

❖ OAK RIVER SCHOOL NEWS ❖

April 9, 2009

Principal's Message

I hope it is safe to say, "Spring is finally here to stay!" I had visions of returning to class after the break and the snow being gone and the ground dry, but I must have been dreaming as there is still considerable snow and puddles on the grounds! A **reminder** to send extra socks and pants because try as we do to keep the puddles off the children....accidents happen!

Spring Break brought some **changes** to our school. **Kyle and Jeffrey Curtis** have moved to Glenboro. We wish them all the best in their new home and school. **Mrs. Therrien** is taking a **leave of absence** until the end of June. We will miss her but wish her well in her future endeavours. We were very fortunate to have **Mrs. Jacquie Gage** willing to assume the secretarial/librarian/ EA duties at our school. She has jumped in to the position and is looking forward to working with everyone at ORS. When visiting the school please drop in to the office to say hello and introduce yourself. During the break the maintenance department did some tile replacement at our school and **Mrs. Usunier** worked very hard to have all the floors shining once again. We do ask that all visitors **remove their outer footwear** at the entrance to avoid tracking mud through our building.

March was an unpredictable month as far as the weather was concerned which caused some disruption to planned events for milk spirit week. With some juggling of the schedule we managed to jam most of the events that had been planned for the week into only three days. The **participation** in the dress-up and milk related events were excellent and everyone looked like they were having fun. Thanks to **Eleanor and Tegan** for organizing the week. That week we were very pleased to have **Connor Radcliffe** visiting our school to do work experience. Connor worked in the Grade K-4 classroom and was easily convinced to participate in the week's activities. We thank Connor for returning to ORS for the week! That month we also had two presentations. On the 19th all grades were involved in the **eco-van visit**. Our local conservation district was very supportive of this program and covered the entire cost for the day. K-4's learned about **bats and animal teachers** while the grade 5-8 class did a **mini-envirothon** which covered various topics in many different inquiry stations. Thanks so much to **Colleen and the conservation district** for making this happen at ORS. On the 27th we had a visit from **Bill Baker of Manitoba Forestry** and his buddy, **Smokey the Bear**. To his surprise he entered ORS to find us in our **PJ's** barely finished our **pancake breakfast!** Congratulations to **Jeriah Wurtz** and **Jordie Bates** for completing the **Career Trek** program at Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College. Their parents and I joined them for the final day of the program as guests and found it to be most interesting.

Please be reminded to return \$ or bars to the school. Thanks to our families and the community for supporting the Home and School Association's chocolate bar sales.

Ms. Knight

As part of our Health program—**Skills For Growing**—the K-Grade 4 students decided on 3 projects related to community service. Their projects included collecting non-perishable food items for the food bank, collecting tabs for wheelchairs, and collecting pennies for the community playground. The students raised **\$25.57** for the playground. Congratulations on a job well done!



Upcoming

- April 10—Good Friday
No Classes
- April 17—Hot Dog Day
- April 22—Earth Day
- April 24—In-Service Day
No Classes
- April 25—Badminton
Minnedosa (girls)
& Forrest (boys)
- May 6—Bookmobile
- May 8—Hot Lunch
- May 18—Victoria Day