



Rapid City School October Newsletter

Principal's Message

Hello everyone, I hope that you are all well and enjoying fall. I know it can be a very busy time with lots of things to do and wrap up before the snow falls. We hosted the small schools soccer this past weekend and the students will begin to prepare for volleyball soon. Last Thursday was our annual Open House and I trust you all got a chance to speak with your children's teacher or teachers. If not you could always give them a quick call to see how things are going here at the school the number 826-2824. Please remember this year to call anytime you have a question.

The Parent Group will meet again on the 3rd at 7:00 pm in the staffroom and the next hot lunch will be on the 12th. They are always looking for volunteers to help out so if you are able to do so please call Diana or Jeannie at home. Also on the 3rd we will have our annual Walk to School Day and the students should all walk to school if possible. The bus students will be dropped off at the loop in town and walk with staff supervision from there.

We are hoping to end the month with some Chinese Acrobats and then a Halloween celebration. More information will be forth coming on both plans from the staff and myself.

Have a great month and make it a spooky but safe one!



Mr. Mike Keith

Sayings of the Month

Sometimes you're the pi-
geon, and sometimes
you're the statue."

[Bernie Bickerstaff](#),
Colotte Bobcats

Work is either fun or
drudgery. It depends on
your attitude."

[Colleen C. Barrett](#),
president and corporate secre-
tary of Southwest Airlines

Campbell's Soup Labels

Rapid City School will be continuing to collect Campbell's Soup labels. Labels will be deposited with Campbell's in return for points that can be used to purchase items we can use in the school. In order for the label to be counted it must have one panel showing the type of soup as well as the UPC bar code. Labels can be dropped off here at the school. Thank you for your continued support of this program in our school.

Jane Alex

Classroom News

Kindergarten

What a great month we have had in Kindergarten! Right now we are working on Franklin stories and doing some Halloween Activities. Don't forget to send healthy snacks. Have a great month!



Mrs. Madill

Grade 1/2

It has been a busy month and we look forward to working with your child in the year ahead! Hello to a new school year, and one month has already gone by! We have 19 bright shiny faces in our grade 1/2 classroom this year. A big welcome to our new students - Madison Nemeth, Sofie Enns, Brenden Bruneau, and Christopher Jones. Just a reminder about our Social Studies unit on **Belonging**. I would like everyone to bring a picture or item showing a group or club that they belong to (eg. family, team, day camp, etc.) The pictures and items will be returned when our unit is completed. **Snacks** - We have a snack each morning as well as later in the afternoon. Please send enough healthy snacks for your child. Also a reminder to parents that the bookbags and student planners should go back and forth from home to school each day. Any special notes, after school instructions should be written in the planner as we check them daily. We understand that it is sometimes difficult to find the time to read each day but please send the bookbags to school anyway as we have reading time in class.

Mrs. Armstrong & Mrs. Nykorak

Grade 3/4

Welcome to October! Wouldn't it be nice if the weather stays as nice as the last Saturday in September! We have finished our unit on Apples and are now starting our unit on Monsters. We are almost done our first unit in Math on Graphing and will soon start a unit on Number. An activity you could do with your child is ask them how to say numbers they see such as numbers in newspapers or on T.V. In Social Studies, we are talking about Canada before we start our Global Trek around the world...we are studying different countries of the world this year. We are looking forward to the return of our student teacher, Miss Leadbeater this month and can't wait to do some great activities with her. Have a great month!

Mrs. Hrymak

Grade Three/Four Science

We are working on Plant growth and changes right now using apples and apple trees as our main examples. This unit will have some ongoing adventures attached to it throughout the year. Once we finish this part of the unit however, we will be working on Materials and Structures. This should be before the end of October depending on how things work out.



This year the students have decided that they believe in working hard, being nice and having fun. We are hoping as a class that these beliefs will allow us to have a great year together. To this end, I would like each student to bring in 6 of their favourite photographs. I will photocopy them and send the originals back home. The pictures will be used to help explain human needs in a different way to the students.

Mr. Keith

GRADE 5 & 6

Welcome back to an exciting year in the Grade 5-6 classroom. We're off to a good start with everyone settling into the classroom routine. Please take time to read and initial your child's organizer on a daily basis. The students sometimes have important information or notes to pass on. This is also an excellent way for you to communicate with me. We will welcome our student teacher, Mr. Brad Watt, back to our classroom from October 15 – November 16. This will be Mr. Watt's second last placement. He has been busy preparing lessons for his time with us as well as attending classes at Brandon University. We look forward to having him with us. Homework packages will be coming home shortly. The focus will be on practicing basic Math facts. It is important for the students to know adding, subtracting, multiplication, and division facts really well so that Math class will be easier for them. I need your help finding some **library books** that were borrowed from the school library for use in our classroom library last year. There are a fair number of books which have gone missing. I would really appreciate it if you could have a look around home to see if any turn up. I can't afford to pay a reward for the missing books; nor can I afford to have Mrs. Kolesar mad at me!! Please remember that I am available to help any student needing help with school work most days before classes, at recesses, and after school.



Mrs. Hardy

Grade 7/8 Newsletter

ELA - the class is working on some basic grammar and punctuation skills. They have also started an SRA reading program. In mid-October they will start their first novel study of the year with the Grade 7's doing *Paddle to the Amazon* and the Grade 8's doing one that has not been confirmed yet.

Math - Both grades are just finishing off their first units which are reviews of some of the topics covered last year. The Grade 7 Unit Two topic is "Fractions, Decimals and Integers" and the Grade 8 Unit Two topic is "Rational Numbers".

Science - The class is working on a unit dealing with ecosystems and environmental issues. A day trip to Riding Mountain National Park, tentatively on October 10, will give the students an opportunity to have a first hand look at a couple different types of ecosystems.

Social Studies - The class has completed a map study of the continents and their main countries. They will be studying the different standards of living and quality of life issues that exist around the world.

Computer - The class is working on developing keyboarding skills, which means typing with all 10 fingers.



In mid-October, Ms. Brouzes, a student teacher from Brandon University, will start a 5 week session in the Grade 7/8 classroom.

Mr. Coulson

From the Band Room...

The Grade 7s and 8s have been off to a busy start so far in band this year. We have a number of exciting events and festivals planned for the year.

The Grade 7s will be attending Beginner Band Camp on Friday, October 5th. The day will be held in Brandon this year at St. Matthew's Church. This is a very exciting opportunity for the Grade 7s. They will have the chance to learn about their instruments in small clinics with students from Brandon University's School of Music. This year, the clinic will be held in conjunction with beginning band students from Minnedosa in order to help keep costs to a minimum. After the instrument clinics in the morning, the students will be off to Thunderbird Bowl for a pizza party and some bowling before heading back to school.

Please make sure that all permission forms and \$ are in ahead of time for the camp!

Along with the Christmas and Spring Concerts this year, students will have the opportunity to perform in one or two festivals. The Grade 7s will be performing in the Rolling River Festival of the Arts (March). The Grade 8s will have the opportunity to perform in the Rolling River Festival of the Arts as well as the Level 1 Festival in Brandon this year.



PLEASE MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Christmas Concert – 7:00pm Tuesday, December 11 @ Elton

Spring Concert – 7:00pm Tuesday, June 3 @ Elton

Have a great month!

Ms. Barber

Soccer News

The Rapid City Junior High Soccer Team hosted the Small Schools Division Soccer Tournament on September 29. The team played very well. Their first game was against Oak River and the team won that game 4-0. The next game was against Onanole and our school team won that game also with a score of 1-0. The last game was against Douglas and after Overtime, the game remained tied at 0. Congratulations team! Excellent job at the tournament!

