



DECEMBER 2011

Winter Concert in the Band Room

Grade 5 and 6, Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30
Grade 7 and 8, Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30

- Dec. 2 (Fri) - Jingle Bell Breakfast
- Dec. 8 (Thurs) Gr. 5 Museum Field Trip to WPG.
- Dec. 9 (Fri) - CPF Meeting at 7:00
- Dec. 13 (Tues) - Grade 5 + 6 Winter Concert 6:30
- Dec 14 (Wed) - Grade 7 + 8 Winter Concert 6:30
- Dec. 21 (Wed) Cinema Centre trip for Gr 5+6 a.m. and Gr 7+8 p.m.
- Dec. 22 (Thurs) - Pancake Breakfast
- Dec. 22 (Thurs) - Last Day of Term 1.

**DEC. 23 - JAN. 8
CHRISTMAS BREAK
SCHOOLS CLOSED**

2012

- Jan. 9 (Mon) - First Day of Term 2
- Jan. 26 (Thurs) - YQS Dance
- Jan. 27 (Fri) Rick Hansen Relay
- Feb. 3 (Fri) - Kindergarten Registration
- Feb. 20 (Mon) - Louis Riel Day **SCHOOLS CLOSED**
- Feb. 23 (Thurs) - Skiing/Tubing Trip
- Feb. 24 (Fri) - Division P.D. **NO SCHOOL**
- March 1 - Student Led Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm
- March 2 - Student Led Conferences 10:00 am-1:00pm **NO SCHOOL**

LOST AND FOUND

We still have a large number of items in our lost and found. Please encourage your child to check periodically, or feel free to come have a look on your own. Tables will once again be set up at our Winter concerts with these items.

SNACK PROGRAM

Thank you to Jamor Farms Ltd for the generous donation of carrots which were made into muffins. Thank you also to Laurie Collier, Gwynne Henry, Carole Lupkowski, Lori Mackedenski, and Delnora Rice for making and serving the snack.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

EAMS's Home and School Association is once again pleased to sponsor and host, along with our SSG's, our annual Pancake Breakfast! It will be held on Thursday morning, December 22nd in the gym. There will be entertainment by various singing groups and a visit from Santa! Thank you to parents for volunteering to help plan, prepare for, and work that morning to make this possible. It is always very festive and greatly appreciated by our students!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be going home on Friday, December 16th.

YEARBOOK

Thank you to all those students who have pre-ordered a Yearbook! Order forms are available in the office until the end of April - cash or cheque welcomed. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Ecole Arthur Meighen School or (EAMS).

STUDENTS WHO ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

In view of the current flu season, we ask that parents or guardians please notify the school if your child(ren) are going to be absent from school for any reason, but, in particular, if they are sick.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

JANUARY SWIMMING DATES:



Group #1 and #2 swim on: **January 26th**
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Group #1 Departs at 9:10

- 5 - Guimond-Low
- 6 - Crevier
- JLS - Mrs. Fraser

Group # 2 departs at 9:50

- 5 - Diboll
- 5 - Kelly

Group #3 swims on: **February 2nd**
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Departing at 9:10

- 6 - Collett
- 6 - Tessier
- JLS - Mrs. Fraser



VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Congratulations to all 4 of our teams who had exceptional seasons! Thank you to all our coaches for giving up their time to help our athletes with their volleyball skills, sportsmanship, and understanding of the game.

Mrs. Blight	Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton	Mr. Pedden	Mr. Verwey	Mr. Rosset
Miss Gayoway	Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead	Mrs. Collett	Ms. Heneset	Mrs. Davies
Mrs. Simpson	Mme Legault	Mlle Tessier		

Special thanks to our officials for helping our players to enjoy some competitive volleyball:

Mr. Botterill (École Crescentview School), Mr. Scott (Fort la Reine School), Mr. Crevier (École Arthur Meighen School)

Without their help and expertise, we could never have such a successful season!

Also, a big thank you to our scorekeepers who did an excellent job of keeping tabs on all of our home games. They were:

Cassidy Killam, Kaelyn Anderson, Kari Miller, Maggie Duncan, Matthew Jackson, Garrett Holm

EAMS DRAMA CLUB

THE BIG BAD MUSICAL- A Howling Courtroom Comedy Book by Alec Strum Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

The Drama Club at EAMS has begun rehearsing for our 3rd annual production. 35 students and several staff are spending Tuesdays and Thursday after school rehearsing for this production. Rehearsals will take place from November – March. Production dates are set for March 19-23. Keep watching the newsletter for information on tickets as well as fundraising events.

