



TCS TIGER TIMES

Tanner's Crossing School

School Motto: The Team that Cares and Shares

FREEDOM COMES WITH A COST - NOVEMBER 2009

From the Principal's Pen

We would like to begin with thanking and congratulating the Westman Youth Choir for their performance held at T.C.S. on Oct. 20th. Our staff and students were treated to an excellent concert and it was especially nice to see some local faces in the choir including Emily Kingdon, Kirsten Comrie and Robyn Comrie.

On Oct. 14th our grade eight classes attended a very informative mental health awareness day presented by the A.R.H.A. The day consisted of presentations and group work on mental health awareness (display booths) and concluded with a presentation from Big Daddy Tazz who has lived with mental illness since he was a child.

We would like to remind all of our students to dress appropriately for the weather as we head into cooler conditions. We are also reminding students remove their outdoor shoes as they enter the school and wear their indoor shoes inside the school. This will assist our custodians in keeping the school clean.

We look forward to seeing parents out at our parent-teacher interviews. Our junior high interviews will take place upstairs in the lunchroom as there will be a provincial volleyball taking place in our gymnasium.

We would like to remind students to remain safe on Halloween night and parents are asked to limit the number of Halloween treats that are sent to school. Extra hand washings precautions should be taken this year with the threat of H1N1. Students are being advised not to accept any candy that is not wrapped.

UNICEF collection forms are at the office if anyone would like to collect money for UNICEF. Please send a note in the day planner and a form will be sent home. Deadline for collection will be November 20th. Reflectors have also been sent home with Kindergarten to grade six students for Halloween night.

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



FIT TALK - T.C.S. IN MOTION

First, some items that happened earlier in the year. Congratulations to students and staff – we raised \$801.80 in voluntary donations for our Terry Fox run. It was one of the larger amounts that we have raised over the years. Thanks to Mrs. Olive Cameron for her help with our t-shirt draws and making the deposit for us. Secondly, congratulations to our junior high co-ed soccer teams. They took first and second place at the divisional soccer tournament held in Rivers. Thanks are extended to Colleen Nelson and Carmen McNabb for taking over the coaching duties that day as the regular coaches were at other tournaments.

November sees us moving indoors. Grade 7 and 8 students will have the opportunity to be active in the gym at morning and afternoon recesses. Grades 1 and 2 will participate in the open gym noon hours on day 3. Students go to the gym after lunch that day and play on a variety of equipment, until 12:40. Students are reminded that they must have their running shoes on in order to participate. Intramurally and interscholastically, volleyball is the name of the game! Grade 5 & 6 and grade 7 & 8 intramural three-person volleyball will begin the first week of November. Our grade 7 & 8 school teams have been practicing for a couple of weeks now and are looking forward to some exhibition games and the final divisional tournament on December 5th.

Our November Healthy Active event will take place on November 19th in the afternoon. Plans are being made for the event, which is an initiative sponsored by Healthy Schools Manitoba. Along that line, we have received our certificate awarding TCS *in motion* school status, as well as a class set of pedometers. This is our third year as an *in motion* school. Congratulations to students and staff for their continued participation and support of healthy, active lifestyles!

Mrs. J. Nylén

CLASS ACTIONS

GRADE 3 HAPPENINGS WEB OF ACTIVITY

The grade 3 classes have been busy completing government testing over the last 2 months. We have done reading and math assessments. We completed a unit on Patterns in math as well and had fun with hands on activities as well as seat work. We have begun a unit on Numbers to 1000 this past week. Students are asked to practice adding to 20 at home to increase speed at school.

In Language Arts we are hard at work on a novel study of Charlotte's Web and spider research as well. We continue to do our spelling each week and a practice sheet is sent home for homework at the beginning of the school week and is due at the end of the school week. Parents are also asked to please ensure this has been completed and returned to school. It is very important that students practice these words each week in proper handwriting. After 5 units there is a review of those units and a 50 word test. This is much easier if students have studied and learned the words previously. Reading with your child for 15 minutes each night as well is proven to increase fluency and asking questions about what has happened in the story helps to increase comprehension.

We completed a short unit on Mapping Skills at the beginning of the year in Social Studies. Now, we are learning about Canada and Canadian Citizenship is a focus.

In Science we are learning all about magnets through a unit called Things that Attract and Repel.

REMINDERS:

The grade 3 students are asked to have a parent or guardian initial their planners every night and check for messages from school. Students are asked to bring a healthy snack for the morning and a snack for the middle of the afternoon as well. Students are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school to be taken home each day, washed, filled and returned. The weather has been cooler outside and children must have proper clothing for outside such as a warm jacket, mitts and hat. A reminder that indoor and outdoor footwear is required at our school.

