

ÉCOLE CRESCENTVIEW SCHOOL

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

On behalf of the staff at École Crescentview School, Mrs. Henderson and I would like to wish you a very happy new year! We look forward to another great year of working with your children as they continue to grow and learn. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the tremendous support given to our Grade 1 classes in their efforts to collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Christmas hampers throughout the month of December. It was wonderful to see our young students delight in wheeling their little shopping carts from classroom to classroom each morning to collect the many donations. I'd also like to thank our Grade 4 Leadership students for their assistance with stocking and organizing shelves at the Salvation Army depot. All came away with a greater appreciation of the work done by this charitable organization and the tremendous generosity of Portage citizens in helping less fortunate members of our community. And so, 2010 begins!

BRRR... IT'S COLD!

Just a reminder to parents to please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the cold January recesses ahead. During lunch hours, students are outside for about 40 and therefore need very warm coats, ski pants, toques, mitts, scarves and boots. Indoor recesses only take place when the temperature or the wind-chill factor reaches -27 degrees Celsius. Also, please remember to call the school when you know your child will be absent, otherwise the school secretary will be contacting you.

THANK YOU!

Mrs. Mitchell would like to thank family members and friends for their generosity at our recent K to 2 Christmas concerts. Over the past few years, the proceeds from silver collections at the door have been used for purchasing musicals, CD's, microphone stands, risers, costumes and much more! Thank-you for helping to make our concerts such a success!

Important Dates:

Jan. 5th—Home and School 7 p.m.
Jan. 6th—K to 4 Assembly
Jan. 7th—Olympic Torch Celebration at 7 p.m.
Jan. 14th—Pre-School Party at 1 p.m.
Jan. 22nd—Spaghetti Supper at 6 p.m.
Jan. 26th - French Immersion Info Session at 7 p.m.

JANUARY IS CITIZENSHIP MONTH!



January is the start of a new year and a perfect opportunity to show respect and appreciation for being Canadian. With the upcoming winter Olympics this February in Vancouver we will all be proud to show our love for our country as we cheer our athletes on during the games.

To show you are a good citizen you can do many things in around your school and community.

- Stand at attention, remove any hats, and sing during the playing of O Canada.
- Take care of your environment both here at school and in your community.
- Promote what being a Canadian means to you and your family.
- Be a good neighbor.
- Obey rules and laws and cooperate with others by respecting parents, teachers and others in charge.

Please join us for our K to 4 assembly on Wednesday, January 6th at 10:40 a.m. in the gym.

RAINBOWS

For those students who signed up for Rainbows, you will be receiving a letter from your group facilitator and start date in the next week or two. We are looking forward to our lunch hour meetings which will run from mid January until mid March.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our Home and School Association members have been extremely busy with numerous play-ground fundraising projects over the past few months. The Gift Card initiative in November raised just over \$600.00 while the 50/50 draws at our Christmas concerts drew in \$504.55. Once again, we would like to thank our parent community for their support. As announced in December, Sobeys grocery cards can now be purchased in various denominations from our association by contacting Mrs. Tara Blight at 239-6527. We are also looking forward to our second annual Family Spaghetti Supper on Friday, January 22nd. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a great meal and some time together as a school community. Mark your calendars! More information regarding this event will be sent home shortly. And finally, a huge thank you goes out to Mr. Fred Greenslade for recording and producing a DVD of our 2009 K to 2 Christmas Concert. Over one hundred copies have been ordered by parents! This fabulous keepsake will be sent home with your child this week. The next Home and School meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5th at 7 p.m. in the library. All parents are welcome to attend! Please consider becoming an active member of this dynamic group!

2010-2011 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year for both English and French Immersion programs will take place on Friday, February 5th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are not necessary and there will be an opportunity for parents to meet briefly with the Kindergarten teachers. Parents are asked to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate. We look forward to meeting our future students and all families new to our school community! **Please note that regular Kindergarten classes for current students will be cancelled Feb. 5th to allow teachers to take part in this event.**

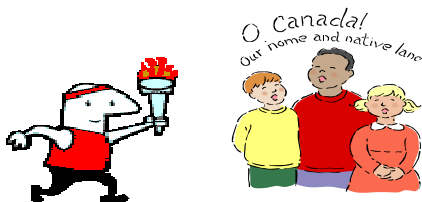
CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

The next meeting of our local chapter will take place on Tuesday, January 12th at 7 p.m. in the library at École Arthur Meighen School. Please join us as we continue to plan activities and events to support our children's efforts in learning French as a second language.



OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

As indicated in our last newsletter, the Olympic Torch will arrive in Portage la Prairie on Thursday, January 7th. Come and join the festivities from 7 to 9 p.m. at Heritage Square. Witness ECVS Gr. 4 students take to the stage to sing our National Anthem for this historic occasion. Please see the attached schedule of events for more information.



PARENT INFO SESSION

An information session for parents interested in registering their child for either the Kindergarten or the Grade 1 French Immersion program during the 2010-11 school year will be held on Tuesday, January 26th at 7 p.m. in Mme Hordeski's Kindergarten room. Details regarding the program's philosophy, delivery model and benefits will be presented. Consider French Immersion and give your child the gift of another language!

ECVS CLASSROOM LUNCH EXPECTATIONS

- Students will stay in their seats unless permission has been given to go somewhere for a specific reason.
- Students will use quiet voices when visiting with friends around them.
- Students will be respectful of their classroom environment, the lunch supervisors and other students around them.
- Students will use good manners while eating.



Community Events

Check out what's happening in your community.

ECVS PRE-SCHOOL PARTY

If your child likes dinosaurs, he or she is in for a treat as we host another Pre-school party on Thursday, January 14th at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

All children aged **three years and up** are invited to attend with their parents. Please call the school office at 857-3475 to register.



UKRAINIAN DANCE CLASSES

Ukrainian Dance classes for children aged 4 to 16 are being offered at the Portage Arts Centre

on Monday evenings from January 18th to April 12th.

Art Centre Members: \$90.00

Non-Members: \$100.00

Contact PDAC at 239-6029 or Helene Lucko at 239-5754 for more information



POWER SMART MANITOBA GAMES PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE 2010

The Manitoba Games are coming to Portage la Prairie from March 7 to March 13, 2010!

Featured games include: artistic gymnastics, badminton, curling, figure skating, hockey, ringette, cross country skiing, five-pin bowling, special Olympics bowling and volleyball.

For more information visit the following website:

www.powersmartmanitobagames.ca

Or contact:

Toll Free 1-866-774-2220



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The students and staff at École Crescentview School would like to wish you joy, happiness and health in 2010!

