

ÉCOLE CRESCENTVIEW SCHOOL

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

March has arrived with an unusual, but most welcomed twist to our school routine! Staff and students will be enjoying a well-deserved early break from the 8th to the 12th! With the Manitoba Winter Games coming to our community, this will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to rally around our local athletes and get active ourselves! But until then, there is much to do here at ECVS! I Love To Read Week is in full swing with many fun literacy activities being held to promote the love of books and the joy of reading among students. As parents, you play a vital role in supporting beginning and young readers. Did you know that reading aloud to your child each and every day even after your child has learned to read independently is one of the best ways to spur imagination, develop language and build literacy? We encourage you to take time to read the attached brochure published by the International Reading Association and entitled **Supporting Your Beginning Reader** for more valuable ideas on this topic. Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday, March 15th!

BOOK FAIR

Congratulations to Trent McBurney and Mrs. Boschman's grade two class. They will both receive \$25.00 in books from the Book Fair draw. Thank you to the parents who helped out by working at the book fair and to our families for supporting it so generously.



SPRING BREAK

Just a reminder that as Portage la Prairie is hosting the Manitoba Winter Games this year, our spring break will be held from March 8th to the 12th. This is unique to our school division. All other public schools in Manitoba will hold their break at the usual time at the end of March.

Important Dates:

March 2nd– Home and School 7 p.m.

March 5th—last day before Spring Break

March 8th-12th Spring Break

March 16th- CPF meeting at EAMS 7 p.m

March 19th—PD day—No School

March 31st—Report Cards Go Home

MARCH IS RESPONSIBILITY MONTH

Throughout the month of March, teachers and staff members will be discussing with students the importance of being responsible. Being responsible means that others can count on you to do what you say you will do. It also means being accountable for things you don't do. Students show that they are responsible by:

- Taking good care of their belongings and materials
- Doing their homework
- Helping with chores at home
- Being on time for school every morning
- Keeping their promises
- Making good choices
- Admitting to mistakes and making amends
- Doing their share when working on a team
- Doing the right thing even when there are no adults watching
- Finishing a job once they've started it
- Being extra careful with things that don't belong to them



Please join us for our K to 4 assembly on Friday March 5th at 10:30 a.m. in the gym.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We hope all parents and students have had an opportunity to vote for their preferred option for the new play structure which will be installed this spring. The displays in our main entrance have certainly generated a lot of excitement and anticipation for things to come in the next few months! Our Home and School Association members will be making a decision on the final design very soon based on the ballots and feedback received to date. In the meantime, please feel free to direct any comments and/or questions to Mme Patenaude, the Principal, or to Ms. Lori Mackedenski, Playground Sub-Committee chairperson. Ms. Mackedenski can be reached at 857-5851. Plans are also well underway for the Fun Fair which will be held on Thursday, June 10th. Once again, we will be calling for volunteers and donations. Please see the attachment to our newsletter for more information regarding this. And finally, thank you for having so generously supported our Sobey's Cards Campaign. Cards in various denominations can still be ordered by contacting Mrs. Tara Blight at 239-6527.

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the library. New members are always most welcome to attend and be part of this dynamic, hard-working group!

REPORT CARDS

Once again this term, we had a very good turn-out for our February Student-Involved Conferences. Thank you to all parents for making the time to support and encourage your child on their learning journey. Thank you as well for helping your child to set new goals for the spring term.

Report cards will be going home on Wednesday, March 31. Please remember to sign the report card slip and return it promptly to the homeroom teacher.

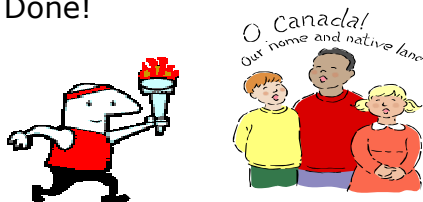
CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

We are thrilled to announce that we will once again be holding a Summer Day Camp, **Camp Soleil**, for French Immersion students aged 6 to 10 from July 5th to the 9th. More information will be sent home shortly. We also encourage parents to check out the **French For Life** website for many ideas on how to support your child's second language learning. Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 16th at 7 p.m. in the library at Ecole Arthur Meighen.

SCHOOL OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY AND ACTIVITIES

A big thank you to Mr. Botterill for organizing our Olympic Torch Run and events for the weeks of Feb. 18– 24th. It was a sea of red and white during the morning of our assembly on Feb. 23rd. Thanks also to Mrs. Mitchell and the grade 3 and 4 choir for their musical talent.

You all certainly showed you're proud to be Canadian. Well Done!



I LOVE TO READ WEEK

ECVS will be celebrating I Love to Read Week March 1st–5th. There will be a variety of theme days and special literacy activities. Theme days will include Mixed-up Day (dress with shirt on backwards, etc.), Rainbow Day (each grade will dress a different colour), Dress As Your Favorite Book Character Day, Pyjama Day and Wear Words Day. Watch for more information to come home in February.



SHOW AND SAVE DISCOUNT CARD AND COUPON BOOK

Our Home and School Association will be raising money this March by selling the Show & Save Card and Coupon Book once again this year. The Coupon Book has over \$10 000 in money saving offers including coupons for 10% off your purchases at various grocery stores in Portage and Winnipeg (Sobeys, IGA, Family Foods, The Marketplace, Food Fare & Harry's Foods). For only \$15 you can experience endless savings with the Re-usable Card and Coupon Book. By purchasing your Show & Save from us, you will be supporting our school while at the same time saving your family money as well. Please watch for more information going home soon!

Community Events

**Check out what's
happening in your
community.**

PORTAGE PITBULLS YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL

Registration will take place in the basement of Keystone Sporting Goods on April 22 & 23 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and on the 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Male or female players ages 7 to 14 years old. (born 2003 to 1996). First come, first serve. Returning players are asked to sign up asap as roster space is limited. Football fees \$175, Fundraiser Fees \$50, Equipment Deposit (refundable) \$75, Equipment Return (refundable) \$25. We require separate cheques for each. Bring a copy of your MB medical. Kidsport applications are available. For more information please call Tammy @ 204-267-2301, or Debbie @ 204 -857-6351, or send us an email to pitbulls@shaw.ca

Portage Youth Soccer Spring 2010

Registration Dates:
March 4th- 6-8 p.m. La Verendrye
March 15th-6-8 p.m. Yellowquill
March 22nd and 25th-6-8 p.m. Ecole Arthur Meighen
Contact Patty 239-6813 Fax 856-0664
Fee \$40 and \$25 refundable jersey deposit. Separate cheque for each child, no mail-ins. New players need to bring a photocopy of their birth certificate and medical card.

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



ALPHABET SOUP AT THE GLESBY CENTRE

Would you like to see a great show? See how high you can bounce in an inflatable bouncer? Challenge your skills against the Portage Terriers? Play games, make crafts, eat popcorn, have your face painted, win prizes??

Then mark your calendar for....

Alphabet Soup

Sunday, March 21st

Pre-show activities: 1:30, Showtime: 2:30

William Glesby Centre

11-2nd Street N.E. Portage

Box Office: 239-4848

Tickets \$8.00

Please bring a can or two of food for the Salvation Army. The Portage Co- Op will match us can for can!