S. Turner
L. Noonan-Robinson

REMEMBRANCE THROUGH POETRY IN 5/6M

Wow, I can't believe another month has passed. In LA we are finishing up our inquiry based activities the students chose after reading the story, Ryan and Jimmy. We will soon be creating and submitting Remembrance Day poems for the annual Legion Poetry Writing Contest. Just a reminder that Spelling tests are every Day 6 and TUSC meetings are every Day 2. Please sign your child's planner daily and check out our class webpage for reminders, test/assignment due dates and Student Daily Updates. All three 5/6 classes will be having a Social Studies test on Tuesday November 10th. Notebooks will also be due that day. Have a great month!

Mrs. K. Morrice

WHAT HOME MEANS TO 5/6W

Our E.L.A centers have been put on hold, and we are currently working on a writing project about the meaning of "home" to each of us. The class has been working extremely hard, and I am very excited for the final products! We are also continuing our "working with words" and spelling lessons each week. Please keep practicing your words! T.U.S.C meetings continue to be on Day 6, please make sure your child is prepared and ready to present each cycle!

We are almost finished our math unit on Patterns and Relations. We will be having our first math test on November 4th. Students have been working on a review and should be bringing this home to study and practice!

Our science unit is still going strong, as we just finished up our powerpoint presentations. We are now moving on to what role gravity plays in the solar system, causes of seasons, moon phases, and much more!

Just a reminder to check out our class webpage for daily updates, as well as our class calendar!

Miss T. Willis

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER



Congratulations T.C.S. we collected 486 lbs. of food for the Minnedosa Community Food Cupboard.

Your donations make a difference!

5/6K ACTIVATING THE WEB

After a month where I was gone for a lot of the time, I am looking forward to being here for the **whole** month of November!

In ELA we have sent our pictures and epal letters off to Japan via email and look forward to their responses. We also have finished the shared reading book – Ryan's Well, and we watched a short video clip about Ryan.

Thank you to everyone who donated pumpkins and snacks for our party on Friday, October 30th. We had a great time! (Check out the web page for pictures!)

Also don't forget to check out the web page for student updates, the students have been doing a great job keeping you informed of what is going on in our classroom.

We had our first visit to the personal care home on Wednesday, Oct. 28th. The students played crib, played board games, made puzzles and read with the residents. We will be going back the second week in November.

Student led conferences will take place on November 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you have a certain time during the day that will work better please let me know through email or in your child's day planner. Your child will be involved in the conference, so if there is another day that works better please let me know as soon as possible so we can schedule it. The times for the conferences will be coming home the first week in November so you have time to plan for the 15 minute conference.

Mrs. T. Kingdon

HUGE THANK YOU from Grade 5 & 6

A huge thank you from the 5/6 students to The Frontier Trading Company, Al and Donna Horner, and Michael and Glenda Hunter for donating microwaves and also to Al and Donna Horner and Craig and Colleen Cameron who purchased a microwave for the Grade 5/6 students to use at lunch time.

We greatly appreciate your generosity!

7R TAKING TIME TO REMEMBER

November has arrived and we are working diligently on several different projects in 7R. ELA has seen us put Harris and Me on the back burner for a little while so that we can work on our Remembrance Day essays. We have been learning about what goes into a good paragraph, how long it should be, what the different types of paragraphs are and how to make it interesting to our audience. This was followed up with the components of a good essay and what we need to do to make our essay top notch. The students will all be writing an essay to enter into the Legion competition. These essays are due at the branch on November 10th, so we will have them in prior to that so I can go over them and some corrections can be completed before they are handed in for the competition. Students are being encouraged to have someone other than myself help them with their editing. This can be a peer or an adult. The rough copy of the final product will also be handed in so that I can observe the changes that the student chose to make. Along with this assignment the students are also going to complete a paragraph for marks and an essay on a topic of their choice. Once these writing projects have been completed we will return to finish up our novel study on Harris and Me.

Some people have been wondering about spelling and grammar for this year. These two components of the ELA curriculum have been built into the different units that we are going to study this year. The spelling words are any words that can be found on the first page of the assignment booklet. The lessons that I teach during the unit deal with different spelling strategies, dictionary skills and grammar components as well as a variety of different topics. We usually try to have spelling tests on Friday. If you have questions concerning these ideas please feel free to contact me.

