

# JANUARY 2012



**2012**

Jan. 9 (Mon) - First Day of Term 2

Jan. 26 (Thurs) - Rick Hansen Celebration YQS Dance

Jan. 27 (Fri) Rick Hansen Relay and Assembly

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 (Thurs) -Student Led Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm

March 2 (Fri)- Student Led Conferences 10:00am - 1:00pm **NO SCHOOL**

March 20, 21 (Tues, Wed) - Drama Production "The Big Bad Musical"

**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**

**WELCOME BACK!**

**The staff at École Arthur Meighen School would like to welcome everyone back and wish you all the Very Best for 2012!**

**GRADE 7R8**

Students in 7R8 trained over 380 friends, family and students in hands only CPR as part of the Heart and Stroke Associations Tree for Life program, It was the highest number trained by any of the participating classes in the province of Manitoba.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The winners of the "Spell It Right" Christmas Word Search were: Brooklyn Kamotzki (5Ke), Abigail Wilson (6Cr), Tyler Bartinski (5Di). They each received a book and a poster. Congratulations!

**GRADE 8**

The grade 8 trip to Shilo Airforce Base is currently scheduled for February 7th. More information and permission slips will be going home mid-January.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

EAMS staff, students and Home and School Association would like to thank all the parent volunteers for their time and donations, our SSGs for their work during the breakfast (and the great photos with Santa), our Student Council for the oranges, McCains for the juice, CanadInns for the pancake batter, classes for the decorations, and to Barry Rud for providing Santa Claus. Everyone had a very enjoyable morning that last day of school before the break!

**YEARBOOK**

Yearbooks will be on sale until May. Cost is \$15.00 and order forms can be picked up in the office at any time.

**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The next meeting on March 8th will be a planning meeting for the annual Variety Night to be held on April 26th.

**CPF**

CPF is currently planning a family "Minute To Win It" event en français, of course, for interested K to 4 French Immersion and Grade 4 Basic French students on Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 6:30pm. More details to follow. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17th at 7 p.m. in the (EAMS) library.

**STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** from the Student Support Group to:

**CANADIAN TIRE**

for contributing to our Christmas Candy Cane Initiative.

**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.**

for providing our school with a Pancake Breakfast on December 22nd.

**BARRY RUD**

For providing us with a Santa Clause to take pictures with.

**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

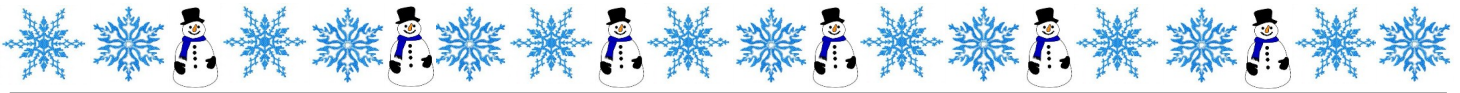
**Group # 2 departs at 9:50**

- 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



### GYM NEWS

We hope everyone shared a wonderful Christmas with those you love, and would like to wish you all the very best of Health for 2012!

Basketball Practices and League Games resumed this past week. Parents of players need to make sure that their children will be picked up immediately after all games and practices. It is not the school's responsibility to provide rides to and from games.

Our Basketball coaches this year are: Mr. Houle, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Smith. Staff liaisons are: Mrs. Goertzen, Mrs. Davey and Mrs. Diboll.

**Players who do not participate in Physical Education class will not be allowed to play in their next league game.**

**Physical Education is a responsibility and extra-curricular activities are a privilege.**

Physical Education classes are continuing with a basketball unit, with the Manitoba Fitness test to follow. We are having fun and learning loads at the same time.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### BAND/MUSIC NEWS

Big thanks for all of the support for the 2011 Winter Concerts. It was definitely a different experience using the band room for the shows this year. While the crowds were obviously tight or overflowing (especially for the evening grade 5/6 concert), the concert itself was far and away a better experience for students on the stage. Using the stage also allowed us to have much better sound and rehearsal time. We will definitely consider this year's concert and plan for better crowd control next year. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward.

**A reminder that fees for band instruments and guitar rentals are due by the end of January.**

The planning for the grade 8 band and music trip is coming together. We will spend 3 days at Camp Arnes at the beginning of March. Final dates, costs and itineraries will be available in the upcoming weeks. **We are in need of parent chaperones!!** Contact Mr.

Goertzen if you might be interested. It is a very enjoyable experience for everyone.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Register Now for Children's Classes at the Portage & District Arts Centre:

Acting Out in the Drama Room (ages 3 to 7) Jan. 28-March 24 9:30am-10:15am

Young Artists Mixed Media (ages 8 to 16) Jan. 30-March 19 4:45pm-6:45pm

Young Potters on the Wheel (ages 8 to 12) Jan. 25-Feb. 29 or Jan. 26-March 1, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Junior Artists Mixed Media (ages 6-8) Feb. 2-March 8 4:00pm-5:00pm

Drama Room: Young Actors (ages 7 to 14) Jan. 26-april 5, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Filipino Martial Arts & Chinese Kungfu (ages 8 and up) Jan. 11-March 14 7:00pm-8:00pm

Cheer (ages 9 to 14) Jan. 14-March 17, 2:15pm-3:15pm

Visit [www.portageartscentre.ca](http://www.portageartscentre.ca) for more information or call 239-6029.

