



# TCS TIGER TIMES

*School Motto: The Team that Cares and Shares*

**NEW YEAR - NEW BEGINNINGS!! JANUARY 2010**

Tanner's Crossing School

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

As 2010 rolls around we have a very busy January to start the year off! We have the Olympic Torch run taking place this Friday, January 8th as well as our ski days next week as outlined in the Phys. Ed. report. Mrs. Nylén is also going to be making a fitness presentation at our January 12th P.A.C. meeting. Heather Bishop will be performing at our school on January 20th at 10:45 a.m. for all students in grades K-8. Our grade one to six teachers will be making another trip to Winnipeg on January 22nd; this time we will be visiting Laura Secord School in preparation for our transition to multi-age learning communities. Please look for a letter outlining our parent meeting on February 9th, and inviting you to attend the school visit to Laura Secord School. We would like to have parents join us to meet with the parents from Laura Secord School.

Kathy and Greg Lawson have both officially retired from teaching at Tanner's Crossing School as of December 31, 2009. We would like to thank them for all their years of service to the students and school community and wish them all the best as they begin their retirement. Miss Stacey Hutton and Mrs. Lisa Hall will be finishing out the school year by teaching grade one/two and grade eight respectively.

We have just recently been set up to email newsletters and other correspondence out to parents. Sometimes the attachments do not get sent with bulk emails, in which case the newsletters can be viewed on our website or you can request a paper copy. Please let us know if you have any changes to your email address or if you are experiencing any issues receiving or opening these emails.

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



## **CATCH THE OLYMPIC FEVER GET ACTIVE THIS YEAR!!**

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were great and your New Year's resolutions include getting active with your families. We are starting off the Olympic year in a very exciting way - the Olympic Torch will be in Minnedosa on Friday, January 8th! The torch will be on MCI soccer field from 2:58-3:00 p.m. that day. All students from both schools will participate in the event. The grade K-4 students will do the "I am Canadian" dance, which symbolizes many aspects of being part of Canada. Some grade 5-8 students will become living statues of 12 of the 14 Winter Olympic sports and the rest of the grade 5-8 students will join the MCI students in creating human Olympic rings. We are all going to try and find something red and/or white to wear during the outdoor event. Thanks to Andrea Smith from the recreation office for supplying us all with Canadian flags to wave that afternoon. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and become part of this great Canadian event! Of course, during the actual Olympics we will all be cheering for Minnedosa's own Kyle Parrott who will be competing in the Olympic speedskating event - **Go, Kyle, Go!**

Our grade 7 & 8 downhill ski days have been rescheduled to January 13th and 15th. We hear the snow is good and hopefully the weather is favourable. Thanks to Ski Valley for providing us with instructors to complete the number of instructors we send from our T.C.S. staff.

By the time you read this, the grade 4 and 5 students will have almost completed their week for using the divisional snowshoes. (Jan 4-8). It is a great winter activity and many of the students think it would be a good activity to do again!

Our intramural curling program is in its final month. Junior high curlers will be able to participate in the annual bonspiel on February 6th in Rivers. More information will come home with those students who will be participating.

Intramural and interscholastic basketball have begun. Intramurally, grades 5-6 and 7-8 play in noon hour leagues. Interscholastically, practises will be held after school for boys' teams and girls' teams. The divisional tournament will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Mrs. J. Nysten

## **STARRING 7R STUDENTS ...AND ACTION!!**

Wow, one more month and we will be half way through the school year already! Who knows where all of the time flies! We have had a very busy start back to the school year already in 7R. New units were started in ELA, Math and French Monday morning so there are some important deadlines coming up. ELA saw us beginning a unit in drama. The students will be learning all about what it is like to be a director and an actor in one of the plays. The class will be grouped and they will be reading through several different plays this week, eventually choosing which one they want to star in. We have picked the 26<sup>th</sup> of January to be the day to present these plays to the class. Each group is responsible for their own staging, props and costumes as well as learning their lines. The individual assignments for this unit are the creation of a playbill for the play they are starring in as well as either coloured costume drawings or a diorama of the set.

