, November 24, 2006. At this point, I have 10 out of a possible 38 forms in. Some students have indicated that their parents are working on placement options for them. I would appreciate a quick call or email from these parents to let me know the general plan, and to see if there is anything I can do to help. Some placements take a long time to arrange, and it's important that all the students have some type of "ball in play" with respect to their potential job sites.

My contact numbers are listed above, and my email address is dmaluk@rrsd.mb.ca. Let's all work together to help the students discover their dream jobs!!

Yearbook Crate-A-Thon

On November 3, the Yearbook Committee is holding a fundraising, the Crate A Thon, which is open to Grade 7 to 12 students.

Starting in the last period on Friday and ending at times unknown, students will be given a milk crate and are required to stand on it for as long as they can. The students are allowed to bring their own food and water and may not bring any MP3's, books, games, Ipod's, etc. This is a physical and mental endurance contest; last student standing on their crate wins half of the amount entered. No bathroom breaks, falling off, etc. Students need to arrange their own transportation since the contest may end late. Spectators are allowed to watch but are asked to leave by 11 p.m. if the contest goes that long .

Participants are asked to give a \$10 entry fee, along with their permission slip which must be in by October 27. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Ruth Frey at school. Permission slips are available at the office.

JH Soccer Tournament in Rivers

Congratulations to the 15 players of the Junior High Co-ed Soccer Team: Kristen Kologinski, Tyler Kowaluk, Josh McKay, Matt Sichewski, Ashton Tiller, Doyle Wilson, Mathew Wozney, Colten Yarych, Terrell Amyotte, Jordyn Maduke, Darnell McKay, Lucas Wilson, Ruth Shannacappo, Lailand Wilson & Calum McKay. These young athletes played five - 50 minute soccer games at the end of September, eventually defeating the better of the Minnedosa teams by a score of 3-1 to win the Championship Tournament Pennant. Josh McKay scored the assurance goal with about ten minutes left game five. Miss Nylen and Mrs. McLaughlin were very pleased and proud of the whole team play and sportsmanship. To note, the girls and Matt played the whole 5 games, without substitutions because the tournament rules stated there were to be five girls on the soccer pitch at any one time. Kristen left us between the 2nd & 3rd games so the referee would not allow the team to have any more than 10 players on the field, thus the team played shorthanded for games 4 & 5..... *and* still came out as the RRSJ Junior High Soccer Champs.

Spots Available for Ski Trip

Due to the success of last year's ski trip to Banff and surrounding area, another trip has been planned for February 1,2,3 & 4. The second deposit of \$100 is now due with the 3rd deposit of \$150 being due by the end of November. The 4th deposit, also of \$150 is due before Christmas break, or the entire amount may be paid in full. Total cost for the trip is \$500 per student. Please call Mr. Wood at 636-2605 if you have any questions.



Student Council Fundraiser - Tip Top Holiday

Please open your hearts and your wallets to Grade 9 to 12 students who are currently taking orders for Tip Top Holiday for the Christmas season. The catalogue features several seasonal items such as ornaments, paper, cards, and candy, as well as anytime giftware, cards, and keepsakes.

The merchandise will arrive in early December and orders have to be in by Monday, October 30. For every \$50 a student sells, their name will be entered in a draw for \$100 gift certificate. If you haven't seen your child's catalogue, please ask them for it and get them selling!!

Senior Varsity Volleyball



At the halfway point of the season, the Erickson S.V boys' volleyball team is looking good, but tonight face their biggest challenge yet. They play Rivers, the team they defeated in a close match during the zone 7 finals in last years junior varsity season. They are yet to play Gladstone, Elton, and MacGregor before beginning the post season, and have defeated Minnedosa, Carberry, and Neepawa. This leaves their current league record at three wins and zero losses.

Besides the season play, our Erickson Eagles have also attended two tournaments. Just this previous weekend they attended an invitation only tournament in Glenella.

They made it through the round robin first place in their pool, winning five of their six sets. Defeating Rossburn in the quarter-finals, they continued on to play and win against Rorketon in the semi-finals, as well as Ashern in the finals. They went undefeated throughout the playoffs. The boys travel to Rorketon on November 3rd and 4th, and also have a tournament in Dauphin on November 10th and 11th.

