



TCS TIGER TIMES

Tanner's Crossing School

School Motto: Team that Cares and Shares

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!!



Mr. McNabb and Mr. Rapsky
Kissed a Piglet and a Goat!!



We would like to welcome everyone back after Spring Break and trust you all had a relaxing and restful week. We are down to our last three months of school, which always tends to be very busy. This month we look forward to the snow melting and being able to enjoy some warmer weather.

We would like to thank the sponsors of our pancake breakfast during our Foster Child fund raiser. Without your continued support we would be unable to continue to put on this event. Financial contributions were made by the Manitoba Dairy Producers, Manitoba Pork Producers, Pioneer Grain, the Minnedosa Credit Union, and Heritage Co-op. Our local Lion's Club supplied the cooking grills and members Ken Gill, Don Burgess, Gary McDowall, Tony Saler, and Keith Hyde did the cooking of the pancakes for us with help from Owen Bryce of Pioneer Grain. Helping us serve the breakfast were Maureen Bailey of Heritage Co-op, and Terry McLenehan and Harvey Wedgewood from the Minnedosa Credit Union. We would like to thank all those who donated money to our foster children. This year we raised \$1,143.95 (Coins for Kids) + \$219.07 (Kinder Toy Sale) = **\$1,363.02 total**, which will be used to help support Miguel and Bezuayehu for another year. The extra money raised will be used to purchase pigs, goats, and other animals for developing countries (not the same ones Mr. Rapsky and I kissed!!).

Finally, to the students who entertained us on Friday afternoon, we would like to send our thanks and congratulations. It was great to see such a wide variety of very talented young people from different ages performing everything from piano, guitar, singing, dance, violin, and chanter to karate in front of the entire school. A job well done!!

T.C.S. Principal
Mr. G. McNabb



Awesome Artists!

Wow!! Time sure seems to be flying by in the T.C.S. art room! Students have been very busy working with different art mediums and producing some excellent works of art! Grade 6 students are working on making an informational brochure on Canadian artist Ted Harrison. Their brochure will include biographical information, as well as their own renditions of a Ted Harrison northern scene.

Grade 7 art students have completed some interesting printmaking posters. We have also had the pleasure of having Betty Freund in our room, teaching the children how to paint a picture monochromatically. In between this fun they have been busy touching up on their computer skills while using the drawing program Google Sketch.

Grade 8 students have just finished working with watercolors. Their awesome pictures will be on display in the library soon. On April 28th, all art students will be heading into Brandon to the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, to take part in an all day art workshop.

KINDERGARTEN VALENTINE'S DAY TOY SALE

Tanner's Crossing Kindergarten would like to express a very sincere thank you to all students and parents who so generously supported our toy sale. Thanks to the generosity of those who donated used toys and books and purchased items from our sale, we were able to raise \$219.07. This money will be used to help sponsor our two foster children, Bezuayehu from Ethiopia and Miguel-Angel from Columbia. Last year's contributions were used for clean water, new community latrines, health education, school supplies and immunization. Thank you for allowing your children to take part in this fund raising event. By donating their toys and finding new homes for used toys, they have truly made a difference to two children who do not have all of the material necessities of life that we take for granted.

Thank you again

GRADE 4 CLASSES LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING MELTDOWN

Both Classes have been working hard on learning their multiplication tables. The children are making the effort to learn the times tables and make the teams. Some students are still struggling with a few of the basic facts. The only way to learn them is to practice. We are so thankful for all the effort that the parents are putting in to helping their child learn the facts. Practicing isn't always fun but the rewards are amazing.

Grade 4 LA is focusing on the novels War with Grandpa and Where the Red Fern Grows. We also are learning about writing traits and how to become better writers. Both Classes are writing to epals. 4V's have epals in Forrest and 4NR's have epals in Neepawa. We are learning to write letters, ask questions, answer questions, and best of all how to make a friend with someone new!!! That is too cool.

In Math we are learning about Division. Some are struggling, but if you don't know how to multiply it is hard to divide. So we keep working away at it. It is new for them to learn to use long division. Please help and encourage your child. It is hard to learn something new and many times we make mistakes but this is where we learn and grow.

Science is a little rocky and sounds fun because we are working on Rocks unit in 4NR and in the sound unit in 4V. Social Studies we are learning about life in the north. We had a great presentation by Kelly Corkish and her fiancé Greg. We learned a lot about the North. Kelly is a teacher who taught up in the North and Greg lived up there and has family that is Inuit. That was really cool. They showed us carvings, harpoons, how to write some words, and then they showed us a really cool video. We loved it!!!

In French we are learning to do the Three Little Pigs in French as a play. It is fun to do stuff like this. We have learned a lot of hand gestures in French as well.

