



# TCS TIGER TIMES

SCHOOL MOTTO: THE TEAM THAT CARES AND SHARES

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TANNER'S CROSSING SCHOOL

## WELCOME TO 2009 EVERYONE!



We would like to welcome you back after our Christmas break. We hope you have had a restful and relaxing break and are ready to get back to work. The cold weather continues to create the need to dress warm and many parents are driving their child(ren) to and from school. We would like to remind you to drive carefully and watch out for any students who may be crossing the street.

T.C.S. would like to welcome Ms. Cathy Wid-dowson to our team as our new librarian. Cathy lives in Onanole and has many years experience in a library setting. She has been working hard over the Christmas break and the first week back to do a complete inventory of the library. She will have the library up and running again by Monday, January 12th so students will once again be able to sign books out.

Our grade four and five classes are continuing with the Lions program and are doing a unit on the basic needs out of the Restitution program. Parents are encouraged to ask their children about the five basic needs and discuss ways in which they can meet these needs. If you would like more information, please contact the school. Our grade six to eight Lion's Quest groups are continuing with the assets program and have also started a unit on Positive Transformation. Once again parents are encouraged to ask students about what these discussions consist of and contact us if you would like more information.

As part of our school plan our staff is currently doing some investigation into multi-level learning communities. Our enrollment at T.C.S. continues to decline, which has created a need for combined classrooms, however we are also looking at the research that supports multi-level classrooms as sound educational practice. Marg Janssen, our assistant-superintendent, will be making a presentation to parents at a future Parent Advisory Council meeting. Please check future newsletters for the date and time of this presentation.

Have a great year!



**Mr. Glen McNabb**  
T.C.S. Principal

## NEWS FROM GRADE TWO'S - COUNTING MAKES "CENTS"



The Grade two classes are working on a Winter unit in Language arts and are just finishing up their unit on Geometry. We will be venturing into learning to count money so get your piggy banks out and let's work on this skill together.

In Social Studies we will be learning about our community and how each of us has a role to play in keeping the community alive. Your child will be bringing home an activity to complete with your help. Please return as soon as possible.

Stay posted as we are planning a trip away from these terrible cold days. A letter explaining the trip will appear at home in the next couple of weeks.

Just a quick reminder that your child should continue his/her home reading into the New Year.

Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Tegg



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!! PARENTS WORKING WITH OUR SCHOOL THIS YEAR

Welcome back for another great year! We will begin this year with a presentation on "The 40 Developmental Assets." This is the theme for the 2008-2009 school year. Babysitting will be provided for this presentation and all parents, grandparents or interested community members are welcome to join us for this meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 on Tuesday, January 13 and the presentation will be held at 7:30. We hope to see you there!

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with this year's book fair. This event was another huge success and would not have been possible without so many great volunteers.

The TCS Parent Advisory Council for 2008-2009 school year consists of:

- Erin Hayward - Chairperson
- Callie Mashtoler - Treasurer
- Sheri Shmon - Secretary
- Melanie Henry - Past Chairperson

The PAC also has various subcommittees:

- PAC Board - Corinne Topham
  - Babysitting - Rhonda Prettie
  - PAC Library - Tracy Wiebe
  - MAPC delegates - Melanie Henry, Erin Hayward, Heather Sharpe, Melissa Marchischuk
  - School Plan - Marci Nylen-Nemetchek, Melanie Henry, Melissa Marchischuk, Darcy and Mark Wahoski
  - Bookfair - Colleen Evenson, Callie Mashtoler, Tracy Wiebe, Rhonda Prettie, Diana McBratney
  - Playground/Fundraising - Diana McBratney, Heather Sharpe, Mark Wahoski, Rhonda Prettie, Dana Yuen, Trish Flick
- Volunteer Phone Tree - Rhonda Curle, Rhonda Prettie

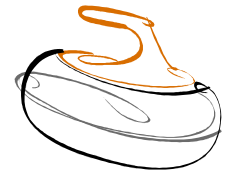
The PAC looks forward to seeing you in the new year! We have a lot of great presentations, so keep your eyes and ears open to see what we have in store.

