



Rapid City School June Newsletter

June 2009

Sayings of the Month

Do not find fault, find a remedy. ~*Henry Ford*

Our ultimate freedom is the right and power to decide how anybody or anything outside ourselves will affect us. ~*Stephen Covey*

Principal's Message

Hello everyone, we are now in the final stages of yet another school year. It is hard to believe that we are all another year older and wiser. This month promises to be as busy as the rest and should be lots of fun. This week we have another Walk to School day on Wednesday the third and that is also the date for our last Parent Group meeting this year. We have Tabloid Day scheduled for June 11th with a rain date of the 15th. Speaking of rain dates the Divisional Track Meet will hopefully be on the 8th for the grade five to eight classes. Unfortunately we will not know for sure until the 5th, so cross your fingers. Our graduation ceremonies and dance will all take place on the 26th this month and yes we are still open on the 29th for any children that would like to attend.

Have a great month and I hope to see all of you at sometime during June.

Mr. Mike Keith

Important June Dates:

- June 11-Tabloid Day
- June 16-Jr. High Exemptions Announced
- June 17- Review For All Exams
- June 17-Grade 1/2 Field Trip
- June 19-Kindergarten Field Trip
- June 22-Grade 5/6 Field Trip
- June 24-Grade 3/4 Field Trip
- June 18, 19, 22, 23, 24-Exams
- June 26-Awards/Grad Ceremony
- June 29-Last Day of School

Track and Field Update



Unfortunately our Divisional meet was canceled due to weather so we have been given a tentative date of June 8th. However, this is a rain date for Brandon School Division. Their meet is scheduled for June 5th. If this date is a go for them then we can use their rain date. If it is canceled due to weather they will be using the 8th and our meet will be canceled. So let's hope for two sunny days on June 5th and 8th!



LOCKDOWN

We will be having a lockdown practice this week. It would be beneficial for you to discuss this with your child and explain that this is a practice situation to help alleviate any worries.

BBQ FOR LUNCH MONITORS

Friday, June 12

Thank you to all our volunteer lunch monitors for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year.



Grad Dance
Friday, June 26
7:00-11:00 pm
\$3.00 Admission
Pizza will be served.

Classroom



Kindergarten

Well we made it!!! June is finally here and it brings many fun activities and busy days. Here are some of the important days for us in June. The 11th is tabloid day so make sure that hats, sunscreen and water bottles are sent for that day. The next exciting day will be our field trip. It is on June 19th. We will be going to Riding Mountain National Park for the day. In the morning we are going to Triangle Ranch for a hay trail ride. Then we head off to the marsh walk in the park to do some critter dipping. The trip will be a go no matter what the weather is so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. A permission form will be sent home in advance with more specific times and details. We will also be in need of some parent volunteers to help get us there and to spend the day with us, so keep this date in mind. The last thing for June is to notice the different schedule for kindergarten at the end of the month. To accommodate the awards ceremony kindergarten will come to school on June 26th not June 29th. So June 26th will become our last day of school. If anyone has any questions about any of these events please contact me at the school or send a note in the planner. Thank you for a wonderful year and good luck in grade 1!!

Mrs. Madill

Grade 1/2

The end of this school year is fast approaching, and when looking at the calendar, there will be lots of fun and exciting things happening.

In Math, we are working on becoming more proficient with counting backwards by 2's and 5's. The students are continuing to work on representing larger numbers in order to gain a firm understanding of these numbers. The grade 2's have started working on division, and seeing how multiplication and division are related.

Since this is the last newsletter, I want to wish everyone a safe and sun-filled summer!

Mrs. Armstrong

In Language Arts/Science we are learning all about frogs. We have been singing and writing about frogs and learning about them in books and on the computer. We have also been enjoying some of the Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne.

Our field trip will take place on June 17th. Please watch for more information coming home soon!

We have been enjoying the nice weather and have been having some of our gym classes outside and practicing some of the tabloid day activities.

