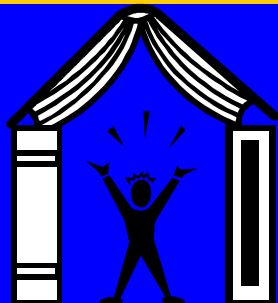


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Rapid City School

Principal's Message

Good Day Everyone:

There is only June left, where has the school year gone? Oh yeah, we hope it leaves behind a long lasting winter season! As in every school year, the last month of the school year is busy, busy. There are field trip happening, wrapping of curriculum, continued assessments, and planning for the next school year. We have been working on our School

Plan throughout the year. As noted in previous newsletters the three outcomes are – Literacy, School Climate/Citizenship, and Healthy Active Lifestyles. A variety of events, programs, and presentations have been completed in order to help achieve these outcomes. If you have questions, please phone the school.

Rapid City School's Year End Program will

occur on **June 29th**, 2011, at **10:30 AM**. This is a time to celebrate and recognize accomplishments of students and the school, and to be entertained.

The Rolling River Divisional Track and Field Meet which was scheduled for Monday, May 30th, was postponed due to weather conditions. At this time, a new date is not known.

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

*You are Invited to Attend our Annual
Graduation / Awards Ceremony
Wednesday, June 29th
10:30 AM*

- All students will receive their Certificate of Promotion / Progress
- Honour Roll / Achievement recognition for Grs. 5-8
 - Gr. 8 Special Awards
 - Gr. 8 Graduation Exercises
 - Entertainment!

DANCE

K-4 Sock Hop

Friday, June 24

Lunch recess

Cost: 50 cents



Grad Dance

Tuesday, June 28

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00



Milk Spirit Week!

We will be celebrating Milk Spirit Week during the week of June 6-9. Events will be scheduled at noon hour on the days listed below. Students who wish to participate will have their name entered daily for milk prize draws. Here is a list of the events that will take place during the week:

Monday—Milk Jug Bowling

Tuesday—Milk Relay

Thursday—Milk & Cookie Day (Pick-a-Patty)

CLASSROOM

Kindergarten

I cannot believe we are discussing our final month of your child's first year at school. This year has flown by and we have been having so much fun!

In June we will be learning about our community and its workers. We will be going on two field trips. On June 2nd we will be crafting at the Ceramic Warehouse and visiting the Doll Museum. On the 22nd we will be going to Minnedosa's Heritage Village, Dari Isle Restaurant and enjoying beach activities.

In math we will continue to count by 1's to 100 and add numbers to 10. We will also be building 3D structures and discussing volume.

Every child has grown so much physically, emotionally and academically since September. It has been exciting to see the students grow in their reading, writing and math skills and I am very proud at how hard they have worked all year.

*Love,
Mrs. Gregorash*

Grade 1 & 2

We will have a busy month in June. We have begun working on a science unit on Air and Water in the Environment. What a great year to be studying the water cycle! As we begin this unit we will be carefully monitoring our mealworms while they complete their life cycle.


We will be going on our field trip to

Austin on June 21. There will be more information coming home regarding this trip. We will be visiting the agricultural museum and taking part in a program called "Time Machine." This should be a great day.

In gym we have been practicing some of our tabloid events to prepare for our Tabloid Day on June 14th. Let's hope for some nice weather for these special days!

Mrs. Nykorak

In Math we have just finished our



It's that time of year !
PLEASE RETURN:
ALL Library books, Textbooks,
Uniforms or anything else that
may belong to the school !

Just a reminder that regular class visits and book sign-outs from the Library end on June 15th

You have until June 24th to return your books. You will be required to pay for any books that are not returned

number centers focusing on place value, using money amounts, and working with groups (multiplication). For the month of June, Grade one's will continue to work on becoming more efficient with their facts and working with numbers to 100. Grade two's will be working on subtracting 2-digit numbers with and without regrouping. Each class will also be finishing up with a unit on geometry. The students have come such a long way in their math skills, and it's always so exciting for me to see their progress!

We have just put together a book on our community. The students really

enjoy reading the books that they have worked on. I would like to send these home for an evening so that you as parents can see what we have done. Please send the books back as quickly as possible so that everyone can have a chance to read them.

Mrs. Armstrong

Grade 3 & 4

Wow, it is June already! I feel like I just came back from Mat Leave and now it is the end of the year. This month, we will be working on an Ice Cream theme. Hopefully, we get ice cream type weather. We are working on the History of Manitoba in Social Studies but will be doing this in a unique way. We are doing a Reader's Theatre of the history. It should be a fun way to learn! Have a great month!

Mrs. Hrymak

Good Day Parents/ Guardians:

Grade 3 and 4's will finish off the Rock, Soil, and Erosion unit in Science in the next couple of weeks. Students have been busy learning about the 3 different types of rocks – how they are created and how the rock cycle works in a variety of ways. Students have mined minerals and even created a metamorphic rock. The end part of the unit focuses on soil erosion.

Students have been learning about fractions and Grade 4's will extend this on to decimals. Geometry and "Big Numbers" will finish off the math for the year.

You will notice in the newsletter a write-up on Junior Achievement. Thank you to Junior Achievement

COMMUNICATION

for recruiting Tracy Jones to deliver this program to the class. Thank you to Tracy Jones for taking the time from her busy schedule to spend 4 classes with us. On June 20th we will be venturing off to Clear Lake for our year end field trip. More information will follow. Have a great week.

