



# TCS TIGER TIMES

Tanner's Crossing School



*School Motto: The Team that Cares and Shares*  
**HEALTHY HEART MONTH ~ FEBRUARY 2011 ISSUE**



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE    STUDENT ILLNESS**

Half-way there! Teachers, and likely kids, seem to organize their lives around the academic calendar. Now that it's February, we've got 5 months left to go. While it is a shorter month, February is also a busy one, with a holiday, two in-service days, and a number of activities planned for the students as well.

I'd like to thank all who showed up to the Family Fun night at TCS on January 27<sup>th</sup>. This was my first one, and the weather sure cooperated with us! The hot chocolate did take the edge off as well, and I also appreciated those parents who helped clear the snow off the rink – my back thanks you! As usual, it promptly began to snow AGAIN that night, but for awhile at least we had a clear rink to skate on.

We recently spent a day (February 4<sup>th</sup>) meeting as a school team to work on curricula and assessment. The K-6 teachers are working through the ELA curriculum and reading continuum; the grade seven & eight teachers are planning for final "exams" in June. I use the quotations in this case as the final exams will be quite different than what has been done in the past. First of all, there are no exemptions so all students will be completing the final assessments. As well, the format of the assessments will encompass more than one session, allow students to show their learning in different ways, and will better test students on their knowledge of curricular outcomes. This is a work in progress, but hopefully students will see this work as meaningful and engaging. If junior high parents have any questions about the final assessments, feel free to contact the classroom teacher or myself at school.

There were conflicting reports as to whether a certain groundhog saw his shadow or not. Regardless, I recall wearing shorts as late as the Nov. 12 and 13 weekend, so even if we have six more weeks of cold weather, it hasn't been too tough a winter. Continue to dress for the temperature – spring will be here before you know it!

Mr. James Sheppard  
Principal, T.C.S.



Every day the office staff at TCS get calls from parents informing us of sick students. Likewise, on a daily basis students call home for rides from parents because they have become ill during the course of the day. Both situations are unavoidable and a part of being a student in a public school. TCS staff appreciate parents phoning the school when students are ill; we also appreciate parents coming in to collect work when children are away for a longer period of time, or take them home if need be.

I'd like to continue to encourage parents to err on the side of caution when deciding whether or not to send their child to school if they are not feeling well. Certainly families need to consider child care requirements, keeping up with academic responsibilities, and the health of their child. However, I can assure parents that if students stay home when they are legitimately ill, we can work together to get them caught up. I would prefer students stay home when they are not feeling well, rather than "chance it" in an enclosed space with many of their classmates. The end result is students not being able to kick the bug or illness they have come down with, or worse, spreading it to their fellow students.

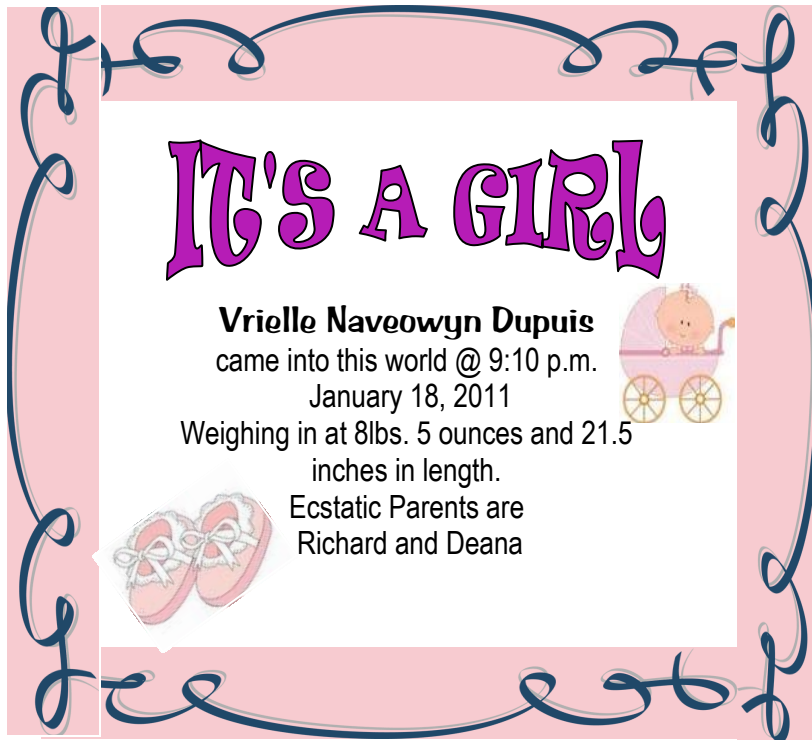
I certainly want to see all of our students at school every day, ready to learn. That being said, it is far better for students to remain at home when sick, and come back when they are feeling better; for their sake as healthy students, and for the benefit of their classmates as well.