Math sees us moving right along. We have been working on Unit #1 Patterns and Relations. We are studying the divisibility rules and working with algebraic equations. We should be finishing up the unit about the middle of November. Afterwards we will be moving on to Data Analysis which is Unit #7 in the text. If your child is bringing home a lot of work in math please let me know. I will then be able to monitor the student more closely and see if they are having trouble or need to make better use of their class time. We usually take a couple of days to finish up a lesson.

The Tiger's Den

Moving on to French. The Grade 8 classes have been studying the Halloween theme. We have been continuing to work on our verbs and have added adjectives to our grammar for this unit. Each student is to make a 3D monster for class and then present their monster in an oral presentation. These projects and presentations will be beginning on November 6th. We will be finishing up the unit with a test on the vocabulary, verbs and adjectives from this unit. The 7's have also moved to look at the theme of Halloween. They have begun learning some of their verbs and have been using their vocabulary in a booklet of worksheets they have. Their mark will be based on a creative Haunted House they will be creating and presenting to the class and their worksheets.

It is very important that the students in both Grade 7 and 8 learn their verbs. Please find a chart in this newsletter that you can use to help your child learn their verbs. I can't stress enough the importance of these basics and how it will make their future in French that much easier. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at wradcliffe@rrsd.mb.ca.

Ms. W. Radcliffe



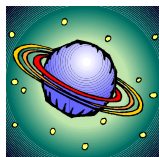
The Book Fair is Here Again!

The TCS Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school November 16-20, with Family Night on November 19. We invite your whole family (grandparents, aunts, uncles included!) to share in this celebration of books and reading with us.

We encourage parents to become involved in planning and working at our book fair. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Colleen at 867-3460 if you can spare a few hours of your time.

So mark down these dates and plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Colleen Evenson,
Book Fair Chair



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER DAILY CANTEEN SPECIALS

\$2.50

Monday - Perogies

Tuesday - Lasagna

Wednesday - Pizza Subs

Thursday - Chicken Caesar Wraps

Friday - Taco Salad

SANDWICH CHOICES:

SOUP	\$1.25
SALAD	\$2.00
SANDWICHES	\$1.75
VEGGIE PACKS	25¢
YOGURT	75¢
FRUIT	50¢
GRANOLA BARS	50¢
WHOLE WHEAT MUFFINS	50¢
TRAIL MIX	25¢

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

GOT MILK-JUICE or WATER??

LARGE Milk	\$1.25
Small milk	75¢
Juice or Water	50¢

*** PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ***

P.A.C. & PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT

...will be selling greeting card boxes
30 Cards per box for \$30.00.

They will be available at P.A.C. meetings and
concerts during November & December.
Christmas Cards & All Occasion Cards available.

Proceeds to T.C.S. Playground Enhancement.

T.C.S. Parent Advisory Council

The PAC is proud to host a presentation on Internet Safety, presented by Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba. This presentation is intended to inform parents about the positive and exciting world of the internet and technology. All interested community members and parents are welcome to attend this meeting. (Please see add in this newsletter and posters around our community)

Children are using the internet and technology, such as cell phones and iPods at a very young age. Children as young 6 or 7 are using MSN and cell phones. These communication tools provide many opportunities for your child to communicate, stay in touch with family and learn new and wonderful things. Parents who have children of any age are encouraged to participate at this event.

The presenter for this event is Val Caldwell. Val is a dynamic presenter who has hands on experience with children and families.

Babysitting will be provided for this event.

PAC members will meet at 6:30 for a brief meeting prior to the presentation.

Thank you to all parents who attended the PAC Annual General Meeting. The Executive members are:

Erin Hayward – Chairperson

Sheri Shmon – Secretary

Callie Mashtoler – Treasurer

Virtual Realities

A fun & educational night to help parents take advantage of all the positive aspects of technology while helping their child avoid most of its pitfalls.



Date: Tuesday, November 10th, 2009

Location: Tanner's Crossing School Pit,
Minnedosa

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Presenter: Val Caldwell

To Register Contact Mallory at (204) 726-6030



Discussion will include:

iPod touches, instant messaging, cell phones & texting, webcams, internet gaming devices and cyber bullying.

Co-Sponsored by

Child and Family Services of
Western Manitoba, T.C.S. Parent
Advisory Council, T.C.S., & M.C.I.



A FRENCH CHALLENGE FOR ALL...TEST YOUR FRENCH

It is strongly encouraged that all Junior High French students continue to practice LES 6 VERBES.

There will be several tests approaching...hint, hint!!