In Math we started our Provincial Assessment. Before Christmas the class discussed the five different areas that we are being assessed on for Math. We looked at different strategies and solutions for the problems so that when the assessment came along each student has an idea of what to expect. If your child is unsure as to what the expectations are for this, they need to find someone who took some notes prior to holidays and get themselves a copy. We also started Unit #7 in our text which is Data Analysis. We will be learning about mean, median, mode and range, the effects of outliers on an average and probability. This is quite a short unit with only six lessons, but with doing it in conjunction with the assessment it will probably take the better part of January to finish up.

Both Grade 7 and 8 French are working on Noël themes. We decided that we couldn't finish before Christmas but wanted to do the units anyway. The Grade 8's have picked January 18<sup>th</sup> as the date for their oral presentations on their wrapped gift as well as the day they have to have their invitations finished. We will complete the unit that week and wrap everything up with a fête on the 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. Each student will be asked to contribute something to the activities on the 21<sup>st</sup> whether it is a food item or beverage. Please remember that no nuts can be present as there are several people, including me, who are very allergic.

Grade 7 students will be working on their Noël booklets, reviewing their verbs and learning new vocabulary. They will finish up their unit with the presentation of their "elf" to the rest of the class. They must create their elf and then make an oral presentation to the rest of the class on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Their booklets will also be due at this time.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [wradcliffe@rrsd.mb.ca](mailto:wradcliffe@rrsd.mb.ca).

Ms. W. Radcliffe

## **WANTED**

### **CASUAL SUPPORT STAFF**

**We are looking for workers to substitute on a casual basis for educational assistants. Please contact Matt Rapsky if you are interested at 867-2591.**



## **MINNEDOSA JUNIOR BONSPIEL**

**January 23 – 24, 2010  
3 GAMES GUARANTEED  
\$40 PER TEAM**

**GRADES 5-8 Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6 END GAMES**

**GRADES 9-12 Jan 24<sup>th</sup>  
8 END GAMES**

**ENTRIES DEADLINE:  
January 20, 2010**

**TO: JEAN GARBOLINSKY  
867-2372**

## 4 EP FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR 2010

Our Grade Four class is very busy finishing up units and getting ready to begin new units of study. We are presently working on completing a Light unit in Science and on completion will move on to a Rocks and Minerals unit. Ask your child to tell you about some of the experiments that we have been doing in class. See if they can give you examples of natural and manmade light. Ask them what the terms luminous, reflection, refraction, transparent, translucent and opaque mean.

We have also been busy in Social Studies studying our province and country. The children have been exploring all of the different waves of immigration to our country. We will be asking some immigrants to Canada to share their experiences with us. If anyone would like to visit our grade four classrooms to tell us about their experience or the experiences of their ancestors when immigrating to our country please let me know. We will also be inviting someone to share their experiences as a native Canadian with us. Your child has also been studying how a government is formed and what a privilege it is to be able to vote in a democratic election. They should be able to tell you who our prime minister, premier and mayor are.

We have moved into an interesting area of study in our Health classes. We have been looking at the issue of homeless people in Canada. The children have been learning about the Ladybug Foundation in Winnipeg and about Hannah Taylor, the young girl who started it. They are developing the understanding that one person can make a difference and that it is all of the little things that we do together that can make our world a better place to live in. I was very proud of the children in our class in December. They chose to give up some of the Christmas treats that they would have received in class and instead donated that money to the homeless. We have a ladybug jar in the classroom that the children can put change in at any time. They are encouraged not to ask their parents to give them money but instead, if they choose to donate, to use some of their allowance or money that they receive for doing chores.

We have been very busy in our core subjects of Math and Language Arts as well. Reading, reading, reading and writing, writing, writing are constant tasks that we work on. We are concentrating on reading at a 'just right level' for each person and in that way strengthening our skills. This week we are beginning a book club unit in class where several different groups of students will each study a different book. In Math we are finishing up our addition and subtraction unit and soon will be beginning multiplication.

