

Monthly  
April, 2010

# Principal's Message

Hello everyone, I hope that you all enjoyed some time with your children during Spring Break and maybe even with some other family members. If the weather has been cooperative we should now be looking at some greener grass and some sunshine. As you can likely tell I am writing this beforehand. We have a Parent Group meeting this Wednesday at 7 pm here at the school. Divisional badminton is on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the students will be off on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as the teachers are participating in a workshop here at the school, joined by the teachers from Douglas School.

As we move further into spring and warmer weather we will be moving our exercise time outside again and I must say it has been great to see so many active children first thing in the morning this winter. They have been skipping, walking and doing aerobics for a few months now. We saw enough mud in March here at the school to last us for at least a year I am sure.

Mr. Mike Keith

## Rolling Festival of the Arts

Music Notes:

Both the 1-4 choir and the grade 5-6 choir are set to perform at the Minnedosa Community Conference Centre on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 1:00 P.M. The schedule has us singing second and third in the afternoon, so it will be nice to be able to listen to each other. At this point, the busses are requisitioned to leave between 12:00 and 12:15, and return home in plenty of time for the busses at the end of the day. ( I am hoping to leave the hall around 2:15 ish.) As in previous years, I am asking that students wear black or dark pants /jeans, and a white or light colored top/shirt. All are welcome to come out and enjoy a great musical experience. Hope to see you there!

Mrs. MacDonald.

RAPID CITY SCHOOL

### K-4 SOCK HOP!

Friday, April 9th

~Noon Hour~



ADMISSION:

.50 cents

### NEON DANCE

*"Dress in Bright, Neon Colours!"*

Grs. 5-8 Dance

Friday, April  
9th

7-10 PM

ADMISSION:

\$2.00



# CLASSROOM

## KINDERGARTEN

We hope everyone had a restful spring break!



Our class will begin talking about spring weather and also learn about our earth and environment this month. Now that we have completed all the letters and sounds we will begin guided reading in our room. We will also work more in our journals, printing and number booklets.

*Mrs. Gregorash*

## GRADE 1 & 2

We had a very busy month of March, which made the month go by quickly. In Math, we worked on our measurement skills through a variety of centers involving water, sand, and baking. The students made predictions, measured for varification, and at the same time worked on cooperative skills. For the month of April, the grade ones will be working on adding with tens with numbers to 100. The grade twos will be working on adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers to 100.

Thank you parents for those of you who have sent ex-



tra socks, pants, etc. for those unforeseen accidents in the mudpuddles.

*Mrs. Armstrong*

## GRADE 3 & 4

**Grade 3/4 Math** – This month we will be working on time, fractions, geometry and measurement. It promises to be a busy month. Please remember to call me at school if you have questions.

**Grade 3/4 Science** – We will be finishing off our unit on forces that attract or repel before moving back into our work that we started in the fall on soils and plants. It promises to be a messy, dirty, interesting and enlightening spring.



**BIG NEWS** - Our bi annual field trip on the train is coming in May. We will be looking for some volunteers to attend and they will need to have their volunteer paperwork done so that if you are considering coming with us please start the process. This year we will be driving to Portage and riding the bus back so we will likely have to leave our chaperone vehicles at the train station in Rivers. It is also very likely that we will be late getting home that day from what I have heard. I have never done this before so it will be my first time. Please let me know soon if you are

interested in going with us. The date for the trip is May 27th.

Mr. Mike Keith

## GRADE 5 & 6

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I hope everyone had a great Spring Break and managed to get their batteries recharged and are ready to work hard for the final term. I can't believe how fast this year has gone by.

### Language Arts:

Most everyone enjoyed the short poetry unit we did before the break. We have some natural poets in our classroom. I continue to be impressed with the maturity in some of the writing I have seen this year. TUSC resumes this month, with our first meeting on April 13th. We will start our second novel study this month.



**Math:** Grade 5 will continue working with decimals. Grade 6 will finish off ratios and percents before moving on to decimals.

Students are practicing their mental math skills on Day 3, and homework packages will resume each week.

**Social Studies:** We're going

# COMMUNICATION

to war! World War I and life between it and World War II will be our topic of study. We will be investigating The Winnipeg General Strike, the Roaring Twenties, and the Dirty Thirties.

*Please remember, I am available to assist students with school work most recesses, if they are in need of help.*

Mrs. Hardy

## GRADE 7 & 8

ELA - The class has completed its second novel study of the year. By the end of April, they will complete the third and final novel study of the year. They will continue to work on organizing oral and visual reports and on creative writing skills.

Mathematics - Both the Grade 7's and the Grade 8's will continue to work on the unit on Algebra that was started at the end of March.



Science - The class will be continuing with the unit titled "Structural Strength and Stability". Students will be investigating materials and

techniques used to build structures such as skyscrapers, bridges and towers. They will also have opportunities to build and test model structures.

Social Studies - The unit on "Water and Health" was started in March and will continue till near the end of April. Water issues and concerns in the country of Kenya are being used in this study.



Art - After completing assignments using the computer program "Stick Pivot", which looks at frame-by-frame animation, the class will study another form of animation - "Clay-mation". Characters and scenes will be constructed out of modelling clay and animations will be created, frame by frame, with digital cameras.



Phys. Ed. - The next sport that will be focused on will be badminton, as the students prepare for the division tournament on Saturday, April 24. By the end of the month we will also be

working on Track and Field events.

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We are pleased to have Mr. Rob Wozney working with the Grade 7/8 class as a student teacher from the Faculty of Education at Brandon University. He will be working here at Rapid City until April 23.

Mr. Coulson



## Sayings of the Month:

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

--Theodor Seuss Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss

Tis easy enough to be pleasant,  
When life flows along like a song;  
But the man worthwhile is the one  
who will smile when everything  
goes dead wrong."

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox,  
American writer



# Organization

## Business Name

Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4  
  
Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com

**Your business tag line here.**

We're on the Web!

example.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organi-

zation.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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