

# Rapid City School March Newsletter



March 2008

## SAYINGS OF THE MONTH

I now know that I learn by solving problems as they arise. Rarely do we learn significant lessons, or significantly improve, any other way."

[Bob Parsons](#)

I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."

[Michael Jordan](#)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone lets hope the weather stays nice for a while and we can all enjoy some outdoor activities this month. There were lots of things happening at the school this past month. I would especially like to thank the parent group for providing the staff with such a wonderful meal for staff appreciation week. We loved it!

This month the Parent Group meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm here at the school and the school basketball teams take to the court to play in the divisional tournament on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Good luck everyone! We have a couple of hot lunches, downhill skiing, and Spring Fling to look forward to this month as well. We also have parent teacher interviews on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that if an interview is not requested by the teacher you are more than welcome to request one if there is someone you would like to see. I would like to remind everyone that while we have Good Friday off, Easter Monday is not a school holiday in Manitoba.

Have a great month and enjoy Spring Break as well!

*Mr. Mike Keith*

## SPIRIT WEEK

The Student Council is holding Spirit Week during the week of March 24 – 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope everyone shows their school spirit and participates in the activities.

### Monday: Crazy Shoe & Crazy Hair Day

(Wear your craziest shoes and style your hair wackily.)

### Tuesday: Pajama-rama Day

(You don't even have to get dressed; just wear your pjs to school)

### Wednesday: Opposite Sex Day

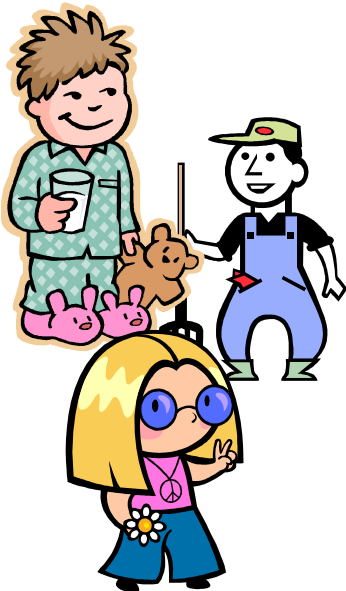
(If you are a boy, dress as a girl; if you are a girl, dress as a boy.)

### Thursday: Farmer Day

(Come to school dressed as a farmer, and join us in the gym at lunch recess for a Barn Dance!)

### Friday: Retro or Future Day

(Your choice: dress how your parents dressed in their youth, or dress how you think people will dress in the future.)



**Be ready to show your School Spirit!!**

# CLASSROOM

## Kindergarten

Our Valentines around the world project has turned out to be a great success. We have had valentines sent to us from all around Canada and even over seas. We are still waiting for a few cards and when they arrive they will be added to our website. Make sure to check out our classroom website if you want to see what we have received. We also finished up our study of Mercer Mayer and the Little Critter books. We even made our own books to take home. We are looking forward to a new author study on Dr. Seuss with his funny books. We will also be learning about St. Patrick's Day and all of the symbols that go along with it. Hopefully those tricky Leprechauns will not make a mess of the room this year. If they do hopefully they will leave us a treat in the mess.

*Mrs. Madill*

## Grade 1/2

What an exciting month we had and thank you so much to parents for all your support in all of the activities that took place in February! We enjoyed our 100-day snack with all of the munchies that were brought! For Valentine's Day, we not only distributed cards to each other but we also made "valentines" for our feathered friends as well. Hopefully they enjoyed the treat.

This month the students will be bringing new Household Math packages home. Please be sure to return the package for February with all the assignments done. Thank you.

*Mrs. Armstrong*



## Grade 3/4

A big thank you goes out to the parents who sent in snacks for the Valentine's Day Party. They were delicious. We are excited about our Japan Unit that we started last week. The students will be doing Japan activities in a variety of subjects from Language Arts to Social Studies and even Art with Mr. Keith. The students have started a new novel study to go along with their Japan theme. It is called Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. We will do chapter questions and projects with this novel.

In Math, both class are working on Multiplication and Division. There will be a test on this before Spring Break so students should be practicing their tables when they have a chance to make them automatic.

*Mrs. Hrymak*

## Grade 3/4 Science

This month we are finishing up some activities on things they would like to know and then we will be starting a unit on soils. I am hopeful that as the snow melts we will be able to have fun exploring the muddy world around us. Anyone for Mud Pies?

*Mr. Keith*

# COMMUNICATION

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE 5/6 CLASSROOM?



On March 10<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming Ms. Zoe Bettess to our classroom as a student teacher. This is her final placement before she graduates, and we hope to make it a very good placement for her. I'm sure she has some exciting activities in store for us. March is going to be a very busy month before we get to rest up over Spring Break. We will be having Jay Woloski in a few times to deliver the Junior Achievement program. We will begin working on our Heritage Fair projects, with the help of some community members, this month, as well. At the end of the month we will have Spirit Week and Spring Fling. Hopefully, we will find some time to do some school work! We have pretty much finished up the hockey unit we were working on in Language Arts. We will be taking a break from TUSC for the month of March. Spelling will carry on as usual, except for the week of March 10 - 14. We won't bother doing a lesson that week because of two days of skiing and Parent-Teacher interviews. It will be a good chance for people to catch up on corrections. Ms Bettess is planning to do a newspaper unit with the class while she is here. We finished up the intergers unit in Math last week. We will be exploring multiples and factors before moving on to measurement with Ms. Bettess. The next week will find us finishing up our studies of the Aboriginal Peoples, Treaties, and farming in Social Studies. The next topic will be World War I. In French, the 5/6 class is finishing up learning the lists of vocabulary. The 7/8 class has started to practice reading the play individually, in small groups, and as a whole class.

*Mrs. Hardy*

## Grade 7/8 Class

ELA - Both grades will continue working on the novels they started during the last week of February. They will also be working on punctuating appositives and dialogue in their grammar studies.

Math - Both grades are well into Unit Six in their Math courses. The Sevens are studying Rates and Ratios and the Eights are working at solving equations using algebra rules.

Science - The Grade 8's will be finishing up their unit dealing with Mixtures and Solutions and will be having a test in a week or so.

Social Studies - The class is just getting into their new unit - Education in Bolivia - and will be studying how education can help end the "poverty cycle" in developing countries.

Art - As soon as we get some fresh snow, the plan is to do some snow sculptures on the school grounds. If we don't get snow soon, the class will be doing leath-erwork projects for the next couple classes.

Mrs. Crystal Durgeon will be doing a 6 - 7 week student teaching stint in our classroom, starting in the second week of March.

The class is looking forward to the ski days at Ski Valley on March 11 and 13.

*Mr. Coulson*



