

March, 2011



“THROUGH OUR DOORS PASS THE FINEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!”

RAPID CITY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Good Day Everyone

Oak Hammock Marsh visited Rapid City School and presented a variety of presentations to the various classrooms. We would like to thank the Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District for their financial support for the presentations.

Another month has elapsed in our school year. We have had a number of activities occur since the last newsletter, the latest being

Jump Rope for Heart. Students participated in 8 jumping activities. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 were in multi-graded groups. Grade 7 and 8 students were the leaders of the events – they did a great job. The collection envelopes were due today, so hopefully we have them all returned – even if students did not collect, the Heart and Stroke Foundation requires that the envelopes are returned. Thank you to everyone

for supporting this event. One exciting upcoming event will occur on March 24th, 2011. Students will participate in a “Wellness Day”. A variety of community members will present on topics such as friendships, how to deal with a situations, and the list goes on. Until next time.

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

Student Council News

Friday, March 11th there will be a **Talent Show**.

Do you have a talent you would like to share with the students of our school? Now is your time to show us. You could sing, dance, whistle, play the piano, tell jokes, or any other talent you do would like to share. Watch for a sign up sheet in the hallway.

Spirit Week will be held **March 21-25**.

Monday:
Crazy Hair Day

*This is the day to try out that crazy new hair-do you've been wanting to try.

Tuesday:
Sports Day

*Dress up as your favorite sports player: football, baseball, hockey....

Wednesday:
Future or Retro Day

*Dress up as you think people will dress in the future or dress like they did when your mom and dad were young (back in the old days).

Thursday:
Dress-up Day

*Go into your dress-up box and dress up as a cowboy, or a princess, or whatever you want.

Friday:
P.J. Day

*Don't get dressed when you get up this morning, just come to school in your favorite pair of pjs.

We hope to see everyone showing their school spirit this week!

Gr. 7/8 Students Visit Samaritan House

While the boys in the 7/8 class went to Shops Class on Friday, February 18th, in Minnedosa, the girls travelled to Brandon to spend a morning volunteering at the Samaritan House Food Bank. They were accompanied by Mr. Coulson, Ms. Stocks and Brenda Fansher. The

group spent the morning sorting donated food into food hampers. Each hamper, sorted into a plastic milk crate, was to have a certain number of items in it and was then stacked. Over 120 hampers were packed and ready to go by the time lunch was served upstairs in the soup

kitchen. More hampers could have been packed if they hadn't run out of donated items such as juices and canned meats. The girls were back at school prior to 1 PM. The boys will get their turn to go on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Mr. Coulson

CLASSROOM

KINDERGARTEN

This month we will learn about zoo animals as we complete our alphabet. The last four letters are Z-zoo, K-kangaroo, E-elephant and Y-yak. For math we will be reviewing 2D shapes and learning to sort 3D shapes. We will also discuss the concept of weight.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Parent/Teacher Interviews; our class has been doing so well! Have a wonderful March break. Sincerely,

Mrs. Gregorash

Grade 1/2

We had a lot of fun learning about penguins and working on our Penguin centers. Students painted some wonderful penguin pictures and created some very interesting penguin puppet plays. We also learned how to write letters and wrote to our penguin puppet named B.J. and are anxiously waiting for B.J. to reply to us.

In Science we will begin a unit on Growth and Changes in animals which will involve classifying animals and learning about different life cycles.

Just a reminder of the importance of home reading and studying for our weekly spelling test at home. A few minutes at home each day can make a world of difference!

Hopefully we will soon see the end of this cold weather and by next month we'll be having some fun in the puddles.

Mrs. Nykorak

February was a busy month with our Valentines party (thank you parents for the goodies you sent)

and then we also celebrated the 100th day of school. Each of the students brought 100 snack items and we mixed them all together to make a very delicious trail mix. We are going to be doing centres involving the number 100 in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. Armstrong

Grade 3 and 4

In Math, students are winding up on their current math unit. Students will begin units on Measurement. Students in Grade 4 will be looking at: time – calendar and clocks, and area. Students in Grade 3 will be looking at: time – calendar and clocks, linear measurement, perimeter, and mass. In Science, students will continue the unit on Sound. Thank you to parents for checking the student planners. I will write more notes!