## YOU ROCK!! SCHOOL CURLING

Thank you to Norma Gwyer, Fred Sharpe, Kim Parrott, Wilma Jones, and Jean Garbolinsky.

Curling began on the first week of November for grades five, six, seven, and eight students. We had a very good turnout this year with 18 grade fives, and 13 grade sixes, and 12 grade eights. The students curled once a week. The grade fives and sixes finished in December; the grade eights will continue for five more weeks to prepare for the Rolling River School Division bonspiel on February 7, 2009 in Rivers. We should have three teams competing. Jean will continue to coach our grade eights. It was rewarding to watch the improved skills of the curlers. The enthusiasm of the students was contagious and their sportsmanship commendable. We enjoyed working with the curlers and look forward to the junior high bonspiel. We could not have done it without the help of the volunteers. Thanks!

Sincerely,  
Joan Tegg  
Charlene Everett



## 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 January 30, 2009. Interested parents can contact Colleen Smith at 867-KIDS (867-5437).

## MRS. N.R. IS BACK IN ACTION

Hello and Welcome Back to all the kids after a well deserved Christmas Break.

We would like to thank Mrs. Whaley for doing such a great job while Mrs. Noonan-Robinson was away. Mrs. Noonan-Robinson is so glad to be back after being away since October. We will be studying new things this month. We will be having a subtraction test very soon. We will start to multiply next week as our new unit in math and we will be learning all about Sound as our Science Unit. In LA, we will be reading the novel War With Grandpa. In Social Studies we are finishing our unit on Living in Canada and then we will move onto the unit of Living in the North.

We will be very busy and will need to make sure that we set aside some time every night to practice our times tables. If we don't memorize them, it really makes it hard to learn to divide. Please make sure your child has a set of flash cards and that you are practicing them every night.

We are writing to our Key Pals. We are learning to write letters properly. If our letters come home and you see we need to fix something up, please help us. Sometimes it is good to hear it from more than Mrs. Noonan-Robinson. Please remember to wear ski pants to school. We will be going outside for recesses and noon hours as well as some gym classes. It is very important to wear proper attire. Please send extra mitts if the weather gets warmer as when mitts are wet, we can not dry them like you do at home.

If you have any questions, just call me at school at 867-2591. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mrs. Noonan-Robinson

## 6K PLANS TO PACK UP FOR WINTER CAMPING EXPERIENCE

In ELA we have started to do some work with comprehension strategies and will be starting writer's workshop. Writer's workshop will involve mini-lessons on writing, writing strategies, conferencing and sharing.

We will be starting our TUSC meetings again and our first meeting of the New Year is Wednesday, January 14, 2009. (A reminder that students should be practicing their presentations prior to the meetings)

Our math unit on operations with numbers will conclude shortly, students have been adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing larger numbers. **Basic Facts** are a necessity for this section and can always use extra practice at home. Practicing addition or multiplication facts 5 minutes each night will benefit all students.

In Science we have started Electricity; we have just finished learning about static electricity and will be moving onto current electricity. We will also be creating safety posters for both types of electricity.

Don't forget about our up coming overnight winter camping to Riding Mountain Conference Centre (Camp Wannakumbac). Some of the details are on the 6K web site.

Keep using the day planners for communication between home and school and be sure to check out the web page for other information.

Happy New Year everyone!  
Mrs. Kingdon

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**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**A BIG thank you goes out to the Lions, U.C.T., and The Little River Game and Fish from the students and teachers in 6K and 6M for donating money to towards our winter camping field trip coming up in February at Clear Lake. Your generosity is much appreciated by all of us!**

## **7R - READY TO EXPERIENCE THE NEW YEAR!!**

Who can believe that Christmas is over and we are already back into the swing of things?! I am very excited about being back and working with the class. We had a lot of fun before the break working on our Harris and Me projects in ELA and finishing up Unit #3 Fractions, Decimals and Percents in Math.

The 7R's are currently busy with a new ELA project about Poetry. The students are learning about the different language forms in English as well as several different forms of poetry. We will continue to learn about the different parts of speech with adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections taking the spotlight this unit. The spelling words in this unit can be found on the outline page for the unit. The students can expect a spelling test at any time during the unit, but most probably it will occur on a Friday. The final project will consist of a booklet of poems, entitled "*Animal Poetry*" that the student will have created himself/herself. This project is due on Monday, February 2, 2009. When we finish this unit we will move on and do another novel study.

