



RAPID CITY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 2008

NOVEMBER REMINDERS:

November 10-
No School
(Administration Day)
November 11-
No School
(Remembrance Day)
November 21-
Parent/Teacher Inter-views (No School)
November 28-
SAG/LIFT (No School)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, I hope that the Halloween weekend was a good one for all of you. There are lots of special days coming up this month so please watch out for the dates on the calendar. Just a couple are the Remembrance Day service that will be on Friday the 7th, and for all the parents that made the last Parent Group meeting please remember the next one is on the 5th at 7:00 pm here at the school.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the 28th this month, I will be in interviews with the grade 3/4 class but if you would like to see me please feel free to contact Vera and set that up later this month. In mid November we will be saying good by to Mr. Schroeder and Mr. LaPeare. I would like to thank them both for coming and spending their time working with the children here in Rapid City School.

Mr. Keith



Sayings of the Month

Know that although in the eternal scheme of things you are small, you are also unique and irreplaceable, as are all your fellow humans everywhere in the world."

Margaret Laurence

Canadian novelist and short story writer

The things you fear are undefeatable not by their nature but by your approach."

Jewel

STUDENT COUNCIL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

November 1 – 14
Trees are 6 – 7 feet tall.
Natural Spruce (\$15)
Sheared Balsam (\$40)
Semi-sheared Balsam (\$40)
Scotch Pine (\$40)
White Pine (\$40)



If you missed getting a call and wish to order a tree, or make a donation, please call the school at 826-2824

RAPID CITY SCHOOL COOKBOOK

Do you have yours, yet?

Thank you to everyone who has purchased cookbooks over the past months. We still have books available to buy. They will make an excellent Christmas gift for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list.

At \$10.00 each, our cookbook is an inexpensive, yet useful gift.

If you would like to order, please visit the office, or send your order and payment to school with your child.

We look forward to processing your order.



CLASSROOM

Kindergarten

Last month we learned about fall and created a fall slide show. It has our pictures that we took of the different signs of fall around Rapid City. Check out our website if you would like to see it. The classroom website can be found on the Rapid City School website. Just select the classroom tab from the yellow menu bar at the top and then head to kindergarten. The website also has a link to the Creepy Coloring site that we have been using in class. We have been working on our eye-mouse coordination. Looking ahead to November we will begin an Author Study of Jan Brett. We will be reading her stories and doing activities with the stories. For letters we will be continuing our study of the capital letters. We have already covered F, E, D, B, P, and R so any extra practice of these letters that students are having trouble with would be a great help. Finally a big thank you to the parents who sent treats to our Halloween party, we really enjoyed them.

Mrs. Madill

Grade 1/2

October was a fun month with Thanksgiving and Halloween keeping everyone filled with turkey and treats! In Math, we have been continuing to work on our counting skills - counting both forwards and backwards by ones. If you have a few minutes, please have your child do some counting for you. Give them a number to start with and have your child count ahead and back 10 numbers. Or you can ask them what number comes before or after a given number. We have now started to work on counting by 2's. In Health, we have been looking at what makes us important and unique as individuals. We discussed how we are the same and how we are different; we also talked about accepting our differences.

Mrs. Armstrong

What a busy creepy month it has been. We have been busy working on our Halloween theme and learning about spiders. Did you know most spiders have eight eyes but some don't have any! We even have our own resident spider that we are keeping an eye on. Just a reminder to grade one students to be practicing their sight words when they do their home reading.

We will have our first student of the week on Monday, November 10. Please see the attached schedule and instructions so that you can help your child prepare for their special week.

On Wednesday, November 5 we will be making Stone Soup. Could you please send a food item to add to our soup on that day. It may be cut up vegetables such as carrots, onions etc., or a canned item such as beef broth or corn or some macaroni or rice. If your child is fond of soup they do not need to bring lunch that day as we will serve our soup with warm biscuits.

Looking forward to seeing you all at parent teacher interviews!