Pronoms	Avoir	Etre	Aller	Faire	Finir	Parler
Je						
Tu						
Il/Elle						
Nous						
Vous						
Ils/Elles						

Monday Munchies

Snack Program

- Smoothies, shake a pudding,
- Mini pizzas, nachos & more

NOVEMBER 2nd, 9th & 16th

4pm-5pm

Tanner's Home-Ec Room

Grades 4 - 8

Please register early to determine grocery needs.

Any parents/guardians or older siblings/sitters wishing to participate or volunteer to help are MORE than welcome.

Cost

Pre-registered \$10.00

or Food Bank Donation

Drop in

(1/2 days notice) \$5.00

Funded by

Manitoba Health/Healthy Living

This Program will run again
First 3 Mondays in March 2010

Kathy - Facilitator

Healthy Active Minnedosa

867-1936

ktomlins@mts.net

*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

November 9th, 2009

Part A

November 16th, 2009

Part B

December 7th, 2009

Part A

December 14th, 2009

Part B

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.





DATES TO REMEMBER:

NO SCHOOL on the following days:

ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATION DAY

Friday, November 6th

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wednesday, November 11th

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Friday, November 20th

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday, November 10th

at 2:00 p. m.

T.C.S. Gymnasium

Parents, guardians, and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Virtual Realities Presentation

Tuesday, November 10th

7:00 p.m. at TCS PIT



FAT CAT Productions

Presents

HOJA

Wednesday, November 18th

at 9:00 a.m. in the T.C.S. Gym

Galaxy of Books

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place the week of November 16th - 20th, with Family Night on November 19th. Each class will have an opportunity to take a look at the books available for purchase. Watch for details coming home soon!

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

JUNIOR HIGH INTERVIEWS

(upstairs in the lunchroom)

Thursday, November 19/09

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 20/09

9:00 a.m. - noon & 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS

Friday, November 20/09

Watch for scheduled interview times coming home with your child(ren).

Any concerns with the times, please contact the teacher at the school, 867-2591.



St. John Ambulance

"What Every Babysitter Should Know"

BABYSITTING COURSE DATES:

Saturday, November 7th

Saturday, December 5th

Each course runs from

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

and is held at the Training & Community Services Centre in the Brandon Shoppers Mall. The course is designed for kids aged 11 to 14, and the cost is \$45.00.



























Pre-registration is required.

To register, or for more information, please call

727-4466

Find our T.C.S. website online www.rrsd.mb.ca and click on schools and then Tanner's Crossing School. Newsletters can be found by clicking "Parents"

NOVEMBER 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 DAY 6	3 DAY 1	4 DAY 2	5 DAY 3	6	7
Reminder: Clocks turn back 1 hour. Daylight Saving Time Ends	 Band Practice - Gr. 7 & 8  Gr. 5 & 6	 Gr. 7 & 8	 Gr. 5 & 6	 Gr. 1 & 2	ADMIN DAY NO SCHOOL	
8	9 DAY 4	10 DAY 5	11	12 DAY 6	13 DAY 1	14
 REMINDER: PHOTO RETAKE DAY Nov. 12th at 1 p.m.	 Gr. 7 & 8	 T.C.S. Remembrance Day Service 2:00 p.m. P.A.C. MTG. 7 p.m.  Gr. 3 & 4	REMEMBRANCE DAY  NO SCHOOL	 Band Practice - Gr. 7 & 8 Photo Retakes 1pm   Gr. 5 & 6	 Gr. 7 & 8	
15	16 DAY 2	17 DAY 3	18 DAY 4	19 DAY 5	20	21
	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> HOJA @ 9:00 a.m. </div>			Junior High Parent/Teacher Interviews 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Parent/Teacher Interviews Healthy Active Event p.m.	
BOOK FAIR WEEK						
 Gr. 5 & 6	 Gr. 1 & 2	 Gr. 7 & 8	 Gr. 3 & 4	NO SCHOOL		
22	23 DAY 6	24 DAY 1	25 DAY 2	26 DAY 3	27 DAY 4	28
	 Band Practice - Gr. 7 & 8  Gr. 5 & 6	Mark Tardiff French Presentation Grades 4-8 9:40 a.m.  Gr. 7 & 8	 Gr. 5 & 6	 Gr. 1 & 2	Hat & Jeans Day   Gr. 7 & 8	
29	30 DAY 5					
	Artist in the School with Grade 5 & 6					
	 Gr. 3 & 4					

TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER AND THANK A VETERAN OR SOLDIER FOR YOUR FREEDOM