



Erickson Elementary

October 6, 2008

Dates to remember:

Oct. 7—Picture Money to be in.

Oct. 9—Harvest Meal for students

Oct. 13—Thanksgiving Day—no school

Oct. 14—HEP Shots—Grade 4

Oct 16—HPV Shots—Grade 6 Girls

Hot Lunches

Two days a week, students have the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch. On Wednesdays, perogies are served. Due to the rising cost of products, the cost of perogies has increased. \$1.50 for 3; \$3.00 for 6. These are not pre-ordered.

On Fridays, or the last day of the school week, Uncle Carl's Canteen serves pizza with a drink. The cost of this meal is \$3.00. If your child would like an extra piece of pizza, they may order one for an extra \$1, 2 slices of pizza and a drink for \$4.00. This is pre-ordered as the numbers are phoned in Thursday afternoon. All money and orders need to be in the day prior to pizza day!!!

Lunch Kit Tips (Excerpts from the Brandon Sun). If you're filling a thermos to send beans or soup, be sure to preheat it with very hot water so that the food will still be hot at lunchtime. Sending something cold? Fill it with ice water and chill overnight in the fridge. Juice boxes can be frozen and will help to keep other items in the lunch kit chilled. The juice will thaw by lunch time. If fruit always seems to make its way back home instead of being eaten, it might be because it's not cut up. A whole apple or orange can seem like an awful lot of food once you've eaten a whole sandwich, which can discourage kids from eating even a little. Pack wet things like tomato slices and cucumber slices separate from the sandwiches and let older kids add them to their sandwiches later, younger kids can just nibble on the veggies.

Photos

Picture money is due October 7th, 2008. A picture re-take date has not been set at this time.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

This month we say goodbye to Deanna and Desiree McIvor. We wish them well at their new school! Sharing begins this week so please look at the planner to find your child's sharing day. Our Gr. 4 computer buddies will be taking us to the computer lab this month to help us with math and ABC games.

We will be learning the color words for red, orange and black and we will continue to work on rhyming. Parents you can help with rhyming by rhyming your child's name or objects in the house. Fire safety is our Health topic this month and in Math we are working on counting to 10, the numbers 1 and 2 and sorting activities.

Our Halloween party will be Thursday October 30 and a letter will come home the week of the 20th with all the details.

Have a good week and a really nice Thanksgiving.

Mrs. C Topham

GRADE 1 NEWS

What beautiful weather we are having. The mornings are cooler so please have your child wear warmer clothes.

The students now have a reading log to sign after they read a book. The goal is to have your child read about 20-30 books this month.

In Language Arts we are learning to sound out new words and recognize sight words. They are learning to write sentences using capitals

and punctuation. The Spelling Tests are going very well. Way to go Grade 1. In Math we are learning more/less. This week we began adding 2 numbers and what (in all) means. In Social/Health we are learning about different feelings.

Note:

Picture money due Oct. 7

Harvest Meal– Thursday, Oct. 9 Please send money before Thursday.

Please print in planner and specify if your child is ordering pizza for Friday.

Thank you,

D. Gaywish

GRADE 2 NEWS

It's a new month and we begin new topics of study. October will be a busy month! Here are some of the highlights:

1. E.E.S. Harvest Meal- Thursday, Oct. 9th
2. We will be writing a Thanksgiving song this week.
3. We're going "batty" about bats. Today we started a new theme in E.L.A./Science and we began the unit with a KWL- what we KNOW; what we WANT to know; and, at the end of the unit, what we LEARNED.
4. Next week we will start preparing for our Unicef campaign. Watch for posters advertising this event in our community.

Grade 2 Homework Schedule.

Monday: The new spelling words are written in the planner at school. At home, say the words and write them out.

Tuesday: Books are chosen and Reading Log homework is taken home. It is due Thursday. Parents could you please sign or initial the Reading Log sheet Thanks.

Wednesday: finish Reading Log homework.

Thursday: practice Spelling words for the test on Friday.

If you have any questions about the homework please call me or write a note in the planner.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

S. Hall

GRADE 3 NEWS

September has passed by so quickly with its many highlights. The children really enjoyed making their kites and flying them. Writing and performing a song was a positive experience—especially the trip to Onanole for recording.

We are in the process of completing the Grade 3 Assessment Package in both Math and Language Arts.

Learning basic Math skills has been a priority. We are working on both addition and subtraction facts to 20, regrouping through carrying and borrowing with 2 digit numbers as well as building a foundation for multiplication and division.

