



## Principal's Message

### Good Day Parents/Guardians:

Winter came upon us with a vengeance. Over the past while, I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of parents and community members—at our Remembrance Day Service, Parent Group Meeting, Parent-Teacher Interviews, and those who drop by the school. Thank-you for taking the time in these various

situations to share information about your child, community, or memories (Remembrance Day Service).

Every second day 4 we have an assembly, or try to. Students meet in the Gym and information or “did you know” items are shared. At our last assembly the virtue of Respect was presented. I read the definition, posted Respect in the hallway, and gave one to

each teacher for the classroom. Over the course of the next month, a variety of Respect activities will take place, how does it look, sound, and feel. If you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call.



Until next time,  
Mrs. Slashinsky

### Water Bottles

Studies show that it is very important to keep hydrated.



Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school. They may keep it on their desks in order that they will keep their brain thinking and their body healthy.

### Warm Hands of Friendship MITTEN TREE PROGRAM



Every child should be kept warm and safe during our often cruel winters. I am sure you are well aware that there are children in Manitoba left without proper winter clothing. It is our goal to see that mitts and toques be made available to those in need.

Once again this year our school will be participating in the Mitten Tree Program by putting up a tree at the front entrance. Students and staff can decorate it with anything appropriate for outdoor wear, such as mitts and/or toques. It is preferred that all items be new due to health reasons or, at least, be very clean and in good repair.

The items collected will be distributed by the Canadian Red Cross to areas of Manitoba where the need is greatest.

**We ask that the mittens be collected by December 15, 2010.**

### Student Council News



The Student Council had a bake sale on Parent Teacher Interview day. All the baking sold and so did most of the Christmas vases.

Thank you to the students

who donated baking and to all the people who bought baking or vases. The money from the bake sale will be donated to local Christmas Cheer.

Thank you to everyone who

bought a Christmas tree or made a donation to the Student Council. We really appreciate all the support. We hope you enjoy your tree and have a wonderful Christmas!

# CLASSROOM

## KINDERGARTEN

Thank you for your perfect attendance at Parent Teacher Interviews, it was great to see everyone. This month we will focus on a Christmas theme and have a variety of Christmas Centers to complete. These will include math and language arts activities. We will continue to work on a new letter each

week and also be busy practicing our Christmas Concert piece.

The Kindergarten room would like to express their sincere thanks to Mrs. Bootsman for her dedication to our room for the past 6 weeks. She will be missed by all. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!



Thank you, Mrs. Bootsman!

## GRADE 1 & 2

It was great to see so many parents out for parent teacher interviews. It is so important to have the opportunity to discuss your child with you and to celebrate their successes.

We have been busy reading some snow/winter poems and stories and will be doing some writing and art about snowmen...and of course snowwomen too!

We will also be in full swing practice for the Christmas concert over the next few weeks.

As well our class will be attending the musical/dance production of HONK at the Centennial Auditorium on the afternoon of December 3.

This is a play based on the story of The Ugly Duckling and features some of our very own students! This is a great opportunity for our students to experience the thrill of watching a live production on stage.

*Mrs. Nykorak*

It was great to have interviews with so many parents - and thank you parents for being so supportive! In math, the students will be bringing

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home a set a ten-frame cards. Please use these to help with skills such as

addition, subtraction, more, less, ordering numbers. We have been playing a number of games with these cards, so hopefully the students will be able to play some of the games with their parents or siblings at home. If you need some ideas for games, just give me a call at the school.

In health, we have been looking at how each person is unique. The students were especially fascinated with their fingerprints and how everyone's prints

were different.

*Mrs. Armstrong*

## GRADE 3 & 4

It was nice to be able to meet with so many parents on parent teacher interview day. I know that I missed a few parents as I have two classrooms of students. If I missed seeing you and you would still like to meet with me, please feel free to call the school and set up a time or give me a phone call if that works better for you.

Students have been working hard and enjoying their Guided Reading groups and our reading skills are improving every day.

We have also enjoyed some wonderful novels together including two of the I Survived series books. I Survived the Titanic and I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916 were much enjoyed by students and led to some great discussions.

As well our class has started doing some work using the Second Step program. This program helps students identify and talk about their feelings and emotions and to empathize with others. We have been doing some role playing and learning different strategies we can use when faced with difficult choices and situations.



On December 3rd our class will be attending the Musical/dance production of HONK. This production is based on the story of The Ugly Duckling and is sure to be enjoyed by all.

*Mrs. Nykorak*

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# COMMUNICATION

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## Math

Each grade is beginning a new unit in Math. Grade 3's and the grade 4's are beginning Multiplication and Division. As everyone knows, practice is very important. You child will be coming home with

flashcards to practice multiplication, about 5 minutes a night is more than enough. We will also be practicing addition and subtraction recall.

