



# TCS TIGER TIMES

TANNER'S CROSSING SCHOOL



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SCHOOL MOTTO: THE TEAM THAT CARES AND SHARES

HEARTS & HUGS ISSUE

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## WE ARE HALFWAY THERE

February marks our halfway mark in the school year. Hopefully our extremely cold temperatures are behind us and we can soon prepare for spring.

Tanner's Crossing School continues to be busy with activities. We were able to take our junior high students out for their second day on the ski slopes on February 3rd. Our grade six students are excited about their winter camping experience at Camp Wanacumbac February 5th and 6th. We look forward to hearing their reports when they come back.

Our junior high curling teams will be in Rivers this Saturday, February 7th competing in the divisional bonspiel. Good luck to our teams!

Parents are encouraged to attend the internet safety presentation at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10th in the pit following the regular P.A.C. meeting.

The Junior High Westman Honour Band will participate in Brandon on February 13th. We wish Mrs. Dowsett and the students participating all the best.

Manitoba will celebrate Louis Riel Day on February 16th, therefore there is no school on that day. In addition, the teaching staff will participate in the BYTE conference inservice day on Friday, February 27th and there will be no classes for students on that day.

Junior highs will have their Valentine dance on Friday, February 20th. This dance will be for grade seven and eight students. Students are encouraged to wear something pink! More information can be found in this newsletter.

We are preparing for our annual Festival Du Voyageur celebration planned for February 26th in the afternoon. More information will come home in the near future.

Have a great month everyone!

## ACTIVITY = HEART SMART BODIES

If at first you don't succeed.... seems to be the story of our downhill ski program this year! Hopefully by the time you read this we will have completed our second day on the hill on February 3. Thanks to all our staff who worked as instructors and special thanks to Don Horner and his staff at Ski Valley for putting up with all the rescheduling and giving us another great year of junior high skiing!

We had a great time at our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun night! The weather was good and everybody there enjoyed the different events and the hot chocolate that our Parent Advisory Council provided. Thanks to all involved. Our February event as a healthy active school will be our Festival du Voyageur afternoon on February 26. There will also be a special Festival menu at the canteen that day.

Our junior high curling teams will be participating in the Rolling River Athletic Association bonspiel on Saturday, February 7. Coaches Joan Tegg and Jean Garbolinsky have been working with our grade 5-8 curlers since November and are looking for some good play on the ice. Good luck to our grade eight curlers who will be representing TCS at the bonspiel.

Our junior high basketball teams are hard at work as their season progresses. Coaches Greg Lawson, Barb Dowsett (girls); Matt Rapsky and Glen McNabb (boys) have got their teams working out after school, with exhibition games and the divisional tournament (March 4) in the future.

Our grade four and five students enjoyed using the divisional snow shoes at the start of January, even though the cold weather made it tough to get out as much as we wanted. Our grade six, seven, and eight students will be using the divisional cross country skis from Feb. 11 - 25.

Mrs. Jacki Nylen

## 7R - WELL ON OUR WAY!!

I said to the students this morning, "Do you realize that we only have one day left of classes in the month of January." They looked at me with disbelief written all over their faces. The time seems to be really flying by this year!

The students are just finishing up a large project in poetry. Each individual student has created a book of poems that they will hand in to be marked. The theme for this unit was *Animals*. Every poem written had to be about a different animal and then illustrated either by hand or with pictures found in magazines. No computer generated photos were allowed for this project. We have studied five different types of figurative language and nine forms of poetry. Along with this we have been continuing to study the parts of speech with special attention this unit on adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections. We finished up our parts of speech with a game of Jeopardy to see how much we could remember. Spelling tests have been on the words that we learned in this unit, figurative language types and forms of poetry. Just a reminder that each student must complete eight book reports by the end of May and that at least one of them has to be done orally.

Math has been moving along quite nicely as well. Unit #5 on Adding and Subtracting Fractions has been fun for the students. We continue to work on solving the problems in a variety of ways; diagrams, number lines or finding common denominators. I think that most of the students now favour the common denominator method. With just one lesson remaining and then the unit review, we should be having a test this Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Provincial Assessment has been completed and we will be returning to regular math classes. As I mentioned last month, the assessment does not affect your child's grade. The results are sent in to the province where they are compared with other students. If you want to discuss any of the assessment, we can do that at parent/teacher interviews.

