

❖ OAK RIVER SCHOOL NEWS ❖

May 1, 2009

Principal's Message

This past month ORS was very pleased to have **Royal Canadian Legion representatives** Zone Commander Maureen Farrant, Carole Black, and Ivy Heapy make presentations to **Eleanor Hyndman** and **Tegan Radcliffe** for their Remembrance essays. Tegan placed first at the Zone Level and Eleanor placed second at the Zone Level and first at District Level. Congratulations girls! Mr. and Mrs. Farrant graciously accepted our drink tabs that had been collected. They forward them to Winnipeg where the tabs are redeemed to purchase **wheelchairs for children**. It takes only seconds to remove a tab and help this very worthwhile cause. Each year our students design the covers for the **Oak River Agricultural Fair**. This year Tegan Radcliffe and Brayden Heapy's submissions have been chosen. The art work on the covers is amazing!

Recently several ORS students participated in **Festivals** around westman with great success. It is wonderful to see such well-rounded and talented young people in our school. Thanks to Janice Heapy for providing transportation to and from Festival for the band students.

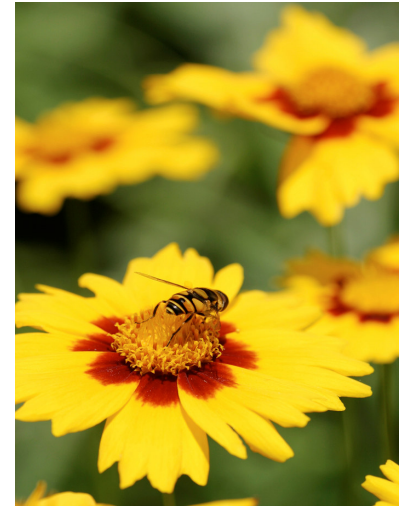
ORS was represented at the **RRSD badminton tournament** by eight student. Mrs. Lewandoski and Mrs. Brown enjoyed watching Eleanor, Tegan, Lucy, and Ali in singles and double play at Minnedosa. Ms. Knight was entertained by Jacob, Kelly, Daniel and Jeriah at the boys' tournament in Forrest on the same day. All students played well with some wins and some losses in both singles and doubles. All teachers reported that our students showed great sportsmanship and skill.

Students participated in **bus evacuations** recently and reviewed the **bus rider ship training**. We are doing our part to make their bus trips safe and we need drivers to do the same by obeying the traffic laws regarding buses so our children can be safe. **This also applies in the parking lot!** You may have noticed some work has been done in the playground. A new **sandbox** has been dug and we are waiting for the sand to be delivered. Also the ground around the trees that were planted last year has been levelled and more dirt and sand added around them. Thanks to Gary Slimmon and Gregory Sand & Gravel for the work they've done in this project. This was made possible by a **Sustainable Development Grant** we received this year.

As always, ORS will be hosting the RRSD annual **softball tournament** so we will be **searching for volunteers** to work as scorekeepers and kitchen workers. If you are able to help out on **Friday, June 5** please contact me at the school.

The next two months will become very busy with track and field, softball, and field trips so please take note of the **upcoming dates** so you can mark them on your calendars.

Ms. Knight



Upcoming

May 6—Bookmobile

May 8—Hot Lunch

May 18—Victoria Day
No Classes

May 20—Grade 8 Transition
meeting at RCI
at 7:45p.m.

May 25—Track & Field
Grade 5-8 (Brandon)

June 2—Grade 5-8 Field trip

June 5—Division Softball
Tournament—ORS

June 9—Grade K-4 Field trip

June 12—ORS Track &
Field Grade 1-6

June 29—Last Day of
Classes!!!

Grade 8
students and parents
are encouraged
to attend a
transition / orientation
session
on May 20
at Rivers Collegiate
at 7:45 p.m.

Many thanks to all
the ORS families
who sold chocolate
bars and to those
who purchased bars
through the ORS
Home & School
fundraising cam-
paign. Once again it
was a successful
fundraiser.

Rivers Collegiate
invites all interested
Grade 6-8 students to
attend their annual
“Spring Fling Dance”
May 27 from 7-10 p.m.
at RCI. The cost is \$2.
Snacks and drinks
will be available
at the
vending machines.

**STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

**The Rolling River School Division has recently joined a consortium of southwestern Manitoba School Divisions and formed a partnership to provide an international student program. The name of the consortium is
STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS.**

**Effective the fall term 2009, the Rolling River School Division will only accept international students for its schools that apply and are accepted through
STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS.**

A key requirement to accept international student to its schools will be the placement of students with host families in the Rolling River School Division.

STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS is the organization that will coordinate and manage the homestay component of the program.

**The Rolling River School Division encourages any potential host families to contact and apply for a homestay placement through
STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS.**

Visit www.studymanitoba.ca for more information about this exciting initiative and how you can participate as a host family in the homestay program.