

May 2011



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

RAPID CITY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Good Day Everyone

This is a busy time of year for everyone. Since the last newsletter, students have headed to Elton to participate in choir activities, Student Council put on a Dance and Sock Hop, presenters have visited the school, and much more. The upcoming month(s) will also be filled with a variety of activities. Sustainable Development – the three legs being economic, environmental, and social – continue to be a focus, not only for our school, but Divisionally and Provincially as well.

There are three outcomes for our School Plan:

- Literacy skills
- Safe and caring school environment
- Healthy active lifestyles

We have been working on these three components throughout the school year. At in-services and staff meetings there has been discussion. We are well on our way to meeting these outcomes. Staff, students and community members have worked in various capacities to assist in meeting them. Thank you!

Restitution Night

It was asked that you register by April 29 if you were interested or able to attend. Due to lack of registrants, this evening will be postponed until sometime in the new school year.

Mrs. Slashinsky

Divisional BADMINTON Tournament

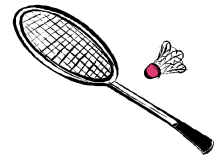
(originally scheduled for Saturday, April 30th)

Has been re-scheduled for:

Saturday, May 7th

Boys— Tanner's Crossing (Mdsa.)

Girls—Forrest



CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION

Kindergarten

In April we learned about our Earth and how to take care of it. We learned many songs to go along with our theme; I hope they sang them to you! We also started guided reading, which is small group work.

This May we will focus on trees, plants and flowers. Near the end of the month we will begin a dinosaur unit. In math we are working on describing numbers 2 to 10 in two parts.

We would like to welcome Bradley to our room. He has been a wonderful new addition and friend to our class

Mrs. Gregorash

Grade 1 & 2

May will be a busy month as we will be working hard on spring things and our science unit on Animals. We are also going to be making some special Mother's day gifts. In Gym we will begin practising some of our tabloid events and hopefully playing some organized games outside.

Students have been reminded about the dangers of playing in and around water so hopefully they will keep this in mind as we go on our daily walks and when walking to and from school.

I hope everyone has a lovely Mother's Day and all the moms get treated specially!

Mrs.Nykorak

Grade 3 & 4

Good Day Everyone from the Grade 3 and 4 room

The Grade three and four students have been working this past while finishing up the unit on Sound and completing their math unit on Measurement. In Science, the next and last unit of study for this current school year is Rocks, Minerals, and Erosion. It is my understanding that rocks from all over Canada can be found in many students' homes. We look forward to have the opportunity to share. In Math, Patterns and Patterning will be our next unit. It is amazing what students can create with blocks and the patterns they notice in their environment.

Until next time,
Mrs. K. Slashinsky

May is here! Let's hope we can finally get a long stretch of nice weather so the leaves come out and the flowers grow! In Language Arts, it is business as usual. Our Language Arts activities include Spelling, Guided Reading, Writing Work, Reading Writing Rev Ups, Squiggles and much more. In Social Studies, we are continuing our study of Manitoba. Ask your child about some of the places in Manitoba that we've talked about. Don't forget to sign your child's planner! Have a good month!

Mrs. Hrymak

Grade 5 & 6

April was a busy month, and May looks like it is going to be just as busy as we near the end of the

school year. I am available for help with school work most recesses and lunch hours if any of my students need help.

Language Arts We are busy finishing up the activities for our study of the novel The War With Grandpa. Once those are finished we will be trying our hand at writing some poetry. Students will be choosing from about 8 speech topics to finish off the last month of TUSC. We have 6 Spelling lessons yet to complete.

Math Grade 5 will be working on a unit of measurement which will cover length, area, volume, and capacity. Grade 6 will be working on angles and polygons which will cover naming, measuring, and drawing angles with a protractor. Students continue to work on basic math facts at the beginning of Math class. I encourage you to encourage your child to practice at home as well.

Social Studies We will be working our way through the Fur Trade in Canada for the next few weeks. Students will learn how the fur trade shaped our country and opened up western Canada for settlement.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather that will hopefully come soon!

Mrs. Hardy

Grade 7 & 8

Language Arts - The class will be working on writing assignments for various purposes such as editorials, news reports, requests and journals. They will also be working at recording and reporting on presentations by speakers and audio-visual presentations.

Mathematics - The class is about to finish their algebra unit and will begin their geometry unit.

Science - We are working on a study of freshwater, water management and water pollution.

Social Studies - The class is studying the Middle Ages and the unit will conclude with the students making models of castles.

Physical Education - This will be a busy month in Phys. Ed. as students will be preparing for the Track and Field meet on May 24; practising for the softball tournament which will be in the first week of June; and taking canoe lessons in preparation for the camp trip on the last three school days in May. Depending on how the Little Saskatchewan River is behaving by mid-May, this year's canoe lessons may be held in another location.

Health - The class has concluded a "Drug Safety" unit and will be doing a basic First Aid course in preparation for the camp trip and other outdoor activities that will happen in May and June.

In computer class, students have set-up and are maintaining an Excel spreadsheet to keep track of a Stanley Cup Hockey pool.

Mr. Coulson

