



Rapid City School February Newsletter

February 2008

Principal's Message

Hello everyone, the month has just flown by, it is hard to believe that we are into February. This month is going to be very busy as well and there is no Parent Group meeting planned until next month on Tuesday, March 4th. The students have been doing all kinds of neat things at school lately; juggling, curling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, sliding and skating are just a few of them. Thanks to everyone who was able to send some recipes in, we really appreciate it. Have a great month, take care of yourselves and remember if you have any questions please give us a call.

Mr. Mike Keith

Did you know that the average Canadian child sits for 3 to 5 hours per day in front of the T.V.? The Westman Healthy Lifestyle Coalition Physical Activity Committee would like to change that and is gearing up for the 2008 T.V. Turn-Off Campaign. The T.V. Turn-Off Campaign is designed to encourage Manitobans to replace sedentary pastimes such as watching T.V. and playing video games by adding physical activity into their daily living. T.V. Turn-Off week will take place February 4-8. For further information, forms,



Quotes of the Month

I kept myself calm by making sure I didn't concentrate on anything I couldn't control."

B.J. Bedford

Learn to be calm and you will always be happy.

"Paramahansa Yogananda
Indian guru

COOKBOOK UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who sent in their favorite recipes for the school cookbook. We received approximately 200 recipes altogether. Our committee met last week to organize the recipes in categories with subheadings, where necessary. We are waiting for a copy of the rooftop school picture to include in the book, and we also have to choose a design and name for the cover. The book will be sent to the publisher in Winnipeg shortly and will be ready for Mother's Day gift giving. We have already received numerous orders for cookbooks, and we thank those people who ordered early. We will be sending out orders forms later on for everyone else to order. We are ordering extra books to sell at the town Library and at the Rapid City 125 Celebration weekend. Thank you again for your participation.

Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Kolesar, Mrs. English, Mrs. VanMeijl

Valentine's Dance

Grade 5-8
Friday, February 15
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Admission: \$2.00



K – 4 Sock Hop
Friday, February 15
Lunch Recess
Cost: 50¢



Classroom

Kindergarten

Happy Valentine's Day!!! We will be celebrating Valentine's day a couple of different ways this month. A new and exciting project for this month will be the *Valentines around the World* project. The way this will work is that each student will make a valentine that will be sent to someone they know from far away. This could be a family member or a friend and there is no limit to how close or far the person lives. Just send the valentine and the letter to the person and when the letters come back to the school we will put up on our world map where our valentines have gone. After we display what we receive on our board the letters will be sent home with the students. Our hand made valentines and letters will be sent home later in the month with more specific information. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party on Feb. 13th. In the afternoon we will be having a party with crafts, treats, games and the passing out of Valentines. A class list will be sent home with all the names of people in our class. If you have any questions about the party or our *Valentines around the World* project please give me a call at the school.



Mrs. Madill

Grade 1/2

It's hard to believe that we are about half-way through the school year already. If I look at the February calendar, it looks as though this month will fly by as well; and then hopefully we will be that much closer to warmer weather!

I am very pleased with those of you that worked diligently on your Math Homework Packages and remembered to bring them back each week (even though I forgot to send them home once). We will be starting our February Household Math this week. Again I have included a letter for parents explaining what is involved. Please remember to send the packages back each week (preferably on Monday) and I will go over the assignments with your child. In Social Studies, we are learning about where our community is in our province and our country. We are also trying to learn our addresses and are doing some mapping skills.



We will be having a Valentine's party on Feb. 14 so be watching for a note about what we will be doing and who will be bringing snacks. Also, our class will be celebrating our 100th day of school shortly; I will include a note about this special day as well.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Mrs. Armstrong

Grade 3/4

We have been working very hard on our Multiplication and Division unit. The grade 3s are doing well with the tables up to 3 and the grade 4s are doing well multiplying 2 digit by 1 digit questions. It would be beneficial to practice the timetables often with your child so that they become automatic.

I will be away this Wed. and Thurs. at a Literacy with Information Technology inservice but the students will have a wonderful guest teacher to guide them through the days.

We will be having a Valentine's Day party on the 14th. I will send home a list of names for Valentine's cards soon. If you would like to volunteer to bring in a snack for that day, please put a note in your child's organizer.

Mrs. Hrymak

Grade 3 Science

We are still working on our unit about gravity, magnetism and static electricity. The students seem to be having lots of fun learning the concepts. We are going to continue with this unit for a while.

Mr. Keith

Communication



GRADE 5/6 CLASSROOM

Brrrr! Do you think it will ever warm up? We continue to work on our hockey theme in **Language Arts**. Groups rotate through four centers: guided reading The Hockey Sweater; reading and answering questions about Hockey Hall of Fame players and mapping cities where their teams played; recording team stats and hockey puzzles; and player profiles at the computer station. Each student will create one page of information about their hockey hero, and we will compile the pages into a classroom book to enjoy during silent reading. TUSC meetings continue on Day 3. In **Math**, we continue to work on fractions before moving on to integers (positive and negative numbers). Students, keep practicing the multiplication facts. In **Social Studies**, we are finishing up researching the gold rushes that occurred in British Columbia and the Yukon Territories. We will be adding to our timelines in the Excel program. We have been working on a color unit in **Art** class. So far we have done projects using primary colors and complementary colors. Please remember that I am available to students for extra help most mornings after 8:30 a.m. and at most recesses. For those of us who couldn't get away for a winter holiday, think warm thoughts!

Mrs. Hardy

Grade 7/8

Language Arts - In addition to regular weekly assignments, the class will continue to work on crossword puzzle assignments, SRA Reading Comprehension stories and will soon start on the second novel study of the year.

Mathematics - Both grades have just started new units. The Grade 8's are working on the first of two units relating to Algebra and the Grade 7's are working on their Percent unit. During the month of February, Jay Waloski will be in to talk to the class as a facilitator for the Junior Achievement Program. The theme of the program this year is based on the managing and tracking of money in both personal and business accounts.

Science - The class will be finishing a unit on Mixtures and Solutions soon and will then start a unit titled Thermal Energy and Heat Technology.

Social Studies - In the Global Trek program the class is studying issues related to Health and Water Quality while learning about the continent of Africa. When that unit is complete, the class will start a unit dealing with education around the world.

Art - The next few classes of art will be a combination of art and computers as the students use digital cameras and modeling clay to create simple animated clips called "Clay-mations". If we get a dump of fresh snow anytime soon, we hope to do some snow sculptures on the school grounds.

The **RRSD Jr High Basketball Tournament** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5. We will be entering one team in the boy's competition as there are not enough girls to form a girl's team. Practices have started and there will be a couple of exhibition games played later this month.

NOTE - The year-end camp trip has been booked for Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30. We will be staying at the Anglican Camp on Clear Lake, again.

Mr. Coulson