So who makes up this team overflowing with skill and talent? The S.V boy's volleyball team consists of 11 players. Hitting out of the power position is Tyler Cameron, Cody Horn, and Jason Carlson. Up the middle is Cal Vanderschuit, Mitch Gusdal, and Ryan Synchyshyn. Playing right side is Tyler Judd

and Ross Robinson. Our awesome back row only serve receivers include Scott McMunn and Logan Mckillop. And of course the guy that makes all the plays happen, our setter Brett Carlson.

Even though the Zone 7 season is halfway over, there is still lots of volleyball left. Including the post season and possibly provincials, volleyball may not be over until the end of November. So if you want to see some sweet passing, amazing plays, and monstrous hits as well as great team spirit, come and watch a set or two. Our next game at home is against Gladstone on October 26th. Come see our team and support your neighbourhood by supporting the Erickson Eagles senior varsity boy's volleyball team.

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The girls' season is well on its way. We have played in 3 league matches and 3 tournaments to date.

In league matches the team has won one and lost two. The first match against Minnedosa the team won 3 to 2. The next two were against Carberry and Neepawa. Both matches were lost 3 games to 0. The girls have 2 league games this week – in Rivers on Tuesday and home against Gladstone on Thursday.

In tournament play the team has been to 3 tournaments and made playoff action in the Glenella and Rorketon tournaments. In the Rorketon tournament the team lost to Winnipegosis 2 straight in the quarters 25 – 16, 25 – 19. In the Glenella tournament the team had two hard fought games against Arborg losing in the quarter finals 25 – 21, 25 – 23. The last tournament was in Strathclair where we met a variety of teams. The girls played well but did not make the playoffs. Next tournament action is this weekend in Winnipegosis. This is the last tournament on the schedule this year.

Following is the team roster of the Eagles Senior Girls team, under the direction of coaches Ms. Nylen and Mr. Sansom.

ECI Athletic Cards

On Monday, October 23 the Athletic Department at ECI started a school fundraiser to help offset the cost of school sport activities. Students from Grades 7-12 are selling ECI Athletic cards for \$15. Purchasers will receive a discount card with deals from local and Brandon merchants and can register their card online for further discounts all over Canada and the US. The card can be used over the entire year as many times as the purchaser wants.

All students involved in the athletic program are asked to sell at least five cards each. For selling the five cards, the student will receive a free card to keep or sell. Students who sell 10 cards receive a free card and \$30 cash that they can put towards their own athletic fees or put in their own pocket. This new fundraising idea is a great deal for the buyer and the seller.

Thanks to Derek Siwak of Varsity Gold for taking the time to organize the promotion and a special thanks to our local merchants for supporting this new fundraiser. The sales campaign will run until November 6th.

Grad Update:

Chocolate bar money is WAY OVERDUE now, so please turn it in to Mrs. Robson ASAP. The following people owe money:

Haley Hrymak	\$17.00	Kelsea McInnes	\$10.75
Sean Fleming	\$60.00	Spring Gregorash	\$12.75
Taylor Wark	\$52.00	Jody Shannacappo	\$120.00
Zoe Pratt	\$7.00	Quinn Quewezance	\$120.00
Tyler Cameron	\$25.00	Kris Lelonde	\$120.00
Nadine Gaywish	\$120.00		

The next grad meeting is on Wednesday October 25th at 12:35 in Mrs. Robson's room. Please bring your lunch if you are not finished.

Grad hoodie ideas were to be turned in last Friday, but none were received. If there are no ideas by this Friday there will not be an order put in.

Josten's will be here Friday Oct 27th at 9:30 a.m. to talk to those people interested in Grad Rings. There will be samples for students to look at. Booklets were given out at the last grad meeting, and if you did not receive one please talk to Mrs. Robson before Friday.

The Rolling River Festival of the Arts

is back in Minnedosa again this year and we are inviting all students with any interest in the arts to enter the festival. There are great scholarships and trophies not to mention the thrill of a great performance. The festival gives students a reason to practice and better themselves in whatever part of the festival they are interested in. We have some amazing Adjudicators lined up this year as well as a voice workshop planned. So if you play an instrument, sing, dance, recite poetry and would like to share this with others this is a great opportunity.

The festival runs March 5-9 and March 12-16, 2007 with the deadline set for Thursday Dec 7, 2006.

The entry forms are in the addendum, which can be found at the schools, Minnedosa Library and Minnedosa Pharmacy as well as on the website www.rrfa.ca. Hope to see lots of new and exciting faces this year.