



Rapid City School April Newsletter

April 2009

Principal's Message

Hello everyone isn't it nice to see the weather finally coming around. I hope the trend continues for many months to come. This month we once again have lots going on and are looking forward to a busy month. We have a school dance and soc hop this week, divisional badminton, and many other special events including a Spring Clean Up Day on Earth Day. The students can feel free to bring in a little pair of gloves to protect their hands that day if they like. Track and Field Practices are also starting for practices are also starting this month for the upcoming meet in Brandon. There will be no Parent Group meeting in May, the next meeting is set for June 3rd. Have a great month and remember to give us a call if you have any questions or concerns.



Mr. Keith

Festival News

On Thursday, April 16th the Rapid City Grade 1 - 4 Choir will be performing in the Rolling River Festival of the Arts at the Rivers Collegiate. On Friday, April 17th the Grade 5 & 6 Choir will also be performing at the Rivers Collegiate. I ask that students please wear dark/black pants and white shirts (or as close to black and white as possible). The bus will be leaving Rapid City School at 9:30 am on both days and the choirs will perform sometime throughout the morning. Teachers and Educational Assistants will be travelling on the bus with students, parents are welcome to join us in Rivers to hear the choirs perform.

Thank you

Mrs. MacDonald



Student Council News

Our **Cakewalk** during Spring Fling went very well. Jady Burr won first place for her treasure chest cake. Slade and Sloan Stanick won second place for their rabbit cake. Jasper Robins won third place for his Easter scene cake.

Thank you to our judges, Mr. Keith and Mr. Coulson, who had the difficult job of judging the cakes on appearance alone while resisting the urge to taste test:) We would also like to thank all the families who very generously donated the **27** cakes for the cakewalk. With so many cakes, we only charged 10 cents a round to give the students a better chance of winning a cake. We had 27 smiling faces leaving school with a cake that day!

Talent Show: The Talent Show listed on the calendar for April 22 has been postponed until May. We need a little more time to get it organized.

Spring Dance and Sockhop

K-4 Sockhop: Thursday, April 16 at lunch recess. Cost: 50 cents

Grade 5-8 Dance: Friday, April 17 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Cost: \$2.00

Sayings of the Month

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." -Thomas Edison

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten." -B.F. Skinner



Classroom

Kindergarten

I hope everyone had a good Easter weekend. This month we are going to be starting an author study of Dr. Seuss and learning about rhyming words. Also we will be starting to read in centers so a home reading package will start coming home soon. There will be a book that the students can read in the book bags they just need to practice reading at home and then send the books back to school. A new book will be sent home each day. We are also looking forward to spring, but that means puddles will around the playground. An extra pair of socks or pants might be a good idea in the backpack in case any of those puddles finds us.

Erin Madill



Grade 1/2

I hope everyone had a great spring break. We are now into the final three months and for the next couple of weeks we will be working on a spring theme. Grade 1 will be making spring counting booklets and grade two are going to be doing some spoken poetry to present to the class.

We are working on finishing up our science unit and will be starting a new one soon.

As always spring is a muddy time on our playground and even the most careful children will possibly get wet. Please send your child some extra clothes in case this happens.

Hoping spring is here to stay and that everyone had a Happy Easter,

Mrs Nykorak



Grade 3/4

In Science this month we will be working on Habitats. The students are really hoping to finish the unit with some projects based on animals of their choice and where they live as well as how they interact with their environment.

In Math this month we are continuing to work on addition, subtraction and will be working on problem solving, measurement and more as well. They have done very well so far with horizontal addition and if you are interested ask them to add 462 and 331 together for you. It promises to be a very busy month but please also ask your child to see their "Any Which Way" game.

Mr. Keith

I hope everyone had a great spring break. This month we will be working on a study of Manitoba in our Social Studies class. If any students have photos of Manitoba places (from personal experience or calendars or post-cards), they are welcome to bring them in to put on our display of Manitoba. In Language Arts, we are continuing with Guided Reading. Just a reminder that the grade 4s must now do the whole unit in Spelling. Have a great month!

Mrs. Hrymak

Communication

5/6 Classroom

Language Arts: We are starting our TUSC meetings again this month. Our first meeting will be Thursday of this week. Students are finishing up the last of the projects for the group novel study before reading some Fractured Fairy Tales and writing one of their own.

Math: Both classes are finishing up the unit on Patterns. The students who don't know their multiplication facts found this unit more difficult, so I continue to urge them to practice their facts to make Math easier. Both grades will be having a quiz towards the end of this week. The next unit is Measurement. They will be working on perimeter and area.

Social Studies: We had our quiz on daily life in Nouvelle France and have moved on to the government of that era.

French: We have begun choral reading the play, *Les trois petits cochons*, as a large group broken into parts. I want to be sure of proper pronunciation before dividing students into smaller groups. Everyone wants to be the wolf!

7/8 French: This class continues to work on the theme *Zone Sportive* about les sports extrêmes. The final task is to create an extreme sport video game.

Mrs. Hardy



Grade 5/6 Science - The class is working on a unit on "Electricity". One of the major projects of this unit is the dismantling of electric devices such as toasters, radios and whatever else students are allowed to bring in from home. Items that are taken apart will NOT be reassembled.

Mr. Coulson

Grade 7/8 Class

Language Arts - By the end of the month, the class will be working on its third and final novel study of the year. The Grade 7's will be doing the novel, "Holes" and the Grade 8's will get to choose from 3 or 4 different possibilities. The class will also be working on writing and recording a "Newscast" with a news, weather and sports segments plus a couple commercials.

Mathematics - The class is continuing to work on a unit in "Measurement". We have covered area, perimeter and circumference and will move on to volume measurements before starting angle measurements and some geometry.

Science - The class is working on a unit on "Light" and will be close to finishing it by the end of April.

Social Studies - We are wrapping up the unit on Greece and will be starting the unit on the "Middle Ages". The major project in this unit is the construction of model castles.

Phys. Ed. - Phys Ed classes are focussing on badminton skills in preparation for the division badminton tournament on April 25.

Art - The class will soon be working on "claymation" animations, some of which may be incorporated into the newscast.

Mr. Coulson