Our next unit of study in math is going to be Unit #6 Equations.

If at any time your child needs more help or you would like to talk with me, please email me at the school and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Ms. Radcliffe 7R

# The Tiger's Den

## A TASTE OF INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

The Tiger's Den is going to start, one day a month, to visit a different culture or Country with our tastebuds. We will kick this off in February with Festival Du Voyageur on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving up a special lunch on that day and will be sending home information closer to the date.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please feel free to contact me at the school.

Mrs. Pam Stemmer



## KINDERS HAVE HUGE HEARTS WANTED

Tanner's Crossing Kindergarten is looking for used toys and books for our annual Valentine's toy sale. If you have toys and books that you no longer need please send them to the Kindergarten classroom on or before February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please help us show caring and sharing on Valentine's Day to children not as fortunate as we are. All proceeds will help to sponsor our two foster children Bezeuhau and Miguel.

We are also looking for the clear plastic egg carton liners from the omega-3 egg cartons. We will use these for a math activity.

## LOST & FOUND

**Just a friendly reminder to check the lost and found for lost articles. A large amount of clothing is accumulating.**



**PLEASE CHECK!**



## ATTENDANCE

*...HERE OR NOT HERE - THAT IS THE QUESTION!!  
Just a friendly reminder for parents to call the school office before 9:00 a.m. if students will be absent. Students who are late must sign in at the office when they arrive.*

**867.2591**

# It Matters: Reading

## Spread reading materials around your home



According to experts, children have the most interest in reading when they live in homes where books are

spread all around. Does this sound like your home?

The best way to get your child to pick up a book is to have lots of reading material within his reach. You can also:

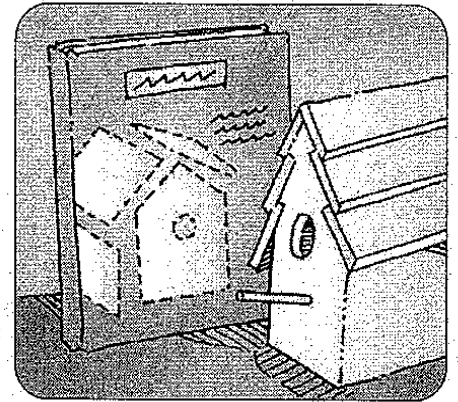
- **Let your child own some books.** It's important to check out books from the library. But owning books is nice, too. Help your child write his name inside each of his books. It may have a positive effect on his feelings about reading. You can find great deals on books at library fundraisers, yard sales and thrift stores.
- **Organize reading materials in containers,** such as baskets or magazine racks. These can fit in small spaces, such as next to beds, couches and tables. They can even go in the car. The more opportunities your child has to read, the better. Remember that books aren't the only option. Include magazines, comics and other items your child will like.
- **Make your child's bedroom a special reading spot.** Provide good lighting. At bedtime, say something like, "You're old enough to stay up 15 minutes longer to read. Or we can turn off the light at the same time as always. It's up to you." Your child will probably choose to read.

Source: Jim Trelease, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, ISBN: 0-14-303739-0 (Penguin Books, 212-366-2000, [www.penguin.com](http://www.penguin.com)).

## Motivate your child to read by turning it into an adventure

**W**hen kids like reading, they do more of it, and this boosts reading skills and school success. You can make reading fun if you:

- **Celebrate.** Instead of simply checking out books at the library, make an event of it. Choose a special place in the library to read together.
- **Explore.** Help your child find an appealing book series. She may not be able to resist picking up book after book.
- **Investigate.** Don't know what a word means? Have your child take a guess. Look it up together and see if she is right.
- **Play.** Take something you read and play a game. Summarize a story in three sentences. Predict

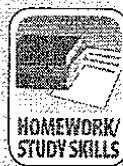


what will happen next. Use characters in a new story.

- **Experiment.** Try new kinds of books with your child. If she's used to reading fiction, have her try a biography or how-to book.

Source: "Reading Tips for Parents of Third Graders," Reading Rockets, [www.readingrockets.org/article/7837](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/7837).

## Give your child tools when reading for a research project



By third grade, your child may have to do research projects that require plenty of reading, and he'll probably need help from you. You can't read for him, of course, but you can make his reading more productive.

To start:

- **Look at the research together.** Visit the library and find books about your child's topic. Practice using the table of contents, section headings and index. The glossary is a big help, too.
- **Introduce your child to new resources.** If he hasn't used a dictionary, atlas or encyclopedia before, this might be the time to

start. Talk about how information is presented, such as in alphabetical order.

