



JANUARY 2010

WELCOME BACK!
 The staff at École Arthur Meighen School would like to welcome everyone back and wish you all the Very best for 2010!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

News from the Gym	2
Band News	2
Inclement Weather Policy	2
Yearbook News	3
Drama Club	3
Manitoba Winter Games	3
Community News	4
Policy of the Month	4

CALENDAR 2009

2010

- Jan. 4 ((Mon) - First Day of Term 2.
- Jan. 14 ((Thurs) - EAMS Dance - 7:00 10:00 pm
- 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 **SCHOOLS CLOSED**
- Feb. 26 (Fri) - Division P.D. **NO SCHOOL**
- March 8 - 12 Spring Break PORTAGE DIVISION ONLY SCHOOLS CLOSED**

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Home & School Association will be held in March, 2010. The actual date will be announced later. This will be a planning meeting for our annual Variety Night.

WINTER CONCERT

Ecole Arthur Meighen School held its Annual Winter Concert on December 9th. Congratulations to all our students and Mr. Goertzen for the excellent job in showcasing their talent! From the Silver Collection and our "OSCAR FUND" we raised approximately \$750.00 which was used towards helping some families in our school.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH, PORTAGE

The next meeting of the CPF, Portage will be held on **Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 pm** in the Library at EAMS.

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.

We are also attaching a copy of the Revised Swimming Schedule taking us to the end of February. After that we are hoping to transfer over to the new PCU Centre.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The EAMS Dance will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 2010 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Cost will be \$5.00 and tickets are available for sale in the school office.

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.

JANUARY SWIMMING DATES:



Group #1 swims: Thursday, January 7th & 21st
 ++++++

Departing at 9:20

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

Departing at 9:55

- 5 - Diboll
- 6 - Crevier

Group #2 swims: Thursday, January 14th & 28th
 ++++++

Departing at 9:20

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

Departing at 9:55

- 5 - Kelly

NEWS FROM THE GYM

We hope everyone had a great Christmas, and would like to wish you all the very best in Health for 2010!

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. B. Diboll, Mrs. Diboll, Miss Seniuk, and Mr. Citulsky.

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.



BAND NEWS

FUNDRAISING: Thank you to everyone who supported our Poinsettia fundraiser. Band students were very successful in selling these festive plants to help finance their future Band trips.

FUBUKI DAIKO: DVD's of our Fubuki Daiko performances are available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing or ordering a copy, please talk to Mr. Goertzen as soon as possible. The cost of the DVD will be \$5.00. Thank you for your support.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

EAMS staff and students would like to thank our Home and School Association and all its parent volunteers, our SSGs, our Student Council, McCains for providing the juice for everyone, and, of course, "Santa", for a very enjoyable Pancake Breakfast on our last day of school before the break. Thanks go out as well to all the staff and students who provided decorations for the Gym, and to Mr. Goertzen and our talented performers who provided entertainment while we ate.

What a wonderful way to start the Holidays!



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 at the cost of only \$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.

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.

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.

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!

ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR

We are pleased to have **Justine Copenance-Bell**, an aboriginal language instructor, in our school until the end of 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.

ECOLE ARTHUR
MEIGHEN SCHOOL

201 River Road
Portage la Prairie, MB
R1N 3W2

Phone: 204-857-3405
Fax: 204-239-5943

Our Website is:
www.plpsd.mb.ca/eams



COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE PORTAGE & DISTRICT ARTS CENTRE: Starting in January the Portage & District Arts Centre is offering an eleven week Ukrainian Dance Class with instructor Helene Lucko for children ages 4 to 16. The classes will be held from January 18 to April 12. Students will learn the basics of Ukrainian Dance.

Other children's classes starting the last week of January include:

- ◇ Young Digital Photographers (ages 9-12);
- ◇ Young Potters on the Wheel (ages 8-12);
- ◇ Young Artists Mixed Media (ages 8-16).

For the little artists, starting the 1st week of February we have in the mornings, Sticky Fingers Art (ages 2-4) and Sticky Fingers Tell me a Story (ages 2-4) and after school on Thursday's we have Sticky Fingers Da Vinci Meets Mozart (ages 3-5).

We also have Vocal coaching (youth to adult) with singer / songwriter Laurel Ward and Young Yoga with Parent (ages 3-5) on Wednesday mornings starting January 27 for 6-weeks.

For more information and to register please call: 239-6029

OAKLAND REC. HOCKEY SEASON Ages 5-9 Wednesday evenings @ 6:30

Ages 10-14 Tuesday and Thursday evenings @ 6:30

Ages 14-17 Tuesday and Thursday evenings @ 7:45

For more info contact Alana @ 857-5968/857-2234. Helmets and facemasks are mandatory.

Thanks a bunch. Have a great day.

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) -27° Celsius. ***Outside recess and noon hour recess cancelled.***
- 2) -45° 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.*