We look forward to seeing everyone out to watch the Big Bad Wolf as he goes on trial in the Enchanted Forest. Watch as the Evil Step-Mother defends Mr. Wolf and the Fairy God Mother brings a wide variety of Fairy Tale Characters to the stand against Mr. Wolf. Be part of the jury as an audience member and decide the fate of the Big Bad Wolf!

If you have any costumes that you would like to lend the Drama Club, please feel free to contact Lisa Tessier or Angela Mills at 857-3405.

MARCH 26 - 30 SPRING BREAK SCHOOLS CLOSED

Apr. 6 (Fri) - Good Friday

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Apr. 13 (Fri) - School P.D.

NO SCHOOL

Apr. 26 (Thurs) - Variety Night

May 21 (Mon) -

VICTORIA DAY

SCHOOLS CLOSED

June 22 (Fri) - Admin. Day

NO SCHOOL

June 28 (Thurs) -

LAST DAY FOR

STUDENTS

June 29 (Fri) - Admin. Day

NO SCHOOL



7R8 NEWS

In the month of November 7R8 took part in the Heart and Stroke's "Tree for Life" program. Students received a training DVD and mannequin with a goal of training at least 10 other people in the skill of hands only CPR. If they reach their goal over 300 people will be trained and might some day save a life because of this program.

On November 25th over 40 students had the opportunity to attend a volleyball game at the University of Winnipeg to see the Wesmen men and women take on a team from Thompson Rivers BC. Students enjoyed watching some great volleyball matches and were amazed at the skill level exhibited by the players. Students especially enjoyed cheering on Portage la Prairie product (and son of our very own Mrs. Diboll) Zach Diboll.

Students for Change is made up of a group of students from 7R8 looking to make a difference. The group hopes to volunteer, fundraise and raise awareness of issues important to students. They have had several meetings and have lots of ideas they will try to put into action throughout the school year. On November 16th they organized a fundraiser in support of Cancer Care and the MS Society. Students at EAMS were asked to donate a dollar to be allowed to wear a moustache. Along the lines of the Movember campaign raising awareness of men's health, the group decided to keep the money raised local. It was a fun event. Many students and staff showed lots of spirit and creativity wearing many different styles of moustaches and raising money for some important organizations.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair. We sold \$2,980.00 worth of books which means the library earned \$911.00 in free books and cash which will be used to buy DVD's and other materials.

Thank you to all those students and staff who helped in any way:

- The lunch hour crew of Camilla-Rose, Jasmine, Mikey and Sara from 7Si, 7Da and 7Lu
- The robot builders: Evan and Devon from 7Da.
- The students from 6Co who came to help, especially Dayne, Caitlyn, Tyler, Reilly, Morgan and Ryan.
- The boys from 8Kl who provided the muscle for moving tables and chairs: Brett, Derek, Austin and Liam.
- Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Hauser and Mme Hoggarth for displaying the books and putting up decorations.
- Finally, thank you to Mrs. diDio and Mrs. Mekkes for working at the book fair.
- Everyone's help was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Book Fair and Beyond contests. The winners are:

1. Crack the Computer Code: Cassandra Gourley (5GL)
2. Future Fill-in: Brayden Schaan (5Ke)
3. Time Capsule: Lindsay Verwey (8Gr)
4. Student Volunteer (drawn at random): Jasmine Verwey (7Lu)
5. Guess how many robot parts in the jar: Colin McGregor (6Co). There were 824 robot parts.
6. And door prizes go to Freeda McKay and Mrs. Klassen.

Congratulations to all winners!

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

The Canadian Parents For French (CPF) meeting will be held at 155 5th St. SE (Lori's home) on Friday Dec. 9th at 7:00pm Bring an appetizer to share as we make plans for next year. **PLEASE NOTE** the CPF has French resources available in the library for parents and students to borrow. Listed below are the items you can check out.

Vidéo: L'assaut des Defis!, Contes pour Tous, L'incomparable mademoiselle C.

Audio CD: Long Courrier, Viva Voce.

Books: La Conjugaison: - Grand Format, Mille Bornes, Le Mini Visual: - Dictionnaire Français/Anglais, Nature Enjeux Monde—le Jeu Questionnaire sur la Faune et la Flore du Monde, Trouve-moi de A a Z—A la découverte du Monde des Mots.

BAND NEWS

The grade 5 and 6 choir, a.k.a. the "Funky Chickens", will be performing at this year's annual Jingle Bell Breakfast on Friday, Dec. 2nd. They will be joined by some of our Grade 7 and 8 singers as well. E.A.M.S. will perform between 9:10 and 9:30 a.m.

