

November, 2010



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

Rapid City School

Principal's Message

Good Day
Parents/Guardians

As October draws to a close, so does the beautiful weather. A variety of events have taken place over the last few weeks; from the Halloween Dance put on by the Student Council, a Sock Hop for the K-4's, to Band Camps and Halloween parties – , and it is easy to see how quickly time is passing.

Unfortunately, the Gr. 1-4 trip to the Pumpkin Patch was cancelled due to the bad weather, but perhaps we'll try again next year. Various events are in the works for November. Of course the Remembrance Day Service is being planned for the school, Parent –Teacher Interviews, volleyball tournament for Grades 7 and 8, intra-murals for grades 5 – 8, and....

Thank you to the Parent Group for supporting student activities; assisting with Pumpkin Patch costs, Artist in the School (It was wonderful to see such a great turnout of parents and community members, supporting students and the school) and Hot Lunch Day. Have a great November!

Yours in Education;
Mrs. K. Slashinsky



WARM HANDS OF FREINDSHIP—MITTEN TREE PROGRAM

Every child should be kept warm and safe during our often cruel winters. I am sure you are well aware that there are children in Manitoba left without proper winter clothing. It is our goal to see that mitts and toques be made available to those in need.

Once again this year our school will be participating in the Mitten Tree Program by putting up a tree at the front entrance. Students and staff can decorate it with anything appropriate for outdoor wear, such as mitts and/or toques. It is preferred that all items be new due to health reasons

or, at least, be very clean and in good repair. The items collected will be distributed by the Canadian Red Cross to areas of Manitoba where the need is greatest. We ask that the mittens be collected by December 15, 2010.

Student Council News

Our Halloween dance was a lot of fun. Thank you Jeannie for organizing fun activities and Julie and Duncan for looking after the music.

Our next event will be an **Air Band** competition on **November 17**. We will get more information out to students in the next week or so.

The Student Council will be having a **bake sale** on

November 19th while Parent-Teacher interviews are going on. We will be asking for baking to be donated from Gr. 5-8 students for the bake sale. We invite everyone to visit our bake table in the front foyer that day.

We will be having our annual **Christmas tree sale** from **Nov. 1-15**. A member of the Student Council will be calling to see if you would like to order a tree or make a donation to the

Student Council. The trees range in price from \$15-\$40 and will be available for pick-up in early December. Please call the school if you miss our call and would like to buy a tree or make a donation.

We appreciate all the support for our fundraisers. We use the money for various activities and "extras" for our students.

CLASSROOM

KINDERGARTEN

During the month of November the kindergarten room will be working with the letters /Ss/ spiders, /Rr/ Re-

membrance Day, /Aa/ apples, C"a"t in the H"a"t and /Dd/ dogs. We continue to work on patterns, 1-10 numerical order and 1-1 matching. We enjoyed working on our Hal-

loween centers in October and are thankful to have Mrs. Bootsman in our room.

Love, Mrs. Gregorash

Grade 1 & 2

The month of Oct. was a busy one! On one of the very nice days, our class went for a walk around town - we were doing this for 2 subject areas. For Math, the students looked for patterns in the environment and in the town. Ask your child where they saw some patterns. I took pictures of the different patterns we saw and our class will be putting together a book. For Social Studies, we have been discussing our community, so when we went for our walk, we saw lots of businesses, recreation places, the bridge and river, etc. Now we have been in the process of sorting and classifying

each of these places, and then we will be comparing our community with others that the students are familiar with.

For the last week in Oct. the students worked on Halloween Math centres. The grade 1s worked on representing the number 10, and grade 2s worked on the number 12. I was very impressed with how well the students cooperated and did their work!

Mrs. Armstrong

October was filled with Thanksgiving and Halloween poems and stories. Students worked on a Halloween booklet called Beware on Hallow-

een. They should be bringing it home soon to share with you.

In science we did an experiment on bouncing balls. We found out that balls bounce higher on cement than on carpet. We made some good estimations about how high different kinds of balls would bounce.

We continue to work on Guided Reading and Home reading seems to be going well. Thank you!