Mrs. Nykorak

Grade 3/4

Grade 3/4 Field Trip

On June 24th we will be travelling up to Clear Lake to do a number of different activities. We will be doing a marsh walk, a boat ride on the Martese and some other fun things. This field trip will go rain or shine so some of the activities will depend on the weather. Please make sure your children come prepared with a bag lunch and appropriate clothing for the day. Bug spray and sun screen may also be some things you want to consider. We will send out an itinerary the week before the trip and if there is any cost to the students it will be minimal. Any parents that are interested in going please let us know as soon as you can. Thank you.

Grade 3/4 Math

This month we will be wrapping up the year that means some review and some final touches to some concepts. It will be important for the students to continue to work hard right until the end of the year.

Grade 3/4 Science

In the month of June we will be looking at, exploring and learning about rocks and minerals. I hope to spend time outside and inside with the students learning about some of the things around us that we tend to take for granted.

Mr. Keith

It is hard to believe the year is almost over. Our class will be working on our yearbook in the next few weeks using programs like MS Publisher. We will be finishing our look at Manitoba's History as well. Good luck in to the Grade 4s when they move to Grade 5 and see you next year to the Grade 3s who will be in my room for Grade 4. Have a great summer everyone!

Mrs. Hrymak

Communication

GRADE 5/6

We have a busy month ahead of us in the 5/6 classroom. We're off to the Safety Day in Rivers on June 2 and our field trip to Sprucewoods is the 22. I would like to thank everyone for all your help and support throughout the past year. I really appreciate everything you've done to help out. I hope everyone has a happy, relaxing summer.

LANGUAGE ARTS: Our last TUSC meeting is June 1. Students got to choose which TUSC speech they would give. They could speak on a topic they had missed or one they would like to re-do. We are working on our last Spelling unit this week, as well. The Fractured Fairy Tales are due on Friday. We will be sharing them with a younger grade sometime within the next two weeks. Students are finishing up their Photostory and will present them to the class on the Smartboard. We will be writing poetry and doing some reader's theatre during the next few weeks.

MATH: Students will finish up Volume and move onto Probability. Keep practicing the multiplication facts over the summer!

SOCIAL STUDIES: We will finish up our study of the fur trade before moving on to Confederation.

Until next year,

Mrs. Hardy



FRENCH

5/6: Students are almost ready to present "*Les trois petits cochons*". A few people are still working on memorizing their lines. Everyone will be working on acting this week.

7/8: Students have been working on the final task of "Zone Sportive": the video game. There are three components to the video game: drawing a course with obstacles, a written description of the game, and an oral presentation. The students will make their presentations during the last three French classes.

Mrs. Hardy

GRADE 7/8 CLASS

Language Arts - The next writing assignment for the class will be the diary of their camp trip to Clear Lake. They will finish the year with a number of oral reports and presentations.

Mathematics - After finishing their unit on Geometry, the class will conclude their Math course with a study of Statistics and Data Analysis.

Science - The final Science unit will have the students look at issues dealing with Water on Earth and specifically with the importance of freshwater in Canada.

Social Studies - After concluding their unit on Medieval Europe students will be required to do a research project/presentation on a topic of their choice with options such as the history of Rome, the Mayans, the Incas, the Aztecs or other civilizations of the past.

Computers - Students will be doing their second Excel Spreadsheet assignment which will require setting up a page that will automatically calculate the PST and GST of items in a store.

Physical Education - With the canoeing sessions done, it will be time to prepare for the division softball tournament that will be held in Oak River on Friday, June 5. They will also continue to play some "Ultimate" - a game played with a frisbee.

Reminders: Grade 7/8 Final Exam
Schedule

Language Arts - Thurs., June 18.

Social Studies - Fri., June 19

Science - Mon., June 22

Mathematics - Tues., June 23

Grade 8 Graduation - Friday, June 26.

Mr. Coulson