## Science

We have begun our new unit on Light. If there are unique light

sources around that would be okay for your child to bring to school and share, please send them in. We will be careful.



Have a great week,  
Mrs. K. Slashinsky

## GRADE 5 & 6

**Language Arts:** Students have been busy working on creative writing for the past week. One group of students wrote a story together and have now begun writing their own story. It was wonderful to experience all the ideas coming together in one story. Each student in the group will receive a copy to share with their family. The other group of students let their imaginations run and created stories that began with a story starter. They have also begun a second story. They will publish the one they like best. We

will be doing some Christmas activities during December.

**Math:** Grade 5s are working on multiplication. Some students are multiplying double digits by double digits, while the others are practicing multiplying double digits by single digits. Remember students, keep practicing the multiplication facts. Grade 6s have been working with integers and will soon have a test on integers and order of operations.

**Social Studies:** We are finishing up our study of Pre-contact Cultures

with an exploration of First People Governance. Soon the first Europeans will walk on North American soil!

*I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. I hope you get to enjoy good times, good food, and good memories with family and friends.*

Merry Christmas

Mrs. Hardy



## Grade 7 & 8

### Language Arts

Both Grades have started their first novel studies of the year. The Grade 7's are reading "Paddle to the Amazon" and the Grade 8's are reading "Tuck Everlasting". These novel studies should take them to the end of the second week in December. In addition to their novel studies, the class will continue with their spelling program and will be involved in helping out with Christmas Concert preparations.

Science - The class will be finishing up their unit on "Cells and Body Systems" and moving into the next unit which is called "Fantastic Fluids". The new unit looks at characteristics of fluids under different circumstances and also looks at how fluids can be used to do work, ie hydraulics.

Social Studies - The class is continuing its study of early river valley civilizations and will begin its study of Egypt this month.

Mathematics - Both grades are working on their third unit this year - this one being a unit on "Fractions". This will take them to the middle of December and if time permits, the class will begin working on "Percent".

Computer - The class has just about completed the keyboarding portion of this year's computer program. The goal for this section of the course is to have students typing with all 10 fingers, at a speed of 20 words per minute or more.

Phys. Ed. - Volleyball is winding down and the division tournament will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 with the boys playing at Forrest and the girls playing in Minnedosa. In December the class will be doing some basic gymnastic skills such as balance board activities and basic tumbling.





















During the last week of November the class welcomed student teacher Lindsey Jack into the classroom. She is an Education student at the University of Manitoba and will be in our class until December 17th.





# RAPID CITY SCHOOL

## December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>Day 1</b> 1 Parent Group <b>MEETING</b> 7:30 at the School 	<b>Day 2</b> 2 	<b>Day 3</b> 3 Grs. 1-8 to attend <b>"HONK"</b> Production 12:30 PM 	4 <b>J.H. Volleyball</b> <i>Girls—Mdsa.</i> <i>Boys—Forrest</i> 
5	<b>Day 4</b> 6 Lunch Orders go home today 	<b>Day 5</b> 7 Elton Band Concert 7:00 PM 	<b>Day 6</b> 8 Lunch Orders <b>DUE!</b>  	<b>Day 1</b> 9 	<b>Day 2</b> 10 <b>Lunch Day</b> <b>TACO SALAD!</b> <b>\$3.00</b>  	11 <b>KIDS CLUB</b> <b>Christmas Party</b> <i>(Ages 5-14)</i> <b>1-3:30 PM</b> <i>United Church</i> <i>Basement</i>
12	<b>Day 3</b> 13 	<b>Day 4</b> 14 	<b>Day 5</b> 15 	<b>Day 6</b> 16 <b>K-4 Sock Hop</b> at Noon Admission— .50cents  	<b>Day 1</b> 17 <b>Grs. 5-8</b> <b>DANCE</b> 7-10PM Admission—\$2.00 	18
19	<b>Day 2</b> 20 	<b>Day 3</b> 21 <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>CONCERT</b> 7:00 PM (Legion Hall) <i>Silver Collection</i> <i>at the Door</i> 	<b>Day 4</b> 22 <b>Winter Games</b> <b>Last Day</b> <b>of Classes</b>	23 <b>—CHRISTMAS BREAK—</b>	24	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 
26	<b>Boxing Day</b>	27	28	29	30	31 <b>Classes</b> <b>Resume on</b> <b>Thursday,</b> <b>Jan. 6, 2011</b>  <b>Happy New</b> <b>Year!</b>
 <b>Seasons Greetings</b> <b>—CHRISTMAS BREAK—</b>						