Mrs. Nykorak



Grade 3/4

Math – this month we will be continuing with number sense but also working on number operations. The grade three class will be working to a thousand or more and the grade four class will be working to ten thousand or more. We will also continue to work on many aspects of math on a daily or regular basis so that they are not forgotten along the way.

Science – in November we will be still be working on our light unit and if we finish that we will be starting the unit on sound. The students have been enjoying working with light and it is interesting to see how much of what is around us we take for granted. Things we have known for years at some level, are now coming to light. (pun intended)

Mr. Keith

Grade 4 Parents Please note that the date for Dose #2 of the immunizations has been changed to Friday, December 5, 2008.

We have started Guided Reading activities in our classroom and the students are doing a great job of completing their Reading Tickets. We are continuing our study of Canada by looking at the symbols of Canada. Our class is enjoying having Mr. LaPeare as our student teacher and will miss him when he is gone.

Mrs. Hrymak

COMMUNICATION

Grade 7/8

Language Arts - The class will continue working on their novel studies. The Grade 7's are reading "Paddle to the Amazon" and the Grade 8's are reading "The River". Students have been working on a series of oral reports that have included subjects such as Canadian musicians and European cities. They will continue with a couple more of these kinds of reports. Once the novel studies are done the class will be spending some time studying World War I.

Mathematics - Both grades are starting a unit on Fractions. This should be completed in mid-November and then they will move on to a unit on the measurement of area and volume.

Science - The class has just about completed their first unit, which is a study of "Cells and Body Systems". This month they will move on to a study of "Fluids".

Social Studies - The class is presently working on the study of "Ancient Egypt" and by mid-November should move on to a brief look at the history of China.

Computer - By the end of November the class will have completed the keyboarding portion of the course and hopefully all students will be able to type at 20 WPM or more.

Phys. Ed. - We have completed our section on playing flag football and have just started a unit on volleyball.

The Grade 7's and 8's worked hard at creating a "Haunted House" in the school library for the Grade 1 to 6 students.

Thanks to Marus and Joanne Bos and James and Debbie Paul for providing pumpkins for the Grade 7/8 classroom.

Welcome to David Schroeder, an Education student from Brandon University who will be working in the Grade 5/6 and 7/8 classrooms until mid-November.

Thanks to Mindy Ostrowski for helping chaperone the Jr. High Dance on Friday, October 24.

Mr. Coulson

Grade 5/6

Time is flying by in the 5/6 classroom! Before we know it, it will be report card time. At the moment, we have Mr. David Schroeder as a student teacher in our classroom. We enjoy having him spend time with us on the odd days of the cycle. Thank you to all the families who sent non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. Our classroom collected about 56 pounds of food. Bon job!

Language Arts We have taught the class four strategies to use in their spelling lessons before asking for help. These strategies will help your child become a better problem solver. We hope that you will encourage your child to use the strategies when doing spelling homework. Everyone seems to be enjoying the TUSC meetings, although, a few people need to be a little more prepared for the meeting. Each student has a copy of the job descriptions, and they need to check to make sure they have everything they need for the meeting. We are almost halfway through our study of the novel Here She Is, Ms Teeny-Wonderful. The students are enjoying the book so much that some find it difficult to not read ahead!

Math: We are currently working on a short unit of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals. Mr. Schroeder has been teaching estimation as well. Homework Packages will start coming home next week.

Social Studies: In this unit, students have been doing some mapping and learning about the climate and geographical regions of Canada. At the moment, they are researching various First Peoples civilizations before European contact.

Mrs. Hardy

French

3/4: Students have been learning Halloween vocabulary and creating a Halloween booklet.

5/6: Students have been learning the vocabulary and gestures for the story *Les trois petits cochons*. They have also been creating a Halloween booklet.

7/8: This year we are performing the story *L'arbre unjali*, about a magic tree in Africa. Students will be working extensively with present tense verbs and will work with past tense verbs as well.

Mrs. Hardy