You will have noticed that we have been doing traditional addition and subtraction as well as learning how to estimate a sum or difference and how to use mental math to compute a sum or difference. We are really trying to make good use of our brain power. Even though we will be moving on to multiplication, many of the children could benefit from more practice with basic addition and subtraction facts. It is so much easier for the kids to complete their tasks when those facts are automatic. I appreciate all of the support that parents have given the students at home. That 3-5 minutes of practice at night does make a big difference. Card games are also a great way to practice. As a fun activity to improve our addition skills I would like to teach the children to play cribbage. If anyone has old cribbage boards or decks of cards that they would be willing to lend or donate we would be very appreciative.

Thank you again parents for all of your assistance with our projects. I will be sending home a reading log so the children can record the books that they are reading at home. Rather than doing a lot of home work assignments I would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to make a habit of "fitting in" a few minutes of reading for pleasure most days. We have been doing lots of discussion on the fact that practice is what makes us get better at all things, whether it be hockey, dance, reading etc.

Have a wonderful year in 2010. I am looking forward to observing your child as they continue to make progress in their Grade Four year!

Ms. H. Emerson-Proven

## GRADE 5/6 IN THE LOOP OF CIRCLES

All three classrooms have started doing literature circles. The students are in reading groups where they will meet and decide what to read, decide who is doing what job, and then they will have meetings to discuss the reading. After our literature circles we plan to do a unit on the Olympics.

We have had some inquiries about the lockers and we have decided to keep using the hooks and shelves inside and outside of our rooms, as the problems we were having have stopped.

Please note **cell phones are not allowed in class**, if they are found being used at school, they will be taken away and a parent will be required to come and pick it up from the office.

Day planners are still being used to update assignments, activities and test dates. You can also check out the 5/6 web sites.

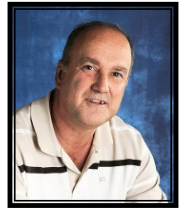
Mrs. T. Kingdon

Mrs. K. Morrice

Miss T. Willis



## **STANDING OVATION AND BEST WISHES FOR MRS. and MR. LAWSON**



Greg and Kathy Lawson retired at Christmas. They are going to be missed at TCS as they created lots of memories with staff and students. They are very professional and have high standards. This is reflected in the lives they touched.

Over the years, Mrs. Lawson had a number of roles at Tanner's Crossing School. She started off in the Junior High block, and then spent time in the resource area, before finding her home in the primary area. For the last number of years her academic home has been in Grade 2. She is a true "Pioneer of Education." Each child was valued. You could find Mrs. Lawson working with students at recess or lunch to re-teach or finish work they didn't understand. Students fondly remember Mrs. Lawson as the teacher who would bring out the strap in her pioneer gear, fall off her chair in surprise, or come to school in winter in shorts and a tank top to celebrate "Beach Day!" She always had tricks up her sleeve. She would pull a rabbit out of her hat for spelling tests. Students in her class received the highest standard of teaching and were always doing the best to achieve this.

Mrs. Lawson loved to volunteer with the older students too. She would come out and teach them badminton skills. Basketball, track and field, volleyball, playing soccer on the teacher team was where you could find her over the years. She always helped out and made sure the kids were having fun and doing the best they could. Encouraging all students to try out and become a valued team member was her philosophy.

Christmas Concerts were always a highlight in Mrs. Lawson's career. She always knew to expect the unexpected and would let the show go on....because it was out of her control.

She will be missed by staff for being "the ear to bend", the teacher who would share anything she had to make your life easier, or help you move classrooms. Being a team player at TCS was very much noted by her. She went out of her way to make everyone feel valued and important. You could always count on her to give you a smile and a "pep talk." We will miss her "bubbly" stories and funny antics in the staffroom.

