



DECEMBER 2009

GRADE 5 - 8 MUSIC / BAND CONCERT

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CALENDAR 2009

Dec. 4 (Fri) - Grade 8 Band students perform at the Jingle Bell Breakfast at the Glesby Centre at approx. 8:15 am

Dec. 9 (Wed) - Winter Concerts: 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Dec. 11 (Fri) - Report Cards go home.

Dec.18 (Fri) - Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 18 (Fri) -Last Day of Term

Dec 21 - Jan. 1 - CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHOOLS CLOSED

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Jan. 4 ((Mon) - First Day of Term 2.

Jan. 14 ((Thurs) - EAMS Dance

Feb. 1 - 5 Kindergarten Registration

Feb. 11 (Thurs) - Student-Led Conferences 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 12 (Fri) - Student-Led Conferences 10:00- 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 15 (Mon) - Louis Riel Day

WINTER CONCERT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

1:00 - 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Home & School Association will be held in March, 2010. The actual date will be announced later.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

EAMS' Home and School Association is once again pleased to sponsor and host, along with our SSG's, our third Pancake Breakfast! It will be held on Friday morning, **December 18th** 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!

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

We are pleased to report that a little over 90% of our parents attended this important event. Students had a opportunity to share their work portfolio, celebrate their accomplishments and set future learning goals with the assistance of their teachers and parents. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to set up a meeting time. It's not too late!

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The EAMS Dance will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 2009 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Cost will be \$5.00.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be going home on Friday, December 11th.

SPRING BREAK

Due to Portage la Prairie hosting the Manitoba Winter Games, the Spring Break for the year 2009-2010 will be from March 8 - 12, 2010.

DECEMBER SWIMMING DATES:



Group #1 swims on: Thursday, December 3rd
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Departing at 9:20

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

Departing at 9:55

- 5 - Diboll
- 6 - Crevier

Group #2 swims on: Thursday, December 10th
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Departing at 9:20

- 5/6 - Seniuk
- 6/7 - Tessier
- JLS - Mrs. Fraser

Departing at 10:05

- 5 - Dewis

NEWS FROM THE GYM!

FUBUKI DAIKO

Fubuki Daiko is currently at our school imparting their skills and knowledge to our students with their Japanese drumming techniques.

We were treated to a demonstration on Monday morning and now are learning the many aspects of respect, drumming, movement, meditation, and appreciation.

Hiroshi and Naomi are our well-qualified instructors.

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to all 4 of our teams who had exceptional seasons. Special mention to the "City Champion" Team Stewart, who defeated Yellowquill School in a well-played final on **November 19th, 2009**.

Thank you to all of our coaches for giving up their time to help our athletes with their Volleyball skills, sportsmanship, and understanding of the game.

Mrs. Blight	Mrs. Sullivan	Mr. Shackleton
Mr. Verwey	Mr. Boychuk	Mr. Rosset
Miss Price	Mr. Dewis	

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

Mr. Botterill (ECVS)	Mr. Scott (Fort la Reine)
Mr. Crevier (EAMS)	

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

BASKETBALL

Basketball try-outs are starting in the near future.

Sign-up sheets have been posted in the office for several days and many students have signed on.

If you are interested in coaching a team, please contact: Miss Seniuk at the school, 857-3405.



SWIMMING PROGRAM

Miss Smith would like to ask any families at our school for donations of bathing suits, swim trunks, and especially **towels** to enable all of our students the opportunity to participate in our Swim Program.

BAND NEWS

FUBUKI DAIKO: As you know our school is hosting Fubuki Daiko until Friday, December 4th. So far this has been a great experience as students explore the art of Taiko drumming. Hiroshi and Naomi have been amazing as they work with us. On Friday, December 4th, students will be performing on Taiko drums. Hopefully, family and friends will be able to come and watch them show off their newfound skills. The Grade 5, 6 and 6T7 classes will be performing at approximately 11:00 am. And the Grade 7 and 8 classes will perform at approximately 2:30 pm. All performances are going to be held in the gym.

CONCERT SEASON: Our Annual Winter Concert is set to go for Wednesday, December 9th. There will be a concert at 1:00 pm and another at 7:00 pm. Both shows will start with the Grade 5 and 6 groups, followed by a short break, then the Grade 7 and 8 groups (including 6T7). The Band Room is buzzing with preparations, excitement and nerves as the date draws near.

JINGLE BELL BREAKFAST: A group of Grade 8 students will be performing at the annual Jingle Bell Breakfast on Friday, December 4th at the William Glesby Centre. We will be performing between 8:15 - 8:35 am. Those who are involved will receive information very soon.

