



TCS TIGER TIMES

SCHOOL MOTTO: THE TEAM THAT CARES AND SHARES
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TANNER'S CROSSING SCHOOL

CATCH THE SPRING SPIRIT!

Wow! We are down to our last three months of school already. My, how time seems to fly by each year. We always seem to run into a very busy schedule at this time of year and this year will be no exception. Check out the calendar this month. We have Rolling River Festival, Spirit Week, Badminton, Track, Band and Art Trips, and Musical Practices all going on. Hang onto your hats it is going to be a busy month!

Our Foster Child Fund Raiser & Spirit Week will take place the week of April 20th - 23rd with a special feature of Mitch Dorge from the Crash Test Dummies joining us on April 23rd for percussion workshop. Other presentations will include *Fire Safety* and *You Are Important* for grades Kindergarten to grade four and a presentation called *Make A Difference* for grades five to eight.

We would like to extend a farewell and thank you to Mrs. Rhonda Prettie who has left to pursue other interests after a short term with us at Tanner's Crossing School. In her place we would like to welcome Mrs. Marty Davis who is joining our team. We would also like to welcome our student teachers who are here until May 1st. Welcome Meighan Bambridge (with Mrs. Kingdon); Stacey Goodridge (with Mrs. Morrice); and Sarah Rempel (with Mrs. Dowsett).

Our planning team has finished the first draft of our code of conduct which will be shared at the April Parent Advisory Council Meeting and the May staff meeting for the purpose of getting feedback from our shareholders.

Until next month, take care. Remember our doors are always open and please try to stay out of the puddles.

Mr. Glen McNabb
T.C.S. Principal 

MITCH DORGE IS IN THE SCHOOL

Thursday, April 23rd

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High percussion students lunch with Mitch [in the Pit / Band Room]
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Kindergarten & Grade One [in the Pit]
1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Grades Two & Three [in the Pit]
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Grades Four - Eight [in the Gym joined by grades Kindergarten to grade three at 3:00 p.m.]

BACK IN FULL SWING

I am back to full time and really excited and looking forward to working with all of the Junior High students once again!

The 7R class is working on a unit in Fables, Short Stories and Myths. Their final projects will be due April 28th. This unit looks different in that we have four different activities instead of one large unit to complete. All students need to complete their eight book reports by the end of May. One of these reports must be done orally in front of the class. In Math we are working on Unit 4, Circles and Area. We have finished the mid-unit review and are working through the second part of the chapter. When we complete this unit we will move on to Unit 8 Geometry.

French classes are once again getting to know each other. The Grade 8's are finishing up their unit on School and then moving on to Food. The Grade 7's are going to continue with the gestures and do a story called L'arbre ungal.

Ms.Radcliffe



FIT TALK - JUMP TO BE FIT

We are now into the home stretch! April brings racquet sports to all aspects of the physical education program. Classes are working on striking skills using either a hand paddle, small goodminton racquet, or a badminton racquet. Intramural badminton is so popular this year that we had to add extra games to the grade 5 & 6 days. Our grade 7 & 8 students are also practicing after school and in the mornings in preparation for the divisional tournament that will be held on Saturday, April 25.

Congratulations to all the participants in our Hydrate Like a Champion nutrition week activity that was held March 23-27. There were lots of healthy fluids consumed! April's activity will be Jump 2 B Fit during the week of April, 13-17. We will be skipping in class trying to beat our record of crossing Canada two and a half times.

The last two weeks of April will be really busy at noon hours. Intramural badminton will continue for grades 5-8. As well, our grade 5-8 track and field practises will run from 12:10 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. for any grade 5-8 students who wish to be eligible to participate in the Divisional Track Meet in Brandon on May 25th. Our own TCS track meet will be held for all grade 5-8 students the week of May 11.

Empowering 4NR with READING, WRITING & MATH Skills

April will be a month of looks of editing and re-writing. We will be working on writing. For the month of April we will be doing a lot of writing projects of many different kinds. If your child comes home with a project, please help him/her self-edit by having him/her read their assignment to you and then stop them when they correct it when reading it aloud. If they have spelling mistakes, you can help them by circling the word and having them look it up in the dictionary. They have been working on dictionary skills in March so they should be able to find the words.

We will be reading many different books and students will be asked to take home a book and read it to their parents so that the student can work on the writing assignment in class. I will be trying to get to each child, but some days that just doesn't happen. If you could help them at home with the assignments I would truly appreciate it.

We will be having a multiplication and division test after Spring Break. Please study your facts.

If you don't use them, you lose them! We will be going on to fractions, time, graphing, measurement, etc in Math. Parents, when we are doing fractions, it is great if the kids are cooking with you at home so they see what it means to add $\frac{2}{3}$, they also see if it is more or less than $\frac{1}{2}$. Food and fractions can be a lot of fun.

