



Rapid City School March Newsletter



March 2009

Principal's Message

Hello everyone, I just don't know what to say about the weather other than it is Manitoba and it has to get better sometime. We are looking forward to a great month and being busy right up until the 27th and Spring Fling. The pancake breakfast will be on the 4th in the morning. It is free for all students. The chocolate bars will be arriving this month for our annual sale. They should be coming home in the middle of the month with the older students. The money will be due after Spring Break. The students are playing basketball, skiing and will of course be receiving report cards in March. Please remember that if an interview is not requested for your child you are more than welcome to request one and come and see us on the 20th.

The Parent Group will be meeting this week on Wednesday at 7 pm here at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend. Have a great month and a super break.

Mr. Mike Keith

Sayings of the Month

Paradise is here or nowhere: You must take your joy with you, or you will never find it.

O.S. Marden, founder of Success Magazine

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize laureate and civil rights activist

Spirit Week - March 23-27

The Student Council is organizing a Spirit Week for the last week of March before Spring Break. We hope everyone shows their school spirit and participates in dressing up for each day.

Monday, March 23 - Opposite Sex Day

You will have to raid your brother's or sister's closet for this one. If you are a boy, come dressed as a girl. If you are a girl, come to school dressed as a boy.

Tuesday, March 24 - 70s Day

Do your parents or grandparents have any clothes left over from the 70s era? (Some things never go out of style!) Maybe you can borrow some bell bottoms, long vests, tie-dyed t-shirts, and funky sunglasses to wear.

At lunch recess, there will be a 70s Dance in the gym.

Wednesday, March 25 - Sports Day

This one's easy! Come dressed to play your favorite sport.

Thursday, March 26 - Celebrity Day

Come to school dressed as a celebrity. You can dress up as a movie star, music star, TV character, author, cartoon character, Prime Minister, etc. The possibilities are endless.

Friday, March 27 - Pajama Day

You can get a few minutes extra sleep today, because you can roll out of bed and not bother changing out of your pjs.

Remember to show your spirit for our terrific school!



Classroom

Grade Three and Four

Math – We are finished multiplication and working on division and number sentences. Please note the students will be using a horizontal method of addition and subtraction and not vertical as we were all taught with.

Science we are working on finishing up some homemade instruments. They can be wind, percussion or string instruments. They should be able to make different pitches and play some kind of a simple song for us with it. Right now they are a work in progress but the students seem to be excited about building things for themselves. They can bring materials to class this week to be working on the instrument here. We will be starting on Rocks and Minerals after we finish our Sound Unit.

Mr. Keith

We have finished our novel study of Stone Fox and the students did a great job on their novel work. We are now going to do some more Guided Reading work. In Social Studies, we will finish up our study of the North this month and the students will have a test on this unit. We will write the date in our organizers when we are ready for the test.

Mrs. Hrymak

Minnedosa Youth Soccer & Baseball Registration

Monday & Tuesday

March 9 & 10

3:30 - 7:00

Tanner's Crossing School Pit



Communication

Grade 5/6 Classroom

We welcomed a new student to our classroom this past month. Her name is Cassie Moline, and she is making a nice addition to our Grade 6 class. Thank you to everyone that sent snacks for our Valentine's party. Everyone enjoyed them. Four of our Grade 6 students were chosen to attend the pilot project of Career Trek for four Saturdays. They get to spend 2 days at ACC and two days at BU. They will experience 16 career choices over the four days. Just a reminder that I am available to help students most recesses with class work. Students, if you need help, please ask.

Language Arts: We will have one more TUSC meeting before we take a break for the month of March. The date for the meeting is March 4th. Groups of students are progressing with their novel studies. The groups seem to be working well together with only a few minor problems. They discuss each chapter after they have read it and write a journal entry about the chapter in the main character's voice. They are also renaming the chapters and making note of any interesting or important words they encounter. There are also a couple of activities to do after they have finished reading the novels.

Math: We have almost finished the unit on factors and multiples. We will start on patterns after our unit test. Please encourage your child to practice the multiplication facts. Daily work goes a lot faster and is easier if they don't have to stop and count.

Social Studies: We have begun our study of Nouvelle France and the relations between the First Peoples and the French. Students have done a mapping activity and sorted through important events in New France. We will be exploring some important people to the settlement as well as learning about the seigneurial system.

Mrs. Hardy

Grade 7/8 Classroom

Language Arts - The class will complete and present their reports on a pro sports franchise and will then start on a report on a downhill ski resort. Both classes will also start their second novels of the year. The Grade 7's will be doing "Holes" and the Grade 8's will be doing "Tuck Everlasting".

Mathematics - The class is just concluding a section on graphing ordered pairs of numbers and will begin a unit on measurement, which will include concepts such as area and volume of various shaped objects.

Science - The 7/8 class will conclude their study of "Fluids" with a look at pneumatic and hydraulic systems and then move on to a new unit looking at "Light and Optical Instruments".

Social Studies - The class is close to completing their study of Greek history and will move on to a unit on Roman history.

Art - The class will be spending some time working at animation type projects using computer programs and digital photography.

Phys. Ed. - The basketball section will conclude with the Jr. High tournament on Wed. Mar. 4. We will then spend some time working on fitness training concepts before getting into badminton.

The basketball teams have been practising and playing some exhibition games in preparation for the divisional tournament on March 4. Thanks to Tammy Bertrand, Daryl Kozak and Mindy Ostrowski for helping with the transporting of students to these games.

** The Grade 5/6 Science class finished their unit on "Flight" and have just started a unit on "Electricity".

Mr. Coulson