Mrs. Slashinsky

Wow! It's March already! Our class has been working on the North in Social Studies and we will soon wrap up the theme. In our ELA, we have been working on Guided Reading as well as doing some new writing activities. Please remember to get your Planners signed everyday. Have a great month.

Mrs. Hrymak

Grade 5-6

Language Arts Students are working hard to finish up the Hockey unit. We have finished with all the centers and are just finishing up odds and ends. We will be taking a break from TUSC for most of March and will begin again in April. Students will be working

with a partner on a novel study for the month of March. Students are working hard to keep caught up in spelling.

Math Grade 5 is still working on the fractions unit before starting to relate fractions to decimals. Grade 6 is finishing up decimals and moving on to per cent and ratios. It is very important for your child to be fluent in Math facts, both addition and multiplication. Please encourage and help your child practice Math facts because it will make Math class so much easier for him/her.

Social Studies We are finishing up our study of settling New France. Our next unit is about the rivalry between the French and English in Canada.

Until next time, think Spring!

Mrs. Hardy

Grade 7/8 Class

Language Arts - The class has just completed a series of oral reports on subjects such as biographies, an animal and American states. Their final report was on a topic of their choice. They will now be doing their second novel study of the year. The Grade 7's will be reading "Hatchet" and the Grade 8's will have a choice of doing "The River" or "Brian's Winter". All three novels are written by Gary Paulsen and are about a teen-age boy being stranded in the wilderness by himself.

Mathematics - Both grades are studying Rates and Ratios and will be moving on to a study of Algebra and Equations soon.

COMMUNICATION

Science - The class is continuing its study of "Fluids" and will be looking at pneumatic and hydraulic systems.

Social Studies - The class is continuing its study of ancient Greece. They took a brief detour from Greece to spend a couple classes learning about the history and importance of Louis Riel in order to be able to justify taking a day off in February in his honor.

Health - The class is using a "Drug Safety" pamphlet, paid for by nu-

merous businesses in southwest Manitoba and the RCMP, to become aware of various illegal and dangerous drugs that are circulating in the province.

Physical Education - The class continues to work at basketball skills in class. They have also been doing some long and short rope skipping to prepare for the Jump Rope for Heart session. Friday, March 4 and Monday, March 7 are the ski/snowboard days at Minnedosa Ski Valley. Following basketball,

the class will begin playing badminton.

On Friday, February 18, the girls in the class went to Samaritan House to volunteer at the Food Bank while the boys went to their regular Shops class in Minnedosa. The girls spent the morning sorting and packaging food into food hampers. This will be reversed on Wednesday, March 2 when the boys will go to Samaritan House while the girls go to Shops.

Mr. Coulson



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION BUDGET

The Rolling River School Division Board of Trustees and Administration will be holding a public meeting to discuss the proposed 2011-2012 budget. All interested individuals are invited to participate in this event.

Location: Tanner's Crossing School, Minnedosa (Pit Area)

Date: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.



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March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Day 4 1 <i>March</i> <i>"In Like a Lion"!</i>  	Day 5 2 Gr. 7/8 Boys Visit Samaritan House	Day 6 3 Noon Hour SKATING  	Day 1 4 Gr. 7/8 Ski Trip (Minnedosa) 	5
6	Day 2 7 Gr. 7/8 Ski Trip (Minnedosa)  	Day 3 8 	Day 4 9 Noon Hour SKATING  Basketball Tournament Boys—Minnedosa Girls—Forrest  	Day 5 10 	Day 6 11 Talent Show 	12
13	Day 1 14 	Day 2 15 	Day 3 16 	Day 4 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!  	18 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Interviews	19
20	Day 5 21 Crazy Hair Day! 	Day 6 22 Sports Day 	Day 1 23 Retro/Future Day 	Day 2 24 Dress-Up Day Wellness Fair  	Day 3 25 Pyjama Day Spring Fling  	26
27	28	29	30	31	 Classes Resume on Monday, April 4th	
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