Mr. Lawson was the ultimate junior high teacher. He was the teacher who always made each child feel like a valued member of society. With his great sense of humour and his devious little smile, you knew he was up to something. The students were always greeted with a "Mr. Lawson knuckle greeting". Being with the kids was very important to him. You could see Mr. Lawson at break time and lunch time working with students on things that they needed help with. He tutored at lunch hours and even afterschool.

Mr. Lawson did not just focus on academics, he also appreciated the sports-minded children. He loved to help out with basketball and brought the love of the game to many students. You could find him at the kids' games and also at a BU game scouting for new things to teach the kids. Hoping to make the kids the best they could be. Every spring he helped organize the track and field days. Ben Johnson he was not but he had sprint practices down to a science.

As reel to reel movies became obsolete, Mr. Lawson had to learn to find internet movies of World War II instead of showing movies in the pit. Through technological advances Mr. Lawson's overhead notes were never considered out of date. The children loved it when he had a binder ready for them.

Mr. Lawson was the social convener of the Junior High as he was involved with the student council for many years. He would lend an ear to the needs of the children, attend all dances and make sure the students stayed out of trouble. Chess tournaments were held in his class and he became "the master".

We as a staff will also miss his jokes and pranks but most of all his professionalism. He always was there and would listen to staff and help out any way he could by being a leader and also a team player on the staff. "The Mr. Lawson Count-Down" will be a lost tradition. The staff will have more time to devote to things now that we do not have to look for his lost glasses and keys. He will be remembered by everyone!

From all the staff and students both present and former we would like to say "Thank you for everything and good luck in the future."