In Language Arts we are enjoying the novel Charlotte's Web.

Safety and Thanksgiving will be the themes of the month.

Mrs. McInnes

Grade Four News

It sure has been a busy month in Grade Four. We have almost completed some of our Units and Unit tests will be coming up shortly. Please have a look in the planner as to when these Unit tests will be happening.

In Social Studies we are working on identifying the different provinces of Canada on a map and learning to correctly spell the names of the provinces and their capitals.

In Science we are studying rocks. We have done some work on Igneous rocks and Sedimentary rocks. We will be learning about Metamorphic rocks next.

In Math we have been doing Addition and Subtraction workbooks at the same time. We should be done the Unit by the middle of the month. Please look in the planner as to when a Math Booklet has to be completed. We are also working on a Geometry Unit this month.

In ELA we are working on Unit #3 in Spelling and we are all progressing well in our daily reading and group readings.

Please remember to send gym clothing. Some still do not have all their gym clothing and may not participate in gym until they have the proper attire.

Please check the planner daily, it has all kinds of classroom and school information and reminders put in it daily. Feel free to leave messages from home in the planner as well.

Frank Sokoloski

Grade 5 News

We are continually getting further and further along in the school year. The month of September has flown by and lots of exciting school activities has taken place. We are finishing up units in various classes. We have had tests in Math, Science, ELA/Spelling, Health, French and Physical Education. Progress reports were sent out for each student last week. Please sign them and return them to the classroom teacher.

The grade 5 and 6 classes wrote a song with James Gordon and then went to Onanole to record the song for a CD. Upcoming events for October include the Harvest Meal, no school on Monday, October 13th for Thanksgiving, and Halloween on October 31st.

Grade 6 News

Well, October is here and it doesn't look like things are going to slow down any time soon! Thank you very much to those parents who check and sign their child's planner every day. Don't forget to check the list of assignments taped into your child's planner every Friday to make sure everything has been handed in. As you can see by the planner, the Grade Six class has been quite busy for the last couple of weeks. We are continuing with our "All About Me" theme in writing and spent an Art class designing and working on a cover for the project. In Math we are finishing our "Patterns and Relations" unit by doing some extra practice sheets to get ready for the unit test.

Our recording session with James Gordon was a success and a huge thank-you to the 3 students in the Grade 5-6 group who made it to perform at the concert last Saturday.

The class webpage is getting closer to completion - hopefully by next newsletter I'll be able to report that it's done!

C. Warrington

Guidance Counselling:

I hope everyone had a great weekend!

Days School Counsellor is in Erickson School:

Afternoons of-Oct. 6th, 14th, 16th, 20th, 22nd, 28th, 30th, Morning of 31st.

Guidance instruction presentations have started. In the grade 5 classroom we are learning about "Responsibility." As part of this learning, we are identifying classroom behaviours that are considered to be "above the line" and "below the line." In grade 1 we have been learning about "Problem-Solving." Ask your child the 3 main steps to solve a problem. I will keep you informed about presentations in other classrooms.

Through our school newsletter and on my website, I will be trying to keep you up to date on some of the provincial and national awareness weeks that happen throughout the year. October is a busy month! There will not always be time to celebrate or participate in activities related to these awareness dates, but I thought I would try to raise some awareness by acknowledging them and providing you with links, should you wish to learn more or explore them further!

Autism Awareness Month:

www.autismsocietycanada.ca

Learning Disabilities Awareness Month:

www.ldac.taac.ca/LDMonth/welcome-e.asp

Fire Prevention Week: to download a free fire prevention kit which includes safety tips for your home, visit www.firecan.ca

Child Abuse Awareness Month:

National Family Week:

(Oct. 6-12 Theme is "Strengthening Families Through Family Traditions") for a free online resource kit, ideas and activities, visit www.frp.ca/nfw

Mental Illness Awareness Week: (Oct. 5-11th) www.miaaw.ca/en/campaign/faces.aspx

To help raise awareness to the reality of mental illness, to reduce the negative stigma associated with mental illness and to promote prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Our Local Community Mental Health Workers are:

Child & Adolescent Worker- Karen Kroeger 328-6211

Adult Worker- Erin Hayward 867-8718

There are also many Associations and Societies that offer support and information:

Anxiety Disorders of Manitoba 725-8550

Schizophrenia Society of Manitoba
483-4054
Learning Disabilities Association 727-
4669
Mood Disorders Association 725-8555

Have a Great Week! *"What sunshine is to
flowers, smiles are to humanity" Spread
some sunshine!*

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