- **Provide supplies** such as sticky notes or bookmarks to save pages. Use index cards for jotting down key information. Remind your child to notice how paragraphs begin. The first sentence often sums up the main point.
- **Supervise online research** and review how to use sources. For instance, it's not okay to "cut and paste" words into a project. Your child must put things in his own words and list his sources.

Source: Linda K. Rath, Ed.D., and Louise Kennedy, *The Between the Lions Book for Parents*, ISBN: 0-06-051027-7 (HarperCollins, 1-800-242-7737, [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)).

February is “I Love to Read” Month. The theme for 2009 is “New Literacies.” Here are some ideas for “loving reading” every day this month! (Ideas from the Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Kick off I Love to Read Month by visiting <a href="http://www.bewebaware.ca">www.bewebaware.ca</a> with a parent to learn more about internet safety tips!	Visit the <a href="http://www.writingfix.com">www.writingfix.com</a> for interactive ideas on the 6+1 Writing Traits.	Use inspiration or kidspiration to create an information web for a non-fiction text.	Use the Smart Board in your class for story writing! Use <a href="http://www.dictionary.com">www.dictionary.com</a> to do a class edit.	Use the Highlight option on Google to highlight key words when searching for information on the internet.	Create a novel/ book review by using Power-Point!	Visit <a href="http://www.scholastic.com">www.scholastic.com</a> to search for information on upcoming novels and new writers.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Visit <a href="http://www.googleearth.com">www.googleearth.com</a> and find Whittier Park to zoom in on the Festival du Voyageur site!	Use “photo booth” or a web cam to take your picture and make a book jacket for your latest story.	Go to <a href="http://www.armoredpenquin.com/wordsearch">www.armoredpenquin.com/wordsearch</a> and create a word search or crossword with the students’ names in the classroom.	Use the search engine <a href="http://www.wikiforkids.com/index.php?title=Main Page">www.wikiforkids.com/index.php?title=Main Page</a> to search for information.	Visit <a href="http://www.storyplace.org/storyplace.asp">www.storyplace.org/storyplace.asp</a> to read on line stories for children.	Take a digital picture of a snowman. Create an instruction manual on how to build a snowman.	Send an e-card to a special person wishing them a Happy Valentine’s Day!
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Go to <a href="http://www.allrecipes.com">www.allrecipes.com</a> with a parent and find a pancake recipe for breakfast.	Celebrate Louis Riel Day? Go to <a href="http://www.weathernetwork.com">www.weathernetwork.com</a> to see if it is a good tobogganing day!	Scan in a recent art project and type out a poem to go with it.	Send an email to a friend.	Use the ICT literacy curriculum to learn two new text symbols (page 16 of ICT booklet).	Use <a href="http://www.googlemap.com">www.googlemap.com</a> to get directions to the Millennium Library.	Visit the Millennium Library or your local library and sign up for your own library card!
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Visit <a href="http://www.funbrain.com">www.funbrain.com</a> to play interactive word games	Visit your favourite author’s web page.	Revise and edit a writing piece using <a href="http://www.GoogleDocs.com">www.GoogleDocs.com</a> , an online collaborative writing site.	Start a pod cast for science presentations and have other classes in your school view it!	Use emotion symbols (emoticons) in a writing piece. ;) :P :~) ☉	Create an audiotape on the computer of an expressive read aloud.	Read the Saturday Winnipeg Free Press or Brandon Sun Comics and share your favourite one with a family member.

# Strengthening Families. Building Communities.

## For the Sake of the Children

A SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION  
PROGRAM FOR PARENTS  
EXPERIENCING SEPARATION  
AND DIVORCE

### What is it?

- Six hour program
- Presented in two seminars  
Free of charge

### Who would benefit?

All parents ending a relationship, including those who were married, living common-law or dating. Both parents are encouraged to participate and will be registered to attend separate sessions. The program is open to other interested people.

### Topics Include:

- The separation experience, adults and children
- Children's needs and reactions
- Parenting plans
- Legal and economic issues
- Alternatives to Court
- Effects of conflict on our children
- Strategies to keep conflict lower between parents
- Communication with the other parent
- Communication with your child  
New partner issues

### To Register:

In Brandon: (204) 726-6336  
Toll-free 1-800-230-1885

February 9 & 17      March 9 & 16  
April 14 & 20      May 4 & 11

For the Sake of the Children is a cooperative project of Manitoba Family Services and Housing and Manitoba Justice. Funding assistance for this project has been provided by the Department of Justice Canada.