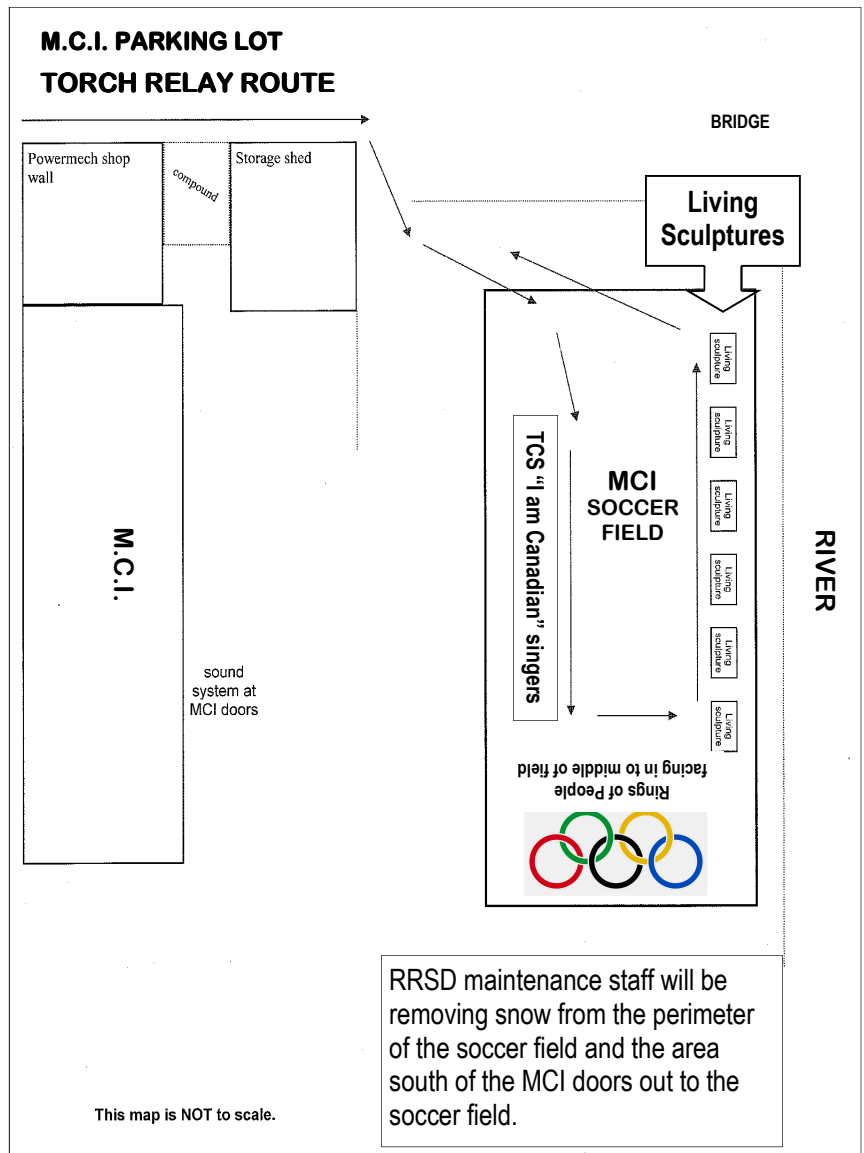


# 2010 WINTER OLYMPIC TORCH RUN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2010  
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you have family or friends who want to witness the Torch Relay Team during the run before and after the school - here is the route:

- 2:48 pm - first Torch Bearer will start at the corner of 9th Ave. S.W. and Hwy 16A (the road into town)
- turn at courthouse and go to main street (passing Integra Tire and Minnedosa Tribune office and the RRSD division office building)
- up Main Street (volunteers will be handing out small Canadian flags along the route) to Armitage Avenue (the street MCI is on)
- down Armitage Ave. to the MCI parking lot and the into the MCI soccer field for a loop
- back up Armitage to Main Street
- turning at 6th Ave. N.W. where it will continue for a couple of blocks until it proceeds to Brandon at 3:13 p.m.



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Families First.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
**FAMILY LEARNING OLYMPICS**  
**JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**  
**4 - 8 PM AT**  
**TANNER'S CROSSING SCHOOL**

*Let the games begin!!*

**Activities for all ages.**



**Bring the whole family!!**

**FUN!**

Play Games!



Make Crafts!

**FREE!**

Have Fun  
with your kids

Enjoy a bite at the Café

**FOOD!**

Let us know you are coming!! To register or for more information  
call Denise @ 849-2263 or Carrie @ 867-8725

# **FAMILY LITERACY DAY**

**January 27 is Family Literacy Day.** The following are ABC Canada's A to Z literacy tips.

- A**ct as a reading role model for your children by reading in your spare time. Remember, children learn by example.
- B**oost baby's brainpower by reading aloud. Infants love the sound of a parent's voice and the closeness of sharing.
- C**oordinate a book club with your friends or neighbours.
- D**onate some of your time to a literacy program in your community. Volunteer to tutor adult learners, read to children or help in the office.
- E**ngage in sing-along sessions with your children. Singing helps develop a greater awareness of rhythm, rhyme, words and sounds.
- F**ollow a recipe together – it's a fun way to practise reading, math and comprehension.
- G**ive the gift of words – make a donation to a literacy organization in your community.
- H**ave fun. Make learning a delight by writing a funny story, making up a new song or creating a new counting game.
- I**ntroduce a family board game night where everyone is encouraged to read instructions, spell words and keep score.
- J**ust reading to your child for 20 minutes a day adds up to more than 1,450 hours of learning, from infancy to the end of Grade 6.
- K**eep teens reading by providing them with books, magazines and Internet sites about things that interest them – like music, movies, TV and computers.
- L**et children count out the change when making a purchase. Reinforce the importance of math in everyday life!
- M**ake everyday tasks learning experiences. Ask your children to write out a shopping list, address an envelope or help make a calendar of weekly activities.
- N**urture good literacy habits by having a quiet place in your home with reading and writing material always handy.
- O**ffer to proofread homework, spell-check a paragraph, or verify math answers after your child has done the work.
- P**urchase gently used books and magazines at garage sales and second-hand stores as a cost-effective way to continuously add to your library.
- Q**uestion your child about the story you're reading together (*what do you think happens next?*) to make sure they understand and to stimulate thoughts.
- R**oad trips can offer great opportunities to enhance literacy skills. Read signs, billboards and license plates together and show your children the proper way to read a map.
- S**urf the Internet to discover fun and educational sites.
- T**urn off the TV and video games and set aside one hour each night for everyone in the family to do homework or quiet reading.
- U**se it or lose it! Reading is like a muscle, if you don't exercise it often, you will not maintain the same level of reading ability as you get older.
- V**isit your public library every week.
- W**rite a letter, short story or song.
- X**-ercise' your mind doing crossword puzzles, word jumbles and word searches.
- Y**our child can pick up early math skills by playing games that include counting, such as skipping, jumping sidewalk cracks and hopscotch.
- Z**oo outings and visits to museums and galleries can be fun and educational. Be sure to read all the descriptions on exhibits and displays.