THANKS TO ALL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR MUSIC PROGRAM!

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair. We sold \$3047.85 worth of books which means the Library earned \$1000.00 in free books and cash which will be used to buy books, DVD's materials.

Thank you to all those students and staff who transformed the Library into Outer Space:

- the "lunch hour crew" of Brianna, Simeron, Shayla, Abby, Robyn, Danyelle, and Cassidy who worked for hours making decorations.
- Carter from 6Cr and Alice and Sarah from Mrs. Fraser's class who also made decorations.
- Cody and Cordell from the SLP class.
- all the students in 5Ke, 5Di, 5Gu, & 6Cr for cutting out stars.
- Austin, Tanner, Erik and Jenna from &DV who provided the muscle to move tables around.
- Brittany and Sheyla (6Cr) and Jacob (8To) who taped stars all around the Library.
- Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Hauser for putting up the the decorations and creating an "out of this world" atmosphere.
- Finally, thank you to Mrs. di Dio and Mrs. Mekkes for working at the Book Fair.



Everyone's help was greatly appreciated and the Library looked GREAT!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Galactic Book Fair contests. The winners were:

Guess how many stars	-	Caitlin Spearing (5Di)
Loan a "Space" thing	-	Amy Laing (6Cr)
Planet Puzzler	-	Chanel Cannon (8Ro)
Scrambled Solar System	-	Jessica Fiola (6T7)
Space Fill-in	-	Sara Caskey (7DV)
And The Door Prize Went to	-	Caden Lee (8Kl) and Mrs. Klassen

CALENDAR 2010

Mar. 19 (Fri) - Division Inservice
SCHOOLS CLOSED

Apr. 2 - GOOD FRIDAY
SCHOOLS CLOSED

Apr. 16 (Fri) - School Based P.D.
Day **NO SCHOOL**

May 24 - VICTORIA DAY
NO SCHOOL

June 25 (Fri) - Administration Day
NO SCHOOL

June 29 (Tues) - Last Day of School
for Students. **Report Cards Go Home.**

June 30 (Wed) - Administration Day

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.

ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK

November 16th to 20th was ADDICTION AWARENESS WEEK at EAMS. Our week started with a presentation by magician Greg Wood on drug and alcohol abuse and prevention. He captivated the audience with his illusions and his message.

Each morning we started with a question of the day. The class with the highest percentage of correct answers was Mr. Dewis's Grade 5 room. Well Done!

"Snowflakes" were sold for \$0.50 each at breaks and the profit went to **MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING**. Kari Miller from Grade 6Cr won the snowflake draw. Congratulations Kari!

The Grades 5 & 6 classes attended a fabulous presentation by Janice Telford from Cancer Care on **The Dangers of Smoking**. She complimented our students for their excellent behaviour and thoughtful questions. Thank you Grades 5 & 6.

A huge bouquet to our SSGs for all their work making Addiction Awareness Week successful.

ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR

We are pleased to have **Justine Copenance-Bell**, an aboriginal language instructor, in our school until January. She has been invited to share her talents in aboriginal art, stories and legends, and basic Ojibway with the following classes:

5Di, 5Ke, 5S6, 5GL, 5/6LAC, 6Co, 6Cr, and 7Me.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) NEWS

CPF was pleased to host a "Games Night" on November 19th for the K-Gr. 4 students. A good time was had by all!

Special thanks to the following EAMS students for helping facilitate the games that evening:

Shayla Loose Joel Larson Abbie Street Jacob Kelly
Payton McRae Shae-Lynn Carriere Sydney Boyachek
Merci!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm, in the EAMS Library.

All parents are welcome to attend.

YEARBOOK NEWS

It seem early to be talking about Yearbook right now, but we have some exciting news! We have taken the opportunity to try something new this year with Yearbook. We would like to try doing things on-line, and as such will be printing our yearbooks through Josten's.

Some of the advantages to doing so are:

- clearer pictures, improved quality, more variety in page layout
- we will be able to use paper more effectively and efficiently as there will be fewer pages; we will be able to fit the same information in, however, as there would be less "white space" per page and more of a variety in the way that pictures are placed
- students and parents will be able to upload pictures that they would like to share with us (that could possibly be used in our yearbook) when and where our photographers are not always available, i.e. sporting events, field trips, etc.
- you would be able to customize your yearbook with not only your name but other things as well, if you would like to spend a little more

We are very pleased and fortunate to be able to provide this opportunity by not increasing the cost. Yearbooks will remain at \$13.00. In addition, Josten's is also including 16 pages of "A Year in Review", which will show, in pictures, what has happened in the world over the year (music wise, sports-wise, important world events etc...).