Mrs. Nykorak

GRADE 3 & 4

Good Day

In Science, we will be completing the first unit "Habitats and Communities". In the next couple of weeks, students will learn about Food Webs, Food Chains, and Human Effects on the Environ-

ment. Light is the next unit of focus.

In Math, grade 4's will finish up the unit "Whole Numbers", adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers. Grade 3's will also finish up their unit of "Numbers to 1000".

In Health, focus is on relationships. Students have viewed the video "Putting

Yourself in Someone Else's Shoes". Students are completing activities which follow the video. Until next time.

Mrs. K. Slashinsky

In Grade 3/4 Social Studies we have been learning about the geographic regions of

COMMUNICATION

Gr. 3/4 continued . . .

Canada as well as longitude and latitude. In November we will be concentrating on the

provinces and territories and government.

Just a reminder that we have our weekly spelling test on

Friday and all students would benefit from extra practice at home.

Mrs. Nykorak

GR. 5 & 6

Language Arts: We have had two very successful TUSC meetings so far. I was very impressed with the Grade 5s first speeches. They were well written and well presented. Students have been working hard to keep up with their spelling lessons and corrections. We have learned quite a bit about bats from reading the Silver-

wing novel and doing bat research projects. We will end the novel study by writing a letter to the author. Remembrance Day will be our focus for the beginning of November. Students will also be involved with reading and writing activities.

Math: We have slowly been working through a unit on multiplying and dividing in the text book. Students work on

Math practice sheets at the end of the day to improve their fluency. We will continue to work through the chapter.

Social Studies: Students have been mapping rivers, lakes, and landform regions during the past month. Our next unit will be about various groups of First Peoples.

Mrs. Hardy

Gr. 7 & 8

Language Arts - This month the class will be doing some research on Canada's involvement in the Afghanistan Peace Keeping Mission. This will be in preparation for Maj. Art Brown's visit to our school on November 9 as part of the school's Remembrance Day Program. Major Brown has recently completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan and will be talking to the Grade 7/8 class about his experiences. Toward the end of November both classes will be starting their first novel studies for the year. The Grade 7's will do "Paddle to the Amazon" and the Grade 8's will be doing "Tuck Everlasting".

Mathematics - The class is completing their unit on "Integers" and will be starting a unit on "Fractions" by the middle of the month.

Science - The class will complete their 1st unit on Cells and Body Systems and will start Unit Two, which is titled "Fantastic Fluids".

Social Studies - The class will continue with their study of Human History and are presently looking at some of the first human civilizations - The Sumerians and The Egyptians.

Physical Education - The Grade 7's and 8's are working on volleyball skills in class. They will take part in a mini-

volleyball tournament in Forrest on Monday, Nov. 8 and will continue to prepare for the Jr. High Divisional Tournament on Saturday, December 4.

Computer - The class has almost completed the keyboarding portion of the course. This should be done by the end of the month.

Ms. Lindsey Jack, an Education student enrolled at the University of Manitoba, will be starting a student teaching session at our school during the last half of November.





Mr. Coulson



RAPID CITY SCHOOL

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Day 6 1 Lunch Orders Home today	Day 1 2	Day 2 3 Lunch Orders DUE!	Day 3 4	Day 4 5 LUNCH DAY Pizza! \$1.50/slice \$15/whole pizza	6
7	Day 5 8	Day 6 9 Remembrance Day Service at School—1:00 	Day 1 10 Parent Group MEETING 7:00 p.m.	11 Remembrance Day 	12 NO SCHOOL Administration Day	13
14	Day 2 15	Day 3 16	Day 4 17 Grs. 5-8 AIR BANDS (noon recess)	Day 5 18	19 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Interviews	20
21	Day 6 22 Lunch Orders home today	Day 1 23	Day 2 24 Lunch Orders DUE!	Day 3 25	Day 4 26 LUNCH DAY Hamburgers—\$2.25 Cheeseburgers—\$2.50	27
28	Day 5 29	Day 6 30	Day 1 Dec. 1	Day 2 Dec. 2	Day 3 Dec. 3	Day 4 Dec. 4