Mathematics keeps moving. We finished up Unit #3 before the Christmas break and are moving on to Unit #5 Operations with Fractions. Before going to far however we will do the corrections on our Unit #3 test and our Provincial Assessment. This assessment covers fractions, decimals, mental math, representing numbers and using number patterns. Our assessment has been developed divisionally and has to be completed by the end of January. The students are being graded on a "meeting", "approaching" and "not meeting" basis. As it is only midway through the school year, the students are expected to be in the "approaching" area with some "meeting". This assessment does not count for marks during the school year, so the students don't need to worry that it will hurt their math grade.

Ms. Radcliffe

## **MR. LAWSON, WHERE DO I FIND MY HOMEWORK?? I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!**

There is now a link to the Tanner's Crossing homepage that will have on it any major tests or homework assignments worth marks for students taking courses from Mr. Lawson. This would include 7L Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies as well as 7R Social Studies, 8M Social Studies, and 8S Social Studies. Just go to the Tanner's Crossing page, find the classroom link and go to 7Lawson. Click on this and you will get a link called Test and Major Assignment link. Click on this and it will take you to a calendar with all the information regarding tests and assignments worth marks.

## **FIT TALK...GET MOVING FOR A HEALTHY NEW YEAR**



Happy New Year! Mother Nature is thwarting our outdoor activity schedule! Our junior high downhill skiing days in December were postponed due to extreme cold. We are looking to reschedule them, January 14th and 16th (weather permitting). Ski registration forms that were submitted in December will be used for this rescheduled time.

The snow shoes are at T.C.S. for the week of January 5 - 9 for use by the grades four and five students. We will snowshoe during P.E. class time; hopefully the weather will cooperate a little bit!

Although this is somewhat after the fact, congratulations to our junior high volleyball teams who played in the divisional tournament December 1/08. Special congratulations to our two grade eight girls' teams who completed in the finals, thus bringing home first and second place honours. Our junior high basketball teams will begin practise this week. The season lasts January and February, with the tournament held on March 4/09. Intramural curling continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays, under the direction of Mrs. Tegg and Mrs. Garbolinsky. The junior high curlers will compete in the divisional bonspiel in Rivers on February 7/09.

Our annual Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, January 29/09 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Will our luck with the weather hold?? Mark your calendar and be ready to come to T.C.S. with your family to play in the snow! There will be an information letter coming home with the students at the start of that week.



## BAND NEWS - MUSIC TO OUR EARS



All grade six to eight band students will be participating in the Rolling River Festival of the Arts during the week of April 13 -17, 2009. They will be performing and having a workshop session with the band adjudicator at T.C.S. pit during the school day.

Any students interested in preparing a solo or ensemble are reminded to see Mrs. Dowsett for music selection and an entry form before the festival deadline of Jan. 9th. Cost is \$4.00 for a solo.

Congratulations to the following T.C.S. students who will be participating in the Westman Junior Honour Band in Brandon February 13-14, 2009: Jennifer Curle, Charity Marchischuk, and Hayley Surovy.

Any band student interested in auditioning for the Provincial Junior Honour Band taking place in Winnipeg in May can check out the audition material online at [www.mbband.org](http://www.mbband.org). The deadline is March 2, 2009 to receive the entry audition recording.

## Regular exercise is connected to school success for children



Research shows that children's physical fitness leads to many benefits.

Regular activity is linked to higher self-esteem and attentiveness in school. It also lowers the chance of health problems such as type 2 diabetes. To motivate your child to get—and stay—active:

- **Set the tone.** Instead of saying, "It's time to exercise," plan an activity your child will like. If she loves basketball, for example, have her meet some friends at the court to play.
- **Limit screen time.** When your child watches TV or plays video games, encourage her to take active breaks. Remember that TV, computer and video game use should not exceed two hours a day.
- **Offer suggestions.** When your child has a friend over, play games that involve movement, such as tag, soccer and jumping rope.
- **Indoors, try games** such as "Simon Says" and "Red Light, Green Light."
- **Plan family outings.** Perhaps you have a tradition of going for a walk on Sunday afternoons. Or maybe you'd like to do something new, such as swimming at an indoor pool or snowshoeing. Whatever activity you choose, get your family moving together.
- **Be creative.** You can find lots of ways to sneak in exercise. During chore time, play music or race to finish a job. While doing errands, park away from a store and walk. Or stop at a playground on the way home.
- **Set an example.** You don't have to hit the gym every day, but if your child sees you staying fit (stretching, biking, walking with a neighbor, enjoying a sport, etc.), you'll be a good role model.