James Sheppard



A HUGE TCS Tiger thank you goes out to the following organizations for their financial support. The students and staff of Tanner's Crossing School greatly appreciate the support of the Minnedosa community.

- Minnedosa UCT Bingo
- United Church AOTS
- Healthy Active Minnedosa
- Minnedosa Foundation
- Little River Game and Fish Association



**Celebrating 30 Years**



**2011 in Minnedosa**

**April 04-08 and 15-19**

Entry Deadline: Wednesday January 19, 2011

No late entries will be accepted.

Submit entries to:

**Rolling River Festival of the Arts  
Attn: Colleen Lewis  
Box 333  
Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0**

Printable entry form and addendum (outlining types of classes offered, scholarships available, etc.) are available at [www.discoverminnedosa.com](http://www.discoverminnedosa.com) under Community Organizations.

The syllabus, forms and addendum are at Regional and School Libraries, Minnedosa Pharmacy, and Rivers Home Hardware

Questions: Contact Val Dornn @ 867-2432 or  
Colleen Lewis @ 826-2184

# I LOVE TO READ AROUND THE WORLD

February 2011 I LOVE TO READ MONTH  
Many cultures, Many Readers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Greet your friends in a new language.	<b>2</b> Research where your name comes from.	<b>3</b> Use a world map to pinpoint where you come from.	<b>4</b> Play a game that comes from another country.	<b>5</b> Visit <a href="http://Cleanup-theworld.org">Cleanup-theworld.org</a>
<b>6</b> Listen to music from another culture.	<b>7</b> Read "What Does Peace Feel Like" by Vladimir Radunsky.	<b>8</b> Make a peace pledge.	<b>9</b> Make origami paper cranes.	<b>10</b> Make a peace hand wreath "How I can make a positive difference."	<b>11</b> Research how to play hopscotch from other countries.	<b>12</b> Visit <a href="http://www.cultureday.ca">www.cultureday.ca</a>
<b>13</b> Read to a senior citizen.	<b>14</b> Oral story telling day.	<b>15</b> Visit <a href="http://www.planetozkids.com">www.planetozkids.com</a>	<b>16</b> Read a recipe for bannock and then make some.	<b>17</b> Carve an animal from a bar of soap.	<b>18</b> Family cultural video night.	<b>19</b> Family game night.
<b>20</b> Try snowshoeing today.	<b>21</b> Create a multicultural puppet theatre play.	<b>22</b> Read "What is Your Language" by Debra Leventhal.	<b>23</b> Check out Braille print.	<b>24</b> Play multicultural games.	<b>25</b> Make a cultural picnic.	<b>26</b> Family trip to the library.
<b>27</b> Listen to cultural music while eating a meal.	<b>28</b> Visit <a href="http://www.iftheworldwereavillage.org">www.iftheworldwereavillage.org</a>	<b>Notes: These "I Love to Read" ideas were prepared by the Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg. Enjoy!!</b>				



# ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2011 – 2012

Kindergarten Registration for the Rolling River School Division will be held during the week of **February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:00 p.m.)**. Children who will be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2011 are eligible for Kindergarten.

Please register at the following catchment area schools:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Douglas Elementary	763-4480
Erickson Elementary	636-2266
Forrest Elementary	728-7674
Oak River Elementary	566-2167
Onanole Elementary	848-2402
Rapid City Elementary	826-2824
Rivers Elementary (Monday, February 28 <sup>th</sup> ) (8:00 a.m. – 12 noon and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.)	328-7416
Tanner's Crossing Elementary	867-2591

\*Parents are required to present their child's birth certificate and medical number at time of registration.

\*Please contact the School Division Office (867-2754) if unsure of your catchment area school.

## The Tiger's Den



### JANUARY & FEBRUARY MENU DAILY CANTEEN SPECIALS

**\$2.50**

**Monday - Breakfast Bagel  
(Scrambled Egg & Cheese)**

**Tuesday - Chili & a Bun**

**Wednesday - Fettuccini Alfredo**

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

**Friday - Chicken Quesadilla**

<b>Fresh Fruit</b>	<b>50¢</b>	<b>Mini Bagel with Cheese</b>	<b>75¢</b>
<b>Yogurt</b>	<b>75¢</b>	<b>Juice or Water Bottle</b>	<b>50¢</b>
<b>Veggie Packs</b>	<b>25¢</b>	<b>Small Milk</b>	<b>75¢</b>
<b>Granola Bars</b>	<b>50¢</b>	<b>Large Milk</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>Trail Mix</b>	<b>25¢</b>	<b>Soup</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>Whole Wheat Muffins</b>	<b>50¢</b>	<b>Salad</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Hard Boiled Egg</b>	<b>50¢</b>	<b>Sandwiches</b>	<b>\$1.75</b>

### SANDWICH CHOICES:

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

**Tiger's Den Food Cards available for purchase!**

**Ask Mrs. Stemmer at the canteen!**

**\* Prices are subject to change \***



# Friendly Reminders & Communication

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

We held our February meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> and were able to discuss many items regarding TCS. One of the items discussed was raising funds for new playground items. Watch for more information on this coming soon. In the meantime start thinking about what you and your kids would like to see on the TCS grounds.

