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Tanner's Crossing School

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MR. McNABB'S MENTIONINGS

We would like to thank all of the people who took advantage of our free skiing evenings sponsored by Healthy Active Minnedosa and Rolling River School Division. Look for our nutrition activities during the month of March. T.C.S. will be creating a nutrition policy as part of our 2007-08 School Plan and will be looking for parent input into the development of this policy. As of January 2003 the soft drinks have been removed from the drink machines and as of this past January we no longer sell Gatorade. You will only find juice and water bottles in the drink machines and healthy food in our canteen.

Our foster child fund raiser will take place on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th this year. More details will be out after spring break, but get ready to bring your "Coins For Kids" during this worthwhile fund raising event.

With parent-teacher interviews coming up next week, we would like to remind everyone that our Junior High interviews will be held on Thursday, March 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Our kindergarten to grade six interviews will be scheduled for Friday. We would like to encourage all parents to attend the parent-teacher interviews at these times and feel free to make an appointment for a different day if you are unable to attend for any reason. As spring break quickly approaches we would like to wish everyone a relaxing and restful break to rejuvenate for the final three months of the year, which always seems to fly by quickly.

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

NON-STOP ACTIVITY AT T.C.S.

We had a blast at Festival du Voyageur Days! All grades enjoyed taking part in 21 different events on February 20 and 22. We had some indoor and outdoor events that challenged our winter skills. We have to thank the junior high volunteers who ran the events so that all staff and students could participate. They did a great job, and kept things going smoothly. We also enjoyed Mrs. Stemmer's special Voyageur lunches at the canteen and the Voyageur dance party that Mrs. Scott ran on Thursday at noon.

Grade 6-7-8 students are getting extra outdoor time during the cross-country ski section of their Phys. Ed. program. Mr. Rapsky has them out during P.E. class time and each homeroom goes on a half day ski trip. Luckily, the weather has co-operated and has also provided them with some fresh snow!

Junior high basketball coaches are preparing their teams for the divisional tournament that will be held on Monday, March 5 starting at 1:00. The boys' teams will compete in Minnedosa and the girls' teams in Forrest. This tournament will conclude the basketball season.

At noon hours grades 3-8 are all playing basketball in intramurals. The round robin section is almost complete and finals will begin in a week.

BINGO!!

MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH

Our school event this year is a nutrition BINGO. All students will get cards that contain pictures of a variety of fruits and vegetables. As students eat the food, they can cross off the square on the card. Cards that have two lines completed, or cards with a full house will be entered into prize draws. The fuller the card, the better the prize! This event will take place March 19 - 23.

EAT HEALTHY!!



ENERGIZE YOURSELF!!

T.C.S. CANTEEN DRAWS RAVE REVIEWS! COMPLIMENTS TO OUR CHEF!!

Our healthy canteen at T.C.S. is drawing attention from many places. On February 13th, T.C.S. was asked to make a presentation to the provincial Nutrition Forum that was held in Brandon. The forum organizers were very impressed with the fact that our canteen sells **ONLY** healthy foods that are homemade, and that it is self-sustaining. They also liked the fact that it was not only sponsored by our school division, but also with funds from the Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative (C.D.P.I.) in Minnedosa, known as Healthy Active Minnedosa (H.A.M.). They were surprised to learn that Mrs. Stemmer and her junior high volunteers could get 80 customers through the line up in just seven minutes!

Mr. McNabb, Mrs. Stemmer, Ms. Nichols, and Mrs. Nylen all went to Brandon to present a power point and verbal history of the canteen and how it is functioning to date. Attendees at the forum were surprised to note that students and staff did not ask for unhealthy foods at the canteen and enjoyed the foods that are for sale. One interesting point is that there have only been two requests for chips. These took place at our volleyball and basketball tournaments. They were from ADULTS that were from out of town!

We congratulate Mrs. Stemmer on all the time and energy she puts into creating and cooking healthy meals and snacks for us. She has made the canteen the success that it is!

We also wish to acknowledge and thank the following grade 8 students who spend endless hours helping in the canteen: Dana Burgess, Chad Robinson, Thomas Roche, Thomas Parish, Emily Kingdon, Morgan Lewis, Sarah Hamel, and Jason Galbraith.



CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?!

VISION SCREENING



Last September, students in Grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 7 had their vision assessed. Some students received letters for follow-up appointments with their optometrist. These forms should be returned to the school as soon as possible. Please follow up with the eye doctor if you have not already done so.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR FOSTER CHILDREN... 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 \$236.75. 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 baby chicks (which were raised for a source of income and food). 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.