Miss Willis has joined the force, but will be heading over to the gym in April. Miss Willis is our student teacher. She is learning a lot from us and we learn a lot from her. Miss Willis will be with Mrs. Nylén for 4 weeks. We had her for 3 weeks, but she wants to learn about life in the gym too. We wish her all the best.

We will be getting ready for April showers and May flowers so please make sure I have splash pants, and rubber boots for wearing at school. Please send a toque too as the wind is still cold. We are really trying not to wear our jackets, hats, and boots outside. It is important to dress properly.

That is all we have to report for this month.

Grade 4 NR and 4 V



FOCUS ON FITNESS

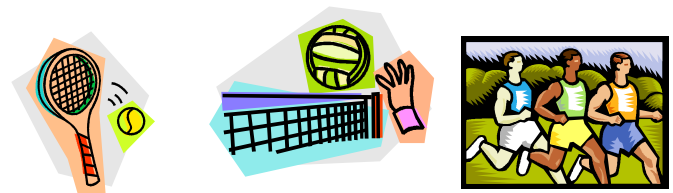
ACTIVATE YOUR ENERGY - GET OUTSIDE!!!

Welcome back from Spring Break! By now the streets and playgrounds should be somewhat bare and we can be outside and active during our after school hours.

Right now, the gym is busy with people hitting things! All of our classes are working on striking skills, ranging from hitting balloons to full-fledged badminton games. Intramurals are badminton and the interscholastic badminton teams are preparing for the divisional tournament on Saturday, April 26. Coaches, Mr. Rapsky, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Morrice, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Nylén will have their teams at Forrest (boys) and Minnedosa (girls) for the tournament day.

Nutrition week at the end of March was a success, with almost all students eating healthy snacks and winning some prizes. Thanks to Becky Bullock (our MCI co-op ed. student in the gym) for her hard work as our Snack Attack spy. She also helped as we did our food experiments to see how much certain foods fuelled us, as well as gave us some nutritional benefits.

We welcome Brandon University student teacher Tia Willis as she student teaches with Mrs. Nylén for the month of April. We hope she enjoys her work with the energetic classes from Kindergarten to grade 5.



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						

7R SPRINGING INTO GEAR

Well, March has certainly flown by now hasn't it! We in 7R have been keeping very busy. Spring Break saw us finishing up Chapter #3 in Math and now we are on to Positive and Negative Integers in Chapter #4. We took some time before our work on chapter three to play some crib. A ladder tournament was set up and the students still like to challenge one another when they get an opportunity.

The students have been wanting to do another novel study, so we have been busy trying to do as much as possible before Spring Break. The assignment is due on Monday, April 7. Also they have been experimenting with different writing styles. Each student received a handout with several journal topics listed on it. They are to choose the ones that are interesting to them and write about them in their journal. This activity also includes being artistic and making the journal their own. Different journals will be collected each week and marked. All of the topics will be done before the end of June.

Once we are finished our second novel we will be moving on to do some work with Poetry and Fables. This will involve an assignment which will see the students creating a book of their own poems. Each of the poems will be about a different animal, so you can start looking for photos or pictures of animals that you think you might like to write a poem about.

French is moving along very nicely. I hope to finish up the play *Comment y aller?* shortly after Spring Break. If anyone wants to practice their gestures at home with their child, we have a couple of practice CD's at the school that can be signed out for a couple of days.

Once it is finished I would like to move on to a couple of different units where the students will be creating items and presenting them to the whole class.

Hope everyone is enjoying Spring!

Parent Advisory Council News

The next monthly PAC meeting will be held on April 15, 2008. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Free babysitting will be provided. At our last PAC meeting we discussed the role of the PAC, the MB Association of Parent Councils AGM and the school division budget report. The meeting was very positive.

The TCS PAC constitution will be posted on the PAC board shortly. The constitution describes the objectives of the PAC, executive positions, regulates the amount of meetings per school year and the code of conduct. When you are in the school have a peek at the PAC board beside the kindergarten room. Minutes from previous meetings, MAPC information and dates for our meetings are posted on this board.

The MAPC AGM will be held in May this year. The keynote speaker for the 2008 AGM will be Barbra Colorosso. The AGM, which is held in Winnipeg, offers a variety of workshops and speakers for PAC members to attend. New information from the AGM will be posted in the PAC library, located in the TCS library. Please feel free to use any of the materials in the PAC library. The information there is for all parents.

Loreen Jackson and Lori McMillan were at the February PAC meeting. They provided members and parents with information about the board's budget meeting. Thank you to our trustees for attending the PAC meetings.

This is our second last PAC meeting for the 2007-2008 school year. All parents are welcome to come for the meeting and to hear the information that is provided. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Melanie Henry at 867-5621 or jmhenry@mts.net.



