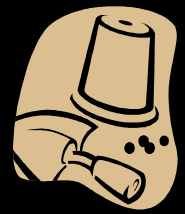


# Rapid City School May Newsletter



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May 2007

## Sayings of the Month

"It's better to waste money than it is to waste time. You can always get more money."

**Hal Sparks**

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."

**Michael Altshuler**

## *Principal's Message*

Hello everyone, it is sure nice to have such great weather. The students were off to compete in the Rolling River School Division Badminton Tournament last weekend and we have already started preparing for Track and Field Day at the end of May. Baseball practices will start soon, and community soccer is starting right away as well so all the students, staff and parents should be active and busy this month. Speaking of parents, we have our monthly meeting this Wednesday at 7 pm here at the school.

The Heritage Fair will be taking place at the start of June on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and we also have preparation going on for field trips and more in the next little while. We have a couple of hot lunches to look forward to this month and of course the long weekend is coming up. I will be away during the second week of May on my last week of parental leave as well. Please make sure to call the school if you have any questions about what is happening. Have a great month!

**Mr. Keith**

## Heritage Fair

Rapid City School will be holding a Heritage Fair on Monday, June 4. Projects will be on display and open to the public for viewing at 1:30 p.m.

Prior to June 4, students will be using one school cycle to work on the projects at school and then they will be required to complete the projects on their own time. So start looking for ideas since the projects will be due on May 30th. Please contact the school or your child's teacher for more information.

## Band Students and Parents

The Spring Band Concert will be on Tuesday, May 29. The concert will be held at Elton Collegiate in the gym and will begin at 7:00pm. All of Elton's music groups will perform.

All grade 7 & 8 band students should be at the school and in their designated warm-up rooms no later than 6:30pm. All performers are required to wear concert dress: all black. See you there!



## Kindergarten News

Hi folks,

It's hard to believe that we only have 2 more months, or 21 days of school left until the end! Wow, time goes fast when you're having fun!

We finished up the last of our letters last week, and now it will be a matter of review, review, review, until the letters and their sounds are firmly ingrained in their minds. We'll continue to do lots of work on phonemic awareness skills, beginning & ending sounds, rhyming words, reading, writing, and speaking activities.

In Math we will continue working on the teen numbers, simple addition & take away problems, patterning, sorting, and instant recognition of the number groupings.

We will finish up our little book reading program about the middle of May. They are really doing well with this activity.

We visited the fish ladder the other day, and had a great time watching the fish struggling to make their way up the steps. We will be taking other short walking trips around town to check out signs, buildings, birds, trees & flowers. If anyone can find some frog eggs, we would be interested in watching them change from eggs to tadpoles to frogs. Our field trip will be early in June, so if you are interested in coming with us, let me know.

That's it for now. Enjoy our nice weather and all the spring outdoor activities.

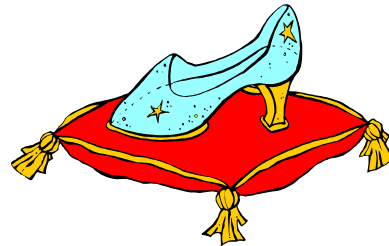
**Mrs. Lewis**

## Grade 1/2

We have been busy in our class working on a Spring unit. Thank goodness we are having spring like weather to help us along. We have looked for signs of Spring, sorted and classified spring words and are writing Spring countdown booklets. In Social Studies we are studying the community of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. We have located Lunenburg on a map and are comparing Lunenburg to Rapid City. We are also checking the daily weather in Lunenburg. We have been having much nicer weather than they have.

Grade two are working on a Fairy Tale unit with Miss McRae. They are learning about the elements of a fairy tale and hope to write their own fairy tales! We can't wait to hear them.

**Mrs. Nykorak and Mrs. Armstrong**



## Grade 3/4

We will be very sad to see Miss Grimshaw finish her student teaching with us on Friday, May 4 but we wish her the best of luck in her career as a teacher. She has done an excellent job teaching our class and we will miss her interesting lessons and activities.

The last few months of our school year will be very busy. We will start our Heritage Fair projects this month and have them ready for our display day of June 4. Both classes are starting a fraction unit in Math and we will soon start a unit on Manitoba in Social Studies. For our Social Studies unit, we will be doing an activity with pictures of places, events or landscapes in Manitoba. Students can help with this by bringing in these pictures whether it be photos or calendars or brochures.

The weather is finally turning very nice and it is great to be able to be outside. Have a great month!

**Mrs. Hrymak**

## **GRADE 5 & 6**

We are sorry to say good-bye to Mr. Mandziuk on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We have really enjoyed having him as a student teacher in our classroom, and we wish him *Bonne chance* with his teaching career. In Language Arts we are finishing up the unit about the Titanic, observing the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking. In early May we will be using six L.A. classes to work on Heritage Fair projects. The Rapid City Heritage Fair is being held Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Following that, we will be doing an independent novel study. We will be getting back in the swing of things with TUSC as well. The Grade 5s are finishing up the fur trade unit with Mr. Mandziuk in Social Studies. We will then start Cluster 4, *From British Colony to Confederation*. Students have been working hard memorizing their lines with expression in 5-8 French, and have moved on to acting the play, *Les trois petits cochons*. Acting will be our focus for the next couple of weeks. Props and costumes still have to be made before they are ready to perform.

*Mrs. Hardy*

**Grade 5/6 Science** - The students have just written their final test on the Electricity Unit and will be starting their unit on the Solar System.

*Mr. Coulson*

### **Grade 6 Social Studies**

We will be working on Canadian Confederation and also Manitoba history in conjunction with the Grade Three/Four class. The students will be using technology for parts of it and doing some reader's theatre as well.

*Mr. Keith*

**Plans are being made for the Grade 7/8  
Camp Trip to Wasagaming which will  
happen on May 31 and June 1!**

### **Grade 7/8**

Grade 7 Math - The class has just completed their 7th unit that dealt with equations and graphing. Their new unit deals with solving equations and basic algebra.

Grade 8 Math - The class is working on a unit dealing with measurement and will be studying circumference, area and volume.

Grade 7/8 Science - The class is continuing to work on a unit dealing with light and optics.

Grade 7/8 Social Studies - In their study of Medieval History, the class is beginning to build models of castles.

Grade 7/8 ELA - The students have just finished a series of three biographies which were presented in written and oral form. They will soon be starting their final novel study of the year.

Grade 7/8 Computer - The class is learning how to use the spreadsheet program Microsoft Excel by keeping track of a class hockey pool using formulas they entered in the program.

*Mr. Coulson*

### **Track & Field (Grades 5 – 8)**

Just a reminder that our track meet is on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 07 at the Brandon Sportsplex. Morning practices are really encouraged and are held on Days 2, 4, & 6 starting at 8:00 a. m. All runners can get extra practice with Mrs. Nykorak during our fitness time (11:45). High jump practices are in the morning on Days 1 & 3 with Mr. Keith. Please listen to the announcements for extra practices during the day.

*Mrs. Lewis*