Tanner's Crossing Kindergarten



LAST CALL for Cookbook Recipes

Please submit recipes to your child's homeroom teachers by

Friday, March 9th or email them to tcscookbook@hotmail.com

Recipes submitted will be published in a cookbook and fundraising proceeds will be used to purchase new playground equipment.

TCS Playground Enhancement Committee

WE APPLAUD THE MINNEDOSA TRIBUNE AND THE BRANDON WHEAT KINGS

Thank you to *The Minnedosa Tribune* and the **Brandon Wheat Kings** for their generous support by offering T.C.S. 15 tickets to the Student Appreciation Night Wheat Kings hockey game.

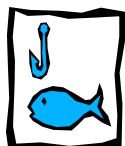
We had a draw on Thursday, February 22nd for 15 students to attend the game, which took place on Friday, February 23rd. Congratulations to the following students who won tickets to the game: Sarah Kartanson, Samantha Reid, Jess McInnes, Sarah Dobush, Brent Cardy, Leigha Collen, Rees MacDonald, Samantha Roche, Jessica Saler, Kris Wiebe, Micah Yuen, Jacob Lewandoski, Matt Lewis, Jeremy Owens, and Emilio Perez.

☺ 6K HAPPENINGS ☺

The grade 6K's are presently preparing to participate in the Rolling River Festival of the Arts, which will take place in Minnedosa in mid-March. The students have all been entered into two different categories, one is spoken poetry for duets, trios or quartets and the other is dramatic choral speaking. To help cover the cost, each student is asked to bring \$1.00 as soon as possible. We will be presenting these poems at the Covenant Church on Monday, March 12 starting at 9:00 am.

Also on Monday, March 12 our student teacher, Ms. Cullen will be joining us for 7 weeks.

A reminder about patrols, there will be a new schedule coming out soon, please help your child remember how important their job is to our school.



**ALL GRADE SIX STUDENTS
WILL BE GOING ICE FISHING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.
ANY PARENTS WILLING TO
VOLUNTEER, PLEASE NOTIFY
MRS. KINGDON OR MR. FOORD.**

Grade 6 French

Both grade six classes have been using the AIM (Accelerated Integrated Method) of Language Learning for the past month. This involves the use of gestures to remember words and sounds. You should have seen practice sheets coming home that require your signature, if you have not please make a point of asking your child about these sheets. The new list of words is below, please ask your child to practice them at least two times in the next week.

écoute	= listens
à/au/aux	= to/at (au/aux = to the/at the)
(la/une) porte	= (the/a) door
ouvre	= open
ferme	= close
(le/un) livre	= (the/a) Book
(la/une) bouche	= (the/a) mouth
(les) yeux	= (the) eyes
une	= a/one (f.)
excellent	= excellent (m.)
excellente	= excellent (f.)
Je sais.	= I know.
Je ne sais pas.	= I don't know.
va	= go
vient	= come
reste	= stay
ne...pas	= negative
(l'/une) école	= (the/a) school
avec	= with
regarde	= look
bravo	= bravo
(la/une) fille	= (the/a) girl
(le/un) garçon	= (the/a) boy
pour	= for
comprend	= understand
on	= one/we
sort	=go out
entre	= enter
frappe	= hit/knock
avec	= with
moi	= me
(la/une) salle	= (the/a) room
traverse	= cross
(la/une) ligne	= (the/a) line
magique	= magical

Festival Du Voyageur

CAPTURED PHOTOS...

BROOMBALL



DERRIERE RACING



TUG-OF-WAR



TOBOGGAN RACING



Westman Eating Disorder Association - A New Inspiration

The Westman Eating Disorder Association - A New Inspiration was newly formed last fall and wishes to inform Westman caregivers of their mission and objectives.

Westman Eating Disorder Association- A New Inspiration is committed to working in partnership with interested people and organizations to accomplish their goals which include activities of education, awareness, and prevention of eating disorders.

Unfortunately, the need for support is there and not easily accessible in Westman. With our involvement as sufferers, families & friends, it is our hope to form the connections needed to help make the devastating journey through this illness as supportive as possible. We offer a free parent/family support group on the first Wednesday of each month at the Knox United Church in Brandon at 7:00 p.m.. Contact Leith (838-2370) or Heather (483-2232) for more information.

If you have any questions or your group is interested in an education/information session, please do not hesitate to contact Heather or Leith. You are not alone - mutual support is available!

QSP QUALITY SERVICE PROGRAM

MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN March 6th - 15th - GRADES 1 TO 6

Each year your support of our annual magazine program has earned money needed by our school to finance many of our student activities, which otherwise we would not have been able to afford.

We want to thank you for assisting us in **EARNING** our money in a way we consider much better than asking for donations. In your support of our campaign, you get full value for your money (all your favourite magazines at the lowest price available) and we earn the money we need, an arrangement that helps our student in matters of business and in teaching the value of money.