Source: "Motivating Kids to Get Fit," PBS Parents, [www.pbs.org/parents/special/article-motivatetomove.html](http://www.pbs.org/parents/special/article-motivatetomove.html).



# The Tiger's Den



## DAILY CANTEEN SPECIALS \$2.50



**Monday - Perogies**

**Tuesday - Shepherd's Pie**

**Wednesday - Pizza Subs**

**Thursday - Sweet & Sour Meatballs with Rice**

**Friday - Spaghetti**

<b>SOUP</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>	<b>FRUIT</b>	<b>50¢</b>
<b>YOGURT</b>	<b>75¢</b>	<b>VEGGIE PACKS</b>	<b>25¢</b>
<b>SALAD</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>Whole Wheat Muffins</b>	<b>50¢</b>
<b>SANDWICHES</b>	<b>\$1.75</b>	<b>GRANOLA BARS</b>	<b>50¢</b>

### SANDWICH CHOICES:

**Ham & Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce, Egg Salad,  
Roast Beef or Chicken**

### GOT MILK - JUICE - WATER??

<b>Small milk</b>	<b>75¢</b>	<b>LARGE Milk</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>Juice or Water</b>	<b>50¢</b>		



**\* PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \***



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Parent Advisory Council  
Meeting & Presentation at T.C.S.  
Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome to attend.**



## Junior High ALPINE SKI PROGRAM

Minnedosa Ski Valley  
**RESCHEDULED DATES:**  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009  
and  
Friday, January 16, 2009  
Weather permitting!!



## Scrapbooking Grades 6 - 8



Come join the fun  
at TCS every second Wednesday  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For supply list and to register call

Maxine Woodcock  
867-3532

Register by January 17/09

## T.C.S. ANNUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

**Thursday, January 29, 2009  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Northwest side of  
Tanner's Crossing School**

### What's Happening?

**Fun-filled outdoor activities:  
skating, snow soccer, broomball,  
bonfire, and swooshing.  
Bring the entire family!!!**

Co-sponsored by T.C.S. Parent Advisory Council



Stay tuned  
for more details.



**Inservice Day - No School  
Friday, January 30th, 2009**

## JACK FROST MATH

**Mitts—Hats—Boots—Skipants = Frost Bite**

**Mitts + Hats + Boots + Skipants = Warmth**

**Time to bundle up and dress warm.  
Winter weather is here to stay, so please  
remember your hats, mitts, boots and  
skipants everyday!!!**

**Let's keep Jack Frost away!!!**

To keep you informed please find us on the website at [www.rrsd@mb.ca](http://www.rrsd@mb.ca)  
click on Schools & then Tanner's Crossing School.



# January 2009



WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW BEGINNINGS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
	<i>Christmas Break</i>					
4	5 Day 1 Classes Resume 5 & 6	6 Day 2 7 & 8	7 Day 3 1 & 2	8 Day 4 3 & 4	9 Day 5 5 & 6	10
11	12 Day 6 7 & 8	13 Day 1 5 & 6	14 Day 2  Jr. High Ski Day 7 & 8	15 Day 3 1 & 2	16 Day 4  Jr. High Ski Day 3 & 4	17
18	19 Day 5 5 & 6	20 Day 6 7 & 8	21 Day 1 5 & 6	22 Day 2 7 & 8	23 Day 3  Hat & Jeans Day 1 & 2	24
25	26 Day 4 3 & 4	27 Day 5 5 & 6	28 Day 6 7 & 8	29 Day 1 Family Fun Night 6 - 7:30 p.m. 5 & 6	30 Elementary Inservice Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	31