In Social Studies, we will be moving on to learning all about Manitoba and its history. We will have a test on the Canadian North after the break as well.

In Science we will work on the Light unit. We have been very busy getting ready for parent teacher interviews so we haven't really done a lot with the light unit.

Please work with you child each day on reading aloud and practicing their basic math facts. These are very important.

Thank you all for coming in for parent teacher interviews. We had 100% attendance!!!! Please send plastic bags for your child to wear in their boots. It keeps their socks dry. Plan for rubber boots and splash pants too. Tis the season!

Hope everyone had a great break!
We will be working hard in April!



COINS FOR KIDS ... EVERY COIN COUNTS

TANNER'S CROSSING SCHOOL SPONSORS THESE CHILDREN

In March we received a letter informing us that one of our foster children, Miguel-Angel Arroyo Pareja and his family recently moved away from their community. Therefore, he will no longer be participating in the Foster Plan Program. As a result, we have received a new child from the same community who needs our support. He is a 3 year old boy from Columbia whose name is Juan-Sebastian Diaz Oyola. By supporting Juan-Sebastian, we will continue to help improve living conditions in his community.

Our other foster child is Bezuayehu Askal Negatu. She is a 15 year old girl from Ethiopia. By supporting Bezuayehu through the Foster Plan program, we continue to support her and her family by making positive changes in their community.

SuccessMaker

A Math and Language Arts Computer Assisted Learning Program

SuccessMaker is a combination of computer courses presented using an interactive, multimedia, tutorial approach. In this manner, the student is taught by 'seeing, hearing and doing.'

Tanner's Crossing School has a SuccessMaker lab of five computers. Our lab is set up so that each student works individually with support from an educational assistant. Direction is given from the Resource Department.

Each classroom teacher has scheduled twenty minutes per day for students from their class. Five students work on the programs for a time block of approximately four to six weeks.

Each student begins in 'Initial Placement' mode. During these beginning sessions, the computer is 'getting to know' the student and is checking to see what level he/she should be working at for each part or strand of the course. After this initial placement is complete, the student progresses through various strands (concepts) and builds on their skills.

All students from grades one through eight are being given the opportunity to build their reading or math skills by spending time on SuccessMaker. We are using the following courses:

Initial Reading: Grades one to three

- builds sight vocabulary, decoding and reading comprehension skills through word, sentence and passage reading practice and assessment

Reader's Workshop: Grades three to eight

- develops reading skills and strategies.
- provides reading instruction and skill-building using high-interest reading passages which focus on word analysis, word meaning, literal, interpretive and passage comprehension, reference skills and thematic lessons.

Math Concepts and Skills: Grades two to eight

- provides practice and assessment in mathematic skills.
- individual guided practice in 16 strands of mathematics covering more than 1,600 learning objectives.
- The computation strands include addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, equations and speed drill and practice.
- The strands of application include number concepts, geometry, measurement, word problems, applications, problem solving, science applications and probability and statistics.

Should you wish to see SuccessMaker in action, please contact your homeroom teacher and a time can be arranged for a visit.

APRIL SHOWERS OR FLURRIES BRING MAY FLOWERS!!

Just a little reminder to students to wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Sounds like we are in for a wet spring!! Rubber boots, splash pants, and jackets are appropriate. Parents/guardians may wish to send extra clothing for our slushy days!

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

This is a reminder that the School Age program continues to operate for kids ages 5 to 12 years of age. For anyone requiring child care in the morning (7:00 – 8:45 a.m.) and/or the afternoon (3:25 – 6:00 p.m.), there is still space available.

The school age program runs out of the Nursery School room at M.C.I. and is also available for **Inservice days**; the next one will be on April 24, 2009. Interested parents can contact Colleen Smith at 868-KIDS (868-5437).

ALSO: Please accept this as your invitation to attend the Minnedosa Community Childcare Cooperative's AGM on Wednesday, May 20th at 7pm at T.C.S. in the Pit. Open to all, but particularly important to parents with children in Nursery School, the School Age program, and those requiring daycare once the new centre opens.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB

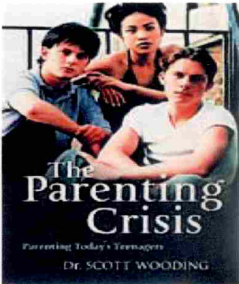
Breakfast Cooking Classes for Kids (and Parents)

- 8 YEARS + (ALL parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to participate in any or all classes)
- LIMITED SPACE
- **GAMES & PRIZES** and a different BREAKFAST each Saturday.
- PLACE: Tanner's Crossing School - Home Ec. Room
- DATE: Saturdays ~ April 18th & May 2nd
- TIME: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- COST- Bring a **Donation for Minnedosa FOOD BANK**