## Three ways you can find time to spend together



"What I really want that money can't buy is to see my mom and dad more." Those words, written by

an 11-year-old child, could apply to children everywhere.

But when everyone is constantly on the go, how can parents find more time? Here are three ideas:

1. **Create kid-friendly routines.** Set aside time each day when you are just with your child. Walk her to the bus stop. Eat breakfast together. Tuck her in at night.
2. **Take a vacation day.** On one day when your child won't be in school, take a vacation day at work. Do something memorable together. Ride bikes. Visit a museum.
3. **Set aside time for fun.** Even on busy days, take time to play. Sing a silly song. Play a game of catch outside. Even just 10 minutes can make a big impression.

Source: Betsy Taylor, *What Kids Really Want that Money Can't Buy: Tips for Parenting in a Commercial World*, ISBN: 0-4466-9189-5 (Grand Central Publishing, 1-800-759-0190 [www.hatchette-bookgroupusa.com](http://www.hatchette-bookgroupusa.com)).

# Mark Your Calendars



**JUNIOR HIGH SKI DAY**  
at Ski Valley  
Tuesday, February 3rd  
Weather Permitting!!

**JUNIOR HIGH**  
**CURLING BONSPIEL**  
Saturday, February 7th  
in Rivers  
**T.C.S. Rocks!!**

## INTERNET SAFETY WITH PAC!!

The Tanner's Crossing School PAC will hold an Internet Safety presentation on **Tuesday, February 10/09 at 7:30 p.m.** All parents are welcome and as always, babysitting will be provided. The regular PAC meeting will be held from 7:00 to 7:30 and the presentation will commence at 7:30 p.m.

Any parents or community members that are interested in volunteering at Winterfest/Skate the Lake on Saturday, February 14/09 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. are encouraged to email Melanie Henry at [jmhenry@mts.net](mailto:jmhenry@mts.net). Thank you in advance for your time, this is a great community event.

**NO SCHOOL**  
**Monday, February 16th**  
**Louis Riel Day**  
**Friday, February 27th**  
**Divisional Inservice**

**JUNIOR HIGH**  
**WESTMAN HONOUR BAND**  
Friday, February 13th, 2009  
in Brandon

**Junior High**  
**Valentine Dance**  
Friday, February 20th  
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.



**Grade 7 and 8 Students**

Student Council will donate \$1 to Breast Cancer for every article of pink clothing you wear to the dance. Admission: \$3 for workers \$4 for everyone else

## Festival Du Voyageur

T.C.S. will be holding our annual  
Festival Du Voyageur Day  
on  
Thursday, February 26, 2009  
for the afternoon.

Further details are being organized and will be sent home in an upcoming letter.

## Before & After School Program

### ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

This is a reminder that the School Age programs continues to operate for kids ages 5 - 12 years of age. For anyone requiring child care in the morning (7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.) and/or the afternoon (3:25 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.), there is still space available.

The school age program runs out of the Nursery School room at MCI and is also available for **Inservice days**; the next one will be on Friday, February 27, 2009.






















Interested parents can contact Colleen Smith at 867-KIDS (867-5437).



# February 2009



*Friends make a world of difference...treasure them.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 2  7 & 8	3 Day 3  Jr. High Ski Day  1 & 2	4 Day 4  3 & 4	5 Day 5  5 & 6	6 Day 6  7 & 8	7  Junior High Curling Bonspiel in Rivers
8	9 Day 1  5 & 6	10 Day 2 P.A.C. Meeting  7 & 8	11 Day 3  1 & 2	12 Day 4  3 & 4	13 Day 5 Junior High Westman Honour Band  5 & 6	14 Happy Valentine's Day 
15	16 Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL	17 Day 6  7 & 8	18 Day 1  5 & 6	19 Day 2  7 & 8	20 Day 3  JR. HIGH Valentine Dance 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. Hat & Jeans Day  1 & 2	21
22	23 Day 4  3 & 4	24 Day 5  5 & 6	25 Day 6  7 & 8	26 Day 1 Festival Du Voyageur	27 Divisional Inservice NO SCHOOL	28