We hope you share our excitement and support the work of the Yearbook Committee!

Students will be able to purchase yearbooks throughout the year at various announced and advertised times. However, if you would like to pre-order one now, you may! Just go to jostensyearbooks.com.

UNITED WAY HAT DAY

Thank you to all the students who participated in this fun event. Once again, students put a lot of time and effort into creating some fantastic hats!

The United Way, as well as our Student Council, was pleased to provide some small prizes for students.

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts and creativity:

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| Jayda Loose (5Di) | Paige Garrioch (5GI) |
| Lasha Mackedenski (5GL) | Megan Thompson |
| (6Co)Brittney Campbell (6Cr) | Cindy Jack (6Cr) L i a m |
| McEachern (6Cr) | Jessica Fiola (6T7) |
| Larissa Tully (8KI) | Shayla Loose (8Ro) |

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club is now up and running and we have completed casting for the musical "Oz".

However, we are in need of the following costumes:

- Dorothy
- Scarecrow
- Toto
- Tin Woodsman
- Lion

If you have a costume we could borrow please contact: Lynn Mitchell at the school: 857-3405.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council will be meeting on **Friday, December 4**. At this time, we have donated \$75.00 to the local Children's Wish Foundation and are once again corresponding with our Sponsored Child, Wilson Hidalgo in Ecuador. EAMS will also be hosting a dance on Thursday, January 14 from 7:00-10:00 pm for Grade 6 - 8 students.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

POWER SMART MANITOBA WINTER GAMES - March 2010 is an exciting time for Portage la Prairie this year as we are holding the Power Smart Manitoba Winter Games which are being held at many facilities throughout the Portage area. This is a great opportunity to showcase our community and our local athletes. This event requires at least 1200 volunteers and we need help in all areas. If you are interested in volunteering for any length of time please register by picking up a form at the games office in the Portage la Prairie Mall or online at: www.manitobagames.ca

Please come out and support your community in any way you can!

BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS: If you think your child is interested in participating, or know of any other child, who is between the age of 6 - 13 years old and who can benefit from having a **Big Sister** please contact: **Big Brothers & Big Sisters at 857-4397.**

JINGLE BELL BREAKFAST & COFFEE BREAK will be held on Friday, December 4th from 7:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Glesby Centre. Cost is \$5.00 with a non-perishable food item or new unwrapped toy. All proceeds are going to the Salvation Army.

UNITED WAY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL will be held on Saturday, December 12th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Herman Prior Centre. There will be a silver collection at the door. **Games; Prizes; Mini Putt Golf; Painting; Crafts; and Face Painting.** Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL POLICY OF THE MONTH

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

- A) All students are expected to respect school property. The cost of any damage caused through student carelessness or through disobedience of school regulations will be charged in full to the student or students involved.
- B) Students who wilfully damage property will be charged for necessary repairs and will suffer serious disciplinary action.
- C) Where applicable, students will also clean up any damage or defacing that they have done.
- D) Where damage occurs and responsibility for this damage cannot be discovered, the cost of repairs may be charged to the Student Council.
- E) Note—Students are asked not to bring the following items to school: a Disc-man, MP# or iPods, roller blades, skateboards, whiteout, sunflower seeds, Game Boys, pagers or cell phones. These will be confiscated for the day and returned to the student at dismissal. Continued violations may result in the student losing the item for longer periods of time.



CLASWORK/HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

All assigned class work is expected to be completed by students either in school or as homework. Homework is assigned on an as needed basis. If students allow themselves to get behind in their work, they may be put on **probation**. This means they will be given one calendar week to complete all assignments. If assignments have not been completed at that time, students may be suspended from class or school until the work is completed.

LUNCH ROOM

We strongly encourage parents who live within walking distance of the school to have their children return home for lunch.

- A) Students in Grades 5 to 8 will eat in their classrooms. Students are to remain in their rooms until 12:10 PM.
- B) Students must leave their classrooms clean and tidy.
- C) Students who stay for lunch are not allowed to leave the school grounds unless a note is received from parents.
- D) **BECAUSE STAYING FOR LUNCH IS A PRIVILEGE, STUDENTS WHO CONTINUALLY MISBEHAVE OR ABUSE LUNCHROOM RULES, WILL BE REFUSED PERMISSION TO EAT LUNCH AT SCHOOL.** Parents will be notified if this course of action is to be taken with their child.