One way to raise funds for things such as new playground equipment is through Mabel's Labels. These labels are fun, functional and a great way to label those asthma inhalers (among other things). Simply go to

[www.tannerscrossing.mabel.ca](http://www.tannerscrossing.mabel.ca).

And while you are surfing the net check out two more web-sites...

[www.media-awareness.ca](http://www.media-awareness.ca) for an e-parenting tutorial to help you keep up with your child's online activity. This may be helpful for those of us whose children's knowledge and usage of the internet is becoming greater than our own.

[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/reports/profile](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/reports/profile) will provide you with a profile of student learning and performance in Manitoba. It is a summary of student assessment results from pre-K to grade 12.

PAC invites all parents to a presentation on our music program provided by Nicole McLenehan and Barb Dowsett. The presentation will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, immediately following our 6:30pm meeting. Babysitters are provided and all parents are welcome to attend the meeting as well.

Junior High X- Country Ski dates are:  
 Grade 7 Ms. Stone February 16, p.m.  
 Grade 7 Mrs. Branconnier February 16, a.m.  
 Grade 8 Mrs. Hodgson February 15, a.m.  
 Grade 8 Ms. Muirhead February 15, p.m.



## NO SCHOOL

February 04 - Elementary Inservice  
 February 21 - Louis Reil Day  
 February 28 - Divisional Inservice

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES ARE THE HEART OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

*Create new relationships*

*Become ambassadors for your community*

*Offer guidance and understanding*

*Learn about another culture*

*to an international student*

Become a home-stay family with Study Manitoba School Divisions. We're looking for families with a healthy lifestyle that are active in their local community.

Students stay from 4 to 10 months. Families are paid \$600 per month to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for teens, age 13 to 18, who are seeking academic and cultural experiences in Canada. The families of international students see our communities and school system as an opportunity for their child to learn Canadian values and traditions while receiving a solid and well rounded education. International students return to their home country with ideas and ideals that support intercultural and social exchange and development. Be part of something great!

**APPLY ONLINE AT [WWW.STUDYMANITOBA.CA](http://WWW.STUDYMANITOBA.CA)**



Study Manitoba School Divisions

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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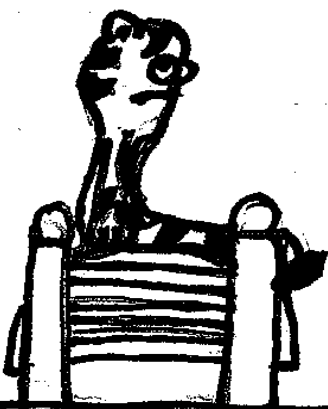
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 PHONE: 483-6252 OR EMAIL: [RHONDA@STUDYMANITOBA.CA](mailto:RHONDA@STUDYMANITOBA.CA)  
 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: [WWW.STUDYMANITOBA.CA](http://WWW.STUDYMANITOBA.CA)

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## Talkative Tigers By: Steve O.

There are Tweets  
 and Twitters, my  
 space and others  
 but we Tigers just  
 have a growl.





# FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Day 5 1	Day 6 2	Day 1 3	4 <i>Elementary - Inservice</i> <i>High School - Admin. Day</i> NO SCHOOL for students	5 Junior High Curling
6	Day 2 7	Day 3 8	Day 4 9	Day 5 10	Day 6 11	12
	 Grades 5 & 6	 Grades K-2	 Grades 3 & 4	 Grades 7 & 8	 Grades 5 & 6	
13	Day 1 14   Grades 7 & 8	Day 2 15  Grades 5 & 6	Day 3 16  Grades K-2	Day 4 17  Grades 3 & 4	Day 5 18  grades 7 & 8	Grade 19
20	21 <i>Louis Riel Day</i> NO SCHOOL	Day 6 22   Grades 5 & 6	Day 1 23 <b>MILK WEEK</b>  Grades 7 & 8	Day 2 24  Grades 5 & 6	Day 3 25   Grades K - 2	26 <b>Hat &amp; Jeans Day for charity.</b> 
27	28 <i>Divisional Inservice</i> NO SCHOOL for students					