For more family literacy tips, Family Literacy Day activity ideas and event information, please visit  
[www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca).

# NOTE THESE DATES:



OLYMPIC FEVER 2010

Olympic Torch Run  
Friday, January 8th, 2010  
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Come catch the spirit at T.C.S.!!  
Wear Red & White!!!



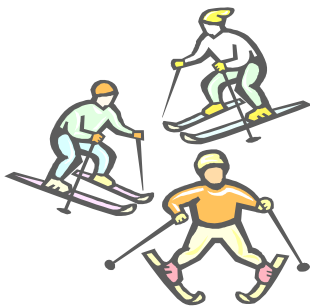
## Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th  
7:00 p.m. at T.C.S.

Presenter: Jacki Nylen on Fitness

## Junior High ALPINE SKI PROGRAM

Minnedosa Ski Valley  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
Friday, January 15, 2010



Weather  
Permitting!

## GRADE 4 IMMUNIZATION NEEDLES

2nd HEP B Needles

## GRADE 6 GIRLS HPV NEEDLES

## H1N1 NEEDLES

Information coming home with students  
or via email. Please check your email.

Needles will be administered on  
Thursday, January 21st, 2010  
at Tanner's Crossing School.

## MULTI-AGE SCHOOL VISIT

Laura Secord School  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Friday, January 22nd, 2010

Any parents wishing to join teaching staff  
to participate with this visit are  
encouraged to call Mr. McNabb, 867.2591

## R.R.S.D. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

January 25th - 29th, 2010

## INSERVICE DAY

Friday, January 29th

**NO SCHOOL** for students



# JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010!!					1 	2
3	4 DAY 2 Classes Resume Welcome Back!!  Gr. 5 & 6	5 DAY 3  Gr. K - 2	6 DAY 4  Gr. 7 & 8	7 DAY 5  Gr. 3 & 4	8 DAY 6 Band Practice Gr. 7 & 8  Olympic Torch Run 2:45 - 3:00  Gr. 5 & 6	9
10	11 DAY 1  Gr. 7 & 8	12 DAY 2 P.A.C. MTG. 7:00 p.m. Fitness Presentation  Gr. 5 & 6	13 DAY 3 Jr. High Ski Day  Gr. K - 2	14 DAY 4  Gr. 7 & 8	15 DAY 5 Jr. High Ski Day  Gr. 3 & 4	16
17	18 DAY 6 Band Practice Gr. 7 & 8   Gr. 5 & 6	19 DAY 1  Gr. 7 & 8	20 DAY 2 Heather Bishop Concert for K-8 students 10:45 a.m.  Gr. 5 & 6	21 DAY 3 Grade 4 needles Grade 6 Girls HPV needles H1N1 Needles  Gr. K - 2	22 DAY 4 Hat & Jeans Day   Gr. 7 & 8	23 School visit to Laura Secord School in Winnipeg
24	25 DAY 5  Gr. 3 & 4	26 DAY 6 Band Practice Gr. 7 & 8   Gr. 5 & 6	27 DAY 1  Gr. 7 & 8	28 DAY 2  Gr. 5 & 6	29 School Inservice Day NO SCHOOL	30
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