THE MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

- 1. Of your subscription money, a liberal percentage stays with our school. You get full value and our school gets a big boost.**
- 2. Since most people mail their subscriptions directly to the publisher, no local person benefits. BUY FROM OUR STUDENTS NOW and keep your money working at home. If you now occasionally buy a magazine from a local Agent, please continue to do so. However, if you would like to subscribe to a magazine either new or renewal, please order through our school program.**
- 3. If you have special offers on any of the listed magazines, we can take your subscriptions or renewal at the price offered and still keep our profits if you attach the printed offer the school order form. (Premium items not given, e.g. globes, calculators, etc.)**
- 4. Both New Subscriptions and Renewals are acceptable. A renewal simply extends your present subscription.**
- 5. Please print your name and address clearly on the order form. Be sure to check carefully. If you are sending a renewal order, you should copy your name and address exactly as it appears on the mailing label from an old magazine, if one is available.**
- 6. Please make all cheques payable to Tanner's Crossing School.**

This is not an effort to high pressure anyone into taking magazines they will not use and enjoy. Our only desire is to channel some of your reading through our school. We thank you for your support of this worthwhile project and for your continued interest in our school.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE FULLY GUARANTEED.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Junior High Basketball Tournament

Monday, March 5th, 2007

Boys play in Minnedosa

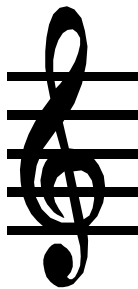
Girls play in Forrest

HOOP IT UP TIGERS!!



TUNING UP FOR FESTIVAL

Bring your instruments to the T.C.S. CLINIC



Band clinics with adjudicator Chris McConnell from Souris will be held on Wednesday, March 14th for all bands in T.C.S. Pit. All solos will be held that day as well (after school and evening). Also the bands will be participating in the Optimist Festival on April 30th in Brandon.

Rolling River Festival of the Arts



The festival will soon be here and just a little reminder for all the participants to keep practicing and putting the final touches to their music, dance or poetry.

The festival dates are March 5th - 9th and 12th - 14th. The final concert is March 18th, 2007. The schools and libraries will have a poster with the schedule.

Programs will be available by February 26th and for further information check the website www.rrfa.ca. Good luck to everyone. We look forward to another very enjoyable festival.

PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Kindergarten
Thursday & Friday,
March 15th & 16th

Grades 1 to 6
Friday, March 16th

Scheduled interview times for the above grades will be coming home with your child(ren) shortly. Please check day planners and back packs.

Junior High - Grades 7 & 8
Thursday, March 15th
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 16th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL *PARENTING PRETEENS*

On March 14, 2007 the P.A.C. will be holding an information night for parents of pre-teens. The information for this night is from the Lion's Quest program at Tanners Crossing School. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the T.C.S. Pit.

There will be free babysitting, treats, coffee or tea and a booklet to take home. This event is great for parents of preteens or if your kids are approaching this age. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Melanie Henry at 867-5621.

There will not be a meeting in March. We will have a meeting in April.

**LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE SPRING BREAK IS
FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd.
CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, APRIL 2nd
SCHOOL DAY 6**





Follow the rainbow to find your golden dreams.

March 2007



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Reminders: JUNIOR HIGH BAND REHEARSALS EVERY DAY 2 JR. HIGH BASKETBALL: March 5th NO SCHOOL: March 16th -Parent/Teacher Interviews GRADE SIX ICE FISHING: March 21st SPRING BREAK: March 26 - 30 HAVE A GREAT ONE!				1 Day 2 5 & 6	2 Day 3 1 & 2	3	
4	5 Day 4 J.H. Basketball Minnedosa - Boys Forrest - Girls	6 Day 5 7 Day 6	<i>Rolling River Festival of the Arts</i>		8 Day 1 7 & 8	9 Day 2 5 & 6	10 Spring Ahead 1 Hour
11	12 Day 3 <i>Rolling River Festival of the Arts</i>	13 Day 4 3 & 4	14 Day 5 7 & 8	15 Day 6 Jr. High Parent/Teacher Interviews 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. 5 & 6	16 T.C.S. Parent/Teacher Interviews K to 8 NO SCHOOL	17 St. Patrick's Day	
18 Rolling River Festival of the Arts Final Concert	19 Day 1 NUTRITION BINGO Hat & Jeans Day	20 Day 2 Band Rehearsal	21 Day 3 GRADE 6 ICE FISHING	22 Day 4 3 & 4	23 Day 5 Last Day Of Classes 7 & 8	24	
25	26 Spring Break	27 5 & 6	28 1 & 2	29 3 & 4	30 7 & 8	31 See you back on Monday, April 2nd	