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

Junior Achievement

Grade 3 and 4 students had Mrs. Jones teach us about Junior Achievement. Mrs. Jones told us about jobs and how money works. Mrs. Jones told us we should stay in school or you may get the job you don't want. We learned that a need is something you must have to survive. We learned that all jobs are connected and everyone is important. We learned all about tools for different jobs, we also learned about how tools make is easier for people to do jobs. We learned if you work you will earn money to buy your needs. We had fun with our pretend jobs. We drew pictures of what a family member did. While Mrs. Jones was here we had fun. We got certificates for Junior Achievement. Thank you so much Mrs.

Jones!!

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Grade 5 & 6

The count-down to the end of the

BBQ For Lunch Monitors

Mrs. Slashinsky and Mrs. Hardy are hosting a free BBQ for lunch monitors in Grade 5-8 to show our appreciation of your hard work and dedication to watching over our younger students while they have their lunch.

What: hamburgers, ice cream, drink

When: Friday, June 17 Lunch Recess



school year is on, and the short time we have left is going to be so busy. Permission slips and general info about our upcoming Safety Day in Rivers on June 10 and our field trip to Mini-U on June 21 will be sent home this week.

Language Arts We held our final TUSC meeting of the year. There were a few sad faces over that, so we may have one last meeting for fun towards the end of the month. Students have 3 more spelling lessons to do to complete the spelling program. We are currently working

on a poetry unit. Everyone seems to be having fun with the poems so far. We started off with some easy ones and will progress to a couple that will be more difficult to write. We will finish off the year with some Reader's Theatre.

Math Grade 5s have been busy with perimeter, area, and volume. We still have a few concepts to cover during the next couple of weeks. Grade 6s will finish up angles soon and move on to the final few concepts as well. Please encourage your child to practice basic math facts over the summer to help them to become stronger math students. It is amazing to see how much easier math is for a student who is proficient with basic facts.

Social Studies We are quickly finishing up the fur trade in Canada. We will soon be zipping through the final years to bring us to Confederation.

I have enjoyed the year I've spent with your children. I am amazed by how fast it went by. I want to thank you for the support you have shown me this past year. With our partnership in education, we are well on our way in producing responsible, respectful, and kind members of the community. Have a great summer!

Mrs. Hardy

Grade 7 & 8

Language Arts - The class will be doing their journal assignments from the camping trip and will soon start their final novel studies of the year. The Grade 7's will be reading

"Holes" and the Grade 8's will have a choice of 4 or 5 different stories. The class will also be doing numerous writing assignments and other assignments for final assessments.

Mathematics - The month of June will be spent doing "Measurement" studies and then "Geometry".

Science - The class will continue the unit on "Water Systems". This unit includes the role of water in the environment and the importance of conserving and protecting water quality.

Social Studies - The unit on "Medieval History" will conclude with the construction of model castles. This will be followed by a study of China.

Phys. Ed. - The RRSD Divisional Speedball Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 10 in Oak River. Phys. Ed. classes and noon hours will be spent practising for that. The class will also be playing "Ultimate Frisbee".

*** There will be no final exams for Grade 7/8 this year. In place of exams there will be some final projects assigned that will require the combining of ELA; Mathematics; Computer Skills; Geography and Science.

Mr. Coulson



Grade 7/8 RMNP Field Trip

The 7/8 class went on their annual field trip to Riding Mountain National Park from Wednesday, May 25 to Friday, May 27 and amazingly,

we hit two consecutive days of great weather!!! This was the first time that the trip went for three days.

On Wednesday, the group travelled to the Anglican Church Camp on the west shore of Clear Lake and spent the day around the camp. Activities included tuning up bikes and doing a short trail ride; a quick "Polar Bear Plunge" in Clear Lake; a couple rounds of "Frisbee Golf"; a hike to where South Lake and Clear Lake are connected by a narrow channel; a few games of "Capture the Flag" and a weiner roast.

Most of Thursday was spent at Lake Audy. At 10 AM we met Christien at the Lake Audy Campground and he showed the class how to work a radio receiver that could track elk that had been collared with radio transmitters. The class then went on a 5-6 km bike ride around the west side of the bison enclosure and took four different radio readings of a cow elk that is known to be in the enclosure. During the ride they came upon a lone bull bison that galloped along the fence just in front of the group. Following the bike tour, the class hiked to a small lake called Hyde Lake to observe elk antlers and an "elk lick" which the elk use to get minerals and other nutrients. Following lunch in the campground, another park interpreter lead us to a bison exhibit and then to the bison handling corrals. After learning about the role of bison in maintaining grass-

lands and a bit of their history, students got to run through the handling corrals. Everyone got back to camp at 4:30 and a few people went for another swim before supper. The winds were down so most people took the opportunity to go for a short canoe trip. After supper there was more canoeing, more "Capture the Flag" and another weiner roast.

On Friday morning, after breakfast, everyone spent time cleaning up the camp, which included putting the canoes in the outdoor racks and sweeping out the bathrooms, cabins and dining hall. By 11 AM the group was in Wasagamung. They spent a half hour touring the displays in the Interpretive Center and then watched a movie called "Wolves and Wapiti" which talked about predator/prey relationships. Following the movie, everyone went for lunch and a bit of shopping/sight-seeing in the townsite. By shortly after 2 PM everyone was on the road and they arrived back at the school at 3 PM.

Thanks to the parents who were drivers and chaperones on the trip: Brenda Fansher; Tracey Hales; Naleen Kitson; Trena Moore and Dale Senkbeil. Also thanks to Eric and Sue Belcher for lending us their stock trailer which was used to haul the bikes to camp, to Lake Audy and back.

Mr. Coulson