NEED LESS STUDY STRESS??



Every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the lunchroom upstairs, there will be an opportunity for students in grades 6 to 8 to learn study skills, complete homework and share ideas with fellow classmates.

This time is available to all students. Mrs. DeMontigny and Mrs. Henry will be available for anyone needing assistance. We will also have brief discussions about test taking, study guides and organizing information.

****Attention All Parents****

The Minnedosa Community Childcare Cooperative invites all parents who have an interest in the Community Daycare, Nursery School and Before & After School program to attend the following:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

&

**NURSERY SCHOOL / BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL REGISTRATION
FOR THE *2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR***

When: Wednesday, May 14th at 7pm

Where: New Daycare Building (formerly Minnedosa Funeral Services)

****FREE BABYSITTING PROVIDED****

Interested parents can RSVP to Karen MacDonald at
867-2020 or kmacdonald@devry.edu.

SHOW YOUR T.C.S. TIGER PRIDE!!

Spring is here and it's time to update that wardrobe! Ms. Radcliffe and Mrs. Ross have teamed up to help TCS show their team pride. We will have available a variety of styles of shirts, hoodies, gym shorts and pants.

Orders will be taken shortly, with samples available for sizing. Prices have yet to be determined, with profits to help support The Mentorship Program. Mentorship provides academic support, encouragement and motivation to those who need it and advocates for students needs at the Junior High level.

Many thanks to Pat Graham at Dungeon Shirts for assistance in this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9th Grade 4 Needles	April 25th Inservice [No School]
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**JUNIOR HIGH
DIVISIONAL BADMINTON
TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, April 26th
Girls play in Minnedosa
Boys play in Forrest

**MINNEDOSA YOUTH SOCCER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.
T.C.S. PIT

Everyone Welcome!




**Minnedosa Youth Soccer
House League**
still accepting registrations



WHO: participants born Jan 1, 1999 and later
WHEN: May 5th to June 16th (Mondays 6-7 pm)
COST: \$30.00 per child

Registration forms are available at
discoverminnedosa.com under Minor Sports.

If you are interested in Coaching please contact:
Tanis or Wes Barrett @ 867-1942



**MINNEDOSA YOUTH SOCCER REFEREE
CLINICS**

REFRESHER CLINIC
Friday, April 18th
CLINIC FOR NEW REFEREES
Saturday, April 19th and Sunday, April 20th


Contact Mr. Glen McNabb if interested.

STRIKE UP THE BAND

T.C.S. grades 6 and 7/8 bands will be participating in the Brandon Band Festival this year on Monday, April 28th at the W.M.C.A. Watch for a permission form coming home soon. We will be looking for some parent chaperones and a parent or two to drive a van/large vehicle with instruments. Please encourage your child to practice their parts.

The band concert is on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. so mark your calendars. Bands will also be performing on Monday, June 3rd during the day at the division-wide concert "Rollin' at the River" in Tanner's Crossing Park.

CELEBRATING FAMILIES!



THE FAMILY LEARNING OLYMPICS
A Book Mates Event, brought to Minnedosa by the ARHA Families First and PlayFirst Family Learning Programs with the support of the Assiniboine North Parent Child Coalition.

Friday, April 25, 2008
5:30 – 7:30 pm
at Tanner's Crossing School

- Bring the whole family
- Play games, make crafts, have fun
- Activities for ALL AGES from 2 - 92!
FREE Spaghetti Dinner, served all evening.

Same day REGISTRATIONS will be accepted until noon on the 25th.

However, space will be limited, so sign-up early to insure your spot on the Olympic Team!
























To sign up please call Carrie Winder at 867-8725 or Denise Dewar at 849-2263.



April 2008



Springtime is a great time for fresh new beginnings....

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
SPRING BREAK						
6	7 Day 4 Classes Resume  3 & 4	8 Day 5  7 & 8	9 Day 6 Grade 4 Needles  5 & 6	10 Day 1  7 & 8	11 Day 2  5 & 6  Practice	12
13	14 Day 3  5 & 6	15 Day 4 P.A.C. 7:00 p.m.  3 & 4	16 Day 5  7 & 8	17 Day 6  5 & 6	18 Day 1  7 & 8	19
20	21 Day 2  Practice  5 & 6	22 Day 3 Earth Day   7 & 8	23 Day 4  3 & 4	24 Day 5  Hat & Jeans Day  7 & 8	25 Elementary Inservice High School P/T Interviews NO SCHOOL	26  J.H. Badminton Minnedosa - Girls Forrest - Boys
27	28 Day 6  5 & 6	29 Day 1  7 & 8	30 Day 2  Practice  5 & 6	