#### Registration now open for 51st Legion Athletic Camp July - August 2012 [www.legionathleticcamp.com](http://www.legionathleticcamp.com)

Contact: 1-204-661-5448 or [register@legionathleticcamp.com](mailto:register@legionathleticcamp.com) Located at the International Peace Garden on the Manitoba/North Dakota border

Open to students Grade 6 - Grade 12 (Younger students allowed for equestrian or gymnastics). More than 42,000 athletes have attended (Majority from Manitoba and NW Ontario). Sports offered: advanced track and field, basketball, cross country, elementary, equestrian, gymnastics, judo, soccer, volleyball, track and field, and wilderness. Don't Delay Register Today.



### TEENS WITH GAMING OR INTERNET ADDICTIONS

<http://www.video-game-addiction.org/>

<http://www.4parents.gov/sexrisky/risky/gaming/gaming.html/>

<http://www.internetsafety101.org/gamingdangers.htm>

Recently we have become more and more concerned about the effects that video games and the internet have on our students. It often seems that it is more part of their lives than a simple pastime. It is not uncommon to hear students talking about Facebook communications or a game such as "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare"--sometimes they even act it out. One quote that I read while researching this topic said "As the level of violence in video games has increased, so has concern for the effects of those who play - especially those who play a lot. They went on to say "One of the primary concerns with violence in video games is that gaming is not passive. In order to play and win, the player has to be the aggressor. Rather than watching violence, as he might do on television, he's committing the violent acts. Most researchers acknowledge that this kind of active participation affects a person's thought patterns, at least in the short term." In 2002, researchers Anderson and Busman found that even the most passive of people became more aggressive because of playing these video games. They also theorized that "excessive exposure to violent video games causes the formation of aggressive beliefs and attitudes, while also desensitizing gamers to violent behaviors." Video games are also known to be addictive. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms (taken from the same website) you may need to find them help:

- Most non-school hours are spent on the computer or playing video games
- Falling asleep in school
- Falling behind with assignments
- Worsening grades
- Lying about computer or video game use
- Choosing to use the computer or play video games, rather than see friends
- Dropping out of other social groups (clubs or sports)
- Being irritable when not playing a video game or being on the computer

There also are physical symptoms that may point to addiction:

- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Sleep disturbances
- Backaches and neck aches
- Headaches
- Dry eyes
- Failure to eat regularly or neglecting personal hygiene

I have just given you a short snippet of information that I found on this website. I encourage you to take the time to check this and other websites out if your child spends a lot of time gaming or on the internet. Caution should be taken.

Trudy Chappellaz

### POPCORN

The JLS class will be selling popcorn on Fridays from January to March break. Cost is .50 cents a bag.

### YQS WINTER DANCE

The YQS Dance will be held Thursday January 26. Cost will be \$5.00 and tickets will be on sale in front of the office the week prior to the dance.

### RICK HANSEN RELAY

Thank you to our Grade 5 students who helped make posters promoting the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay. The winning poster will receive a free McDonalds lunch for their entire class. This information will be announced next week.

On Jan. 27th our school will be hosting an assembly to kick off the relay here in Portage. Organizers of the event will be talking to our students about Rick Hansen and the Relay itself. Our school is pleased to announce our medal-bearer will be Grade 7 student, Gareth Rice. Our own Mr. Rosset will also be participating in the relay. On Jan. 26th there will be an end of the day celebration at the Glesby Centre at 3:30. Local singers and musicians will be featured and all are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



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[www.plpsd.mb.ca/eams](http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/eams)



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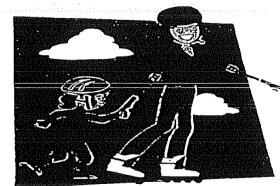
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## Canadian Red Cross Babysitter's Course

Because caring for children is more than just child's play.

Do you know how to:

- Handle emergencies
- Prevent injuries & keep children safe
- Basic 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Skills
- Feed a baby
- Change a diaper
- Play games with children of all ages



Students must be between 11 – 16 years old and can start babysitting at 12 years

**Classes:** Saturday, January 21 & January 28, 2012  
Saturday, February 25 & March 3, 2012  
Saturday & Sunday April 21 & 22  
Saturday, May 26 & June 2  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Red River College - Portage Campus  
32 - 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Portage la Prairie, MB

**Cost:** \$ 60.00 per student; plus book

**For more information or to register,  
contact the Portage Campus at 856-1914**

## SCHOOL POLICY OF THE MONTH

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Portage la Prairie School Division follows ENVIRONMENT CANADA to which there is a link on the Division Website.

What happens when temperature and / or wind chill reaches:

- 1) -27o Celsius. Outside recess and noon hour recess cancelled.
- 2) -45o Celsius. Buses Cancelled. Students warned against walking to and from school.

Inclement Weather Procedures

(Announcements re: school closure or cancellation of buses will be made over the radio stations: CFRY 93.1 FM, 920 AM or MIX 96.5 FM.)

1) Buses cancelled: Includes all buses both rural and city. Staff are expected to report to work. Students attend at discretion of their parents.

Oakville and Hutterian Schools are considered "closed".

2) Buses cancelled in PM: Principal ensures bus students get to their billets or home. Staff and non-bus students remain at school until dismissal time.