Our annual winter concerts will be in the Band Room this year. The grade 5 and 6 classes will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 1 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Our grade 7 and 8 musicians will take the stage on Wed. Dec. 14th at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you for all your support for the Domino's Pizza coupons fundraiser! We raised over \$600.00 and there are still coupons available. We are also pleased to announce that Student Council is providing the oranges for the pancake breakfast the week before Christmas Break starts.

With the holiday season approaching, Student Council is looking for a way to give back to our community. We will be holding a food and toy drive to collect items for the Salvation Army, starting Monday, November 28th, until Wednesday, December 7th. The food and toys we collect will help the Salvation Army put together Christmas hampers for families in our area whom may not otherwise enjoy a holiday dinner and gifts.

CELL PHONE POLICY

It is expected that students bringing cell phones to school use them in a responsible manner, i.e. they must remain in the student's locker, turned off. Students found with, or using cell phones in the classrooms or hallways during classes or breaks will have their phone confiscated until home time on the 1st offence. Subsequent and / or continued violations will result in a phone call to the parent / guardian to come and pick it up and may also result in suspension. For legal and privacy reasons students are prohibited from taking pictures of, or voice recording, or videotaping classroom activity or student and staff members without permission. **NOTE:** Any students found sharing pictures electronically, (internet, Facebook, etc.) without knowledge and consent from all participants will be subject to suspension or possible expulsion. The RCMP may also be involved. **Please note that this applies to all school functions (field trips, dances, etc.).**



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As some of you may know Portage is very lucky to be hosting the ladies 2012 Provincial Scott Tournament of Hearts. It is being held at the PCU Centre from January 25-29. Volunteers are especially needed for scorekeeping and timeclock officials. There will be a training session for those areas so no experience required. If you are interested there is a volunteer sign up and t-shirt sizing (\$20) Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22 at the Portage Curling Club from 6-8. If you are unable to attend and would like more information please contact: Dawn/Dean Moxham at 267-2280 or dmoxham@plpsd.mb.ca

MUSIC FOR YOUNG CHILDREN@: I will be offering a **Sunrise 1** class for ages 2-4, starting in January. It is a 10 week course which focuses on singing, movement, and rhythm, approximately 45 minutes in length, with a parent attending. I am offering a daytime class on **Mondays @ 10:30 am** and an after school class at **4:00 or 4:15 pm**. Classes will start on **January 9th**. The cost for registration is \$156.70 (I am currently updating my website). Please have a look at my website for further details about MYC, my studio, etc. **Tracey Friesen** 204.857.8201 www.myc.com, www.myc.com/teacher/tfriesen

OAKLAND REC CLUB SKATING 2012 Learn to skate (all levels) Saturday mornings- call Sonya 857-8061 Youth Hockey Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings call Alana 857-5968 or 857-2234.

2011-2012 CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLUB Birch Mountain Sports Inc. is holding its cross-country skiing registration day on **December 3, 2011 at 10:30am** at the Birch Ski area near Roseisle, MB (please see web-site for directions)

A yearly membership with the club includes: Access to the ski trails, ski lessons for youth and adults, access to certified ski coaches, updates on club events and activities.

Ski lessons are available in English or French. Biathlon training is also available this year.

- Individual membership - \$35.00 Family membership - \$60.00 Ski program fees - \$10.00 per person

For more information: Phone: Sue Davidson 204-239-1572 Email: birchmountainsports@gmail.com.

SCHOOL POLICY OF THE MONTH

TRUANCY

Truancy is defined as the absence from school for reasons not covered by the Public School's Attendance Act - (260.1(2)).

This Act states, "that for short periods of time, children may be legally absent from school because of sickness or other unavoidable cause...e.g., school sponsored activities; court appearances; death in the family; or because of a religious holiday." All other reasons for absenteeism could be considered as truancy.

Truancy shall be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Student may be required to make up missed time - morning, at noon, or after school.

(Maximum detention time shall not exceed one hour per day unless special arrangements have been made with the parent / guardian).

2. For frequent or chronic truancy, the student will be placed on a special monitoring list and shall be reported to the School Division's Attendance Officer. Parents can be prosecuted for not ensuring their child attends school on a regular basis. In School or Out of School Suspensions may result from chronic truancy. In all cases of tardiness or truancy, the student is responsible for missed work. The assignments missed must be made up before the beginning of the next class.

PERSONAL PHONE CALLS

A student phone is available to students for personal phone calls, to be used only at breaks. School policy is that we will not call students from class to the office phone, unless it is an emergency. Only calls from immediate family will be forwarded.

The school secretaries will take phone messages for students and have them return a call at break or noon hour if necessary.