There will be a parent helping kids with a breakfast recipe each Saturday
Everyone will participate in making, cleaning up and SAMPLING each breakfast.
You will make an easy breakfast that can also be used for after school or bedtime snack.
Learn nutritional information, the importance of eating breakfast, **AND HAVE FUN IN THE KITCHEN.**

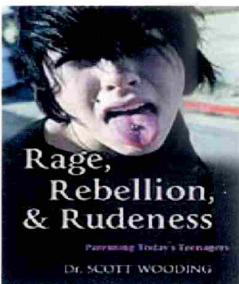
Contact: Kathy Tomlinson (HEALTHY ACTIVE MINNEDOSA) 867-1936

Connecting with Teenagers

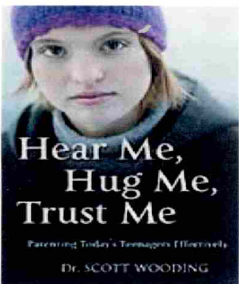


A FREE evening with
Dr. Scott Wooding

Canada's leading authority on parenting teenagers, best-selling author, psychologist, school counsellor and TV commentator speaks to parents about communicating with teens. Everyone with a teenager will benefit from hearing this inspirational speaker.



THURSDAY MAY 7, 2009
7:00PM – 9:00PM
FREE FOR PARENTS



ROYAL OAK INN
3130 VICTORIA AVENUE
BRANDON, MANITOBA

**OPEN TO ALL PARENTS. FOR MORE
INFORMATION CALL AMANDA AT 571-7265**



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TREATMENT CENTRE**





Mark Your Calendars



Good Friday ~ April 10th
NO SCHOOL
Happy Easter!!



April 13th - 17th, 2009
April 20th - 23rd, 2009
Best wishes to all participants!!



TRACK & FIELD Practices



everyday at noon for
grade 5 - 8 students
beginning April 20th.
Please see calendar.



P.A.C. Meeting

Tuesday, April 21st
at 7:00 p.m.
T.C.S. PIT

AFM PRESENTATION

Hello to all! The Parent Advisory Council meeting for April will be held on April 21, 2009. Please note that the date has changed due to a conflict for the majority of attendees. The board meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed with a presentation from AFM. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend. Babysitting will be provided.

We hope to see you there.

Catch the Spirit!!

Tanner's Crossing School is pumped about Spring! We have planned a Spirit Week for the week of April 20th - 23rd and encourage all students and staff to participate! We will also be collecting coins for our annual "Coins for Kids" campaign to sponsor our Foster Children. Get ready for a great week!

DRESS THE PART!!

SPORTS DAY

Tuesday, April 21st



BACKWARDS DAY / CRAZY DAY

Wednesday, April 22nd

PAJAMA DAY

& PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thursday, April 23rd



Elementary School

Inservice

High School

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday, April 24th, 2009

NO SCHOOL

Junior High Badminton

Minnedosa - Girls

Forrest-Boys

Saturday, April 25th

Watch the birdie!



April 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Spring Break						
5	6 Day 3 1 & 2	7 Day 4 3 & 4	8 Day 5 5 & 6	9 Day 6 7 & 8	10 <i>Good Friday</i> NO SCHOOL	11
12 <i>Happy Easter</i>	13 Day 1 5 & 6	14 Day 2 7 & 8	15 Day 3 7 & 8	16 Day 4 3 & 4 Grades 2 & 3 Choir Festival a.m.	17 Day 5 7 & 8 Grades 4 & 5 Grades 6 - 8 Choirs Festival a.m.	18 BREAKFAST CLUB Grades 7 & 8 Band to Winnipeg
19 SPIRIT WEEK & COINS FOR KIDS Dress for each day and have a blast!! Bring in your coins all week to help our Foster Children.	20 Day 6 7 & 8	21 Day 1 5 & 6	22 Day 2 7 & 8	23 Day 3 5 & 6 PAJAMA DAY & Pancake Breakfast Mitch Dorge @ TCS	24 Elementary School Inservice High School Parent/Teacher Interviews NO SCHOOL	25 Junior High Badminton Minnedosa - Girls Forrest-Boys
	Rolling River Festival of the Arts					
	SPORTS DAY		BACKWARDS DAY & CRAZY DAY			
	Track & Field Practices Everyday for Grades 5 - 8					
26	27 Day 4 Grade 6 Band Grades 7 & 8 Art Trip to Brandon	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1 Hat & Jeans Day		
	Track & Field Practices Everyday for Grades 5 - 8					
	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	5 & 6		