



Rapid City School May Newsletter

May 2008

Principal's Message

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well. Spring has sprung and is now flying by, it seems like I just wrote the last message. Our students did very well at the divisional badminton tournament and are now preparing for track and field as well as beginning baseball soon. We have the divisional Band Concert coming on June 2nd in Minnedosa at Tanner's Crossing Park and many more events and special days coming in the next two months. Please make sure to check your child's organizers for messages and notes over the next while.

The Parent Group will meet next Wednesday at 7 pm here at the school and we will be making plans to end the school year on another happy note. Grad and awards ceremonies will be held on June 25th at 1:30 pm this year if you are looking to book time off to join us. The annual Tabloid Day festivities will be on the tenth of June weather permitting.

Have a great month and enjoy the May long weekend!

Mr. Mike Keith

Historica Fair

Thursday, June 5th

1:00 p.m.

Rapid City School Gym

Please come visit our displays
and see what life was like in
Rapid City
over 100 years ago!

Big Bear Volleyball and Basketball Camp

During the week of August 25-29, volleyball
and basketball camps for students from
Grade 1 to Grade 8 will be offered at Elton
Collegiate. For information call Jeff or Mi-
chelle at 328-5373 or go to
www.bigbearvbball.piczo.com. Brochures are available
from Mr. Coulson.



Rollin' at the River Concert

The Rolling River School Division is proud to announce *Rollin' at the River*, a divisional music concert at Tanners Crossing Park in Minnedosa. This concert will be on Monday, June 2 and if that gets rained out, it will be held on Wednesday, June 4. This is a FREE event to get into and it runs from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm.

The schools involved include:

Erickson Collegiate

Rivers Collegiate Jazz Band (Grades 8-12)

Elton Collegiate Jazz Band (Grades 9-12)

Tanner's Crossing Choir (Grades 4-8)

Minnedosa Collegiate Senior Band (Grades 9-12)

Erickson/Onanole Elementary Choirs (Grades 4-8)

Forrest/Rapid City Elementary Choirs (Grades 1-6)

Rivers Collegiate Senior Band (Grades 10-12)

Rivers Collegiate Choir (Grades 7-12)

Elton Collegiate Choir (Grades 9-12)

Tanner's Crossing Junior High Band (Grades 7 & 8)

Minnedosa Collegiate Jazz Band

Rivers/Douglas Elementary Choirs (Grades 4-6)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Sayings of the Month

The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas." Linus Pauling

You do not lead by hitting people over the head -- that's assault, not leadership."-Dwight D. Eisenhower, thirty-fourth U.S. president



Classroom

Kindergarten



We had a very busy April with lots of activities and learning new things. We finished our study of Dr. Seuss with a big Dr. Seuss day with games, crafts and a Cat in the Hat movie. Be sure to check out our classroom website to find the new Dr. Seuss page. In May we will be continuing our study of spring and all the different signs of spring. We will be visiting one of these signs by walking to the fish ladder to check out the fish on the next warm day. Also we will be starting an author study of Eric Carle and learning about bugs near the end of the month. Keep up the good work with centers and the home reading books and thank you to the parents for listening to us read every night.

Mrs. Madill

Grade 1/2

Our year is going by so quickly but that just means that it has not been boring! As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, for Social Studies, we will be looking at the history of some of the businesses on Main Street in Rapid City. We went for a walk "downtown" to see what the buildings look like now and to talk about how these businesses have changed over time. Over the next few weeks, we plan on having some community members come in and tell us what they remember about those businesses. If you have any information or pictures, we sure would appreciate them. We will be putting all of the info/pictures on display (the pictures will be returned to you) at our school historical fair.

Since it was such a nice day on Tuesday, we also took the opportunity to take a walk to the recycling centre. We brought all of the recyclables that we had collected in our classroom for the week and sorted them at the centre; and we also picked up a number of recyclable items that were on the ground on the way to the centre. This was our way of helping to celebrate Earth Day.

Mrs. Armstrong

Grade 3/4

Wow! Only 2 months of school left! It has gone by so quickly. This month, our class will be going on their year end field trip. We will be taking the train from Brandon North Station to Portage where we will meet the bus to take us to the other activities planned for that day.

In Language Arts, we have been working on some Guided Reading. Other activities have included grammar, writing and editing work. Our math topic is measurement and our Social Studies study is on Africa.



This month, we hope to add some more work to our ePEARL accounts that are online. If you have a moment, ask your child to take you to their ePEARL account. You can find the link on Mrs. Hrymak's webpage at www.rrsd.mb.ca. Have a great month.

Mrs. Hrymak

Grade 3 Science

Hi there, we are still working on our soil unit and finishing up some of the items from other units this month. The students are planting seeds, separating soil and more. Basically we are getting dirty, having fun and learning some things all at the same time. Please call if you ever have any questions.

Mr. Mike Keith

Communication

GRADE 5 – 6

LANGUAGE ARTS: We will spend a little time finishing up the newspaper unit that Ms Bettes started, and we will be working on Historica Fair projects for the rest of the month of May. Groups of students, as well as individuals, will be researching various former businesses, churches, and sites in Rapid City. The projects will be on display during the Historica Fair on June 5th and at the Homecoming Weekend in August. We only have a few more TUSC meetings before the end of the year, and the regular Spelling program should be finished by the end of May.

MATH: Students will spend a few days practicing telling time on an analog clock before moving on to the Patterns strand. The last few Homework Packages will be problem solving. Please continue to encourage your child to practice the multiplication tables. We've noticed improvements, but some students still aren't as fluent as they need to be.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Now that World War I is over, we will be learning about social change during the post-war years. We will learn about the Winnipeg General Strike, the Famous Five, the Roaring Twenties, and the Dirty Thirties in the next couple of weeks.

FRENCH: The props are almost finished and practicing parts has been ongoing in the 7/8 French class. The groups will have presented the play to their classmates, and be marked on their presentations, by the time this newsletter is sent home. Students will be practicing verbs and working on a brief unit until the end of the year. The 5/6 class has also been practicing the play. The Grade 5s have been put into groups with Grade 6 experts to work on pronunciation. Hopefully, they will be ready to present the play in a short time.

Mrs. Hardy

Grade 7/8

Language Arts - The class has completed their Olympic Games research projects. During May they will be doing one more novel study in which they will have some choices as to what novel they will read. The class will also be doing a couple more oral presentations.

Mathematics - The Grade 8's have started a unit on Area and Volume and will move on to their unit on Geometry. The Grade 7's have been working on an introduction to Algebra and will move on to their unit on Measurement later in the month.

Science - The class will complete their unit on Heat Energy and Technology and will start their final unit which is on the "Earth's Crust".

Social Studies - The class is completing a study on "Child Labor" in India and will move on to a unit looking at the effects of war on children in various areas of the world.

Computer - The class has done a couple assignments dealing with Excel spreadsheets and will continue to monitor their hockey pool results on the program.

Health - The class will spend 4 - 5 classes learning about basic First Aid concepts and techniques.

May will be a busy month with the Track meet on May 26, and the camp trip to Clear Lake on May 29 and 30. At some time during the last two weeks of May the 7's and 8's will be doing their canoe practice on the lake in town. And finally, there will be softball practices scheduled between track practices to get ready for the softball tournament on June 6.

Mr. Coulson

