

JUNE 2011



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CALENDAR 2011

- June 6 (Mon) - Gr. 8 F.I. students to St. Boniface
- June 7 (Tues) - Gr. 5 Farm Day
- June 8 (Wed) - JLS trip to Austin Museum
- June 9 (Thurs) - Gr. 7/8 Band Guitar concert at 6:30 pm
- June 10 (Fri) - Gr. 5 Freezie Sale
- June 13 (Mon) - Gr. 5 to Lower Fort Garry
- June 13 (Mon) - JLS to Splash Island in the afternoon
- June 15 (Wed) - Goldeyes Game
- June 16 (Thurs) - EAMS' Mini Awards at 11:00 am
- June 16 (Thurs) - French Immersion BBQ in the Park
- June 17 (Fri) - Gr. 7 to Splash Island
- June 20-23 Modules
- June 22 (Wed) - Gr. 6s to Splash Island in the morning
- June 24 (Fri) - Admin. Day
- NO SCHOOL**
- June 27 (Mon) - Summer Kick-Off activities for all students
- June 27 (Mon) - School Dance
- June 28 (Tues) - Gr. 5s to Splash Island and Island Park
- June 28 (Tues) - Gr. 8s to PCU—swimming
- June 29 (Wed) - Awards Day in the morning
- LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
- June 30 (Thurs) - Admin. Day
- NO SCHOOL**

YEAR END DANCE

DANCE will be held on June 27th - 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. for Grade 6 - 8 and / 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for Grade 5. Dress code is semi-formal

MAJOR AWARDS CEREMONY

Our MAJOR AWARDS CEREMONY will be held on June 29th at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym.

All Grade 5 - 8 students are expected to attend.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

The last meeting of the year, a wind-up, was held on Tuesday, May 31 at 8:00 p.m. at Boston Pizza. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library at EAMS. On June 27, at the PCI awards ceremony, CPF will be presenting its CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH - PORTAGE CHAPTER AWARD OF \$300.00 to a graduating student who has demonstrated a keen interest and strong effort in his / her High School French studies. This student plans to continue a life-long learning in French.

REMINDER TO STUDENTS

Now that summer is here the temptation for ice cream and slurpees is high! However, if students love the school grounds to go to the Co-Op for a treat there will be special disciplinary measures to discourage this. Students leaving will receive:
 1st offence - a warning and a phone call home,
 2nd offence - 1 day OSS,
 3rd offence - 2 day OSS, and so on.
 *Students may not leave to go to the Co-Op after school and then return to catch their bus.

REPORT CARDS GO HOME ON JUNE 29TH

If you plan to take your child out of school before June 29th, please provide the Homeroom Teacher with a stamped self-addressed envelope so that the report can be mailed out to you.

EAMS' MINI-AWARDS

An Assembly will be held on **Tuesday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m. in the Gym.** where we will recognize and honour all the students in Grades 5 to 8 who have been involved with various teams, committees, and / or activities within the school. Parents are welcome to attend. (Please note that this is an assembly, and **NOT** our Awards Day, which will be held the last day of school, Wednesday, June 29th at 9:30 a.m.).

EAMS CANTEEN

The last day for the canteen for this school year will be Tuesday, June 21st. Any students staying at noon hour must bring their own lunch. For your information, the canteen prices will be increasing for the next school year.

NEWS FROM THE GYM!

LIFE LESSON: KEEP YOUR HEAD UP AND YOUR STICK ON THE ICE

TRACK & FIELD

We held our 5th Annual Track Event on Tuesday, May 24th! We had a fantastic day at Yellowquill School.

Students at the School Track Meet had to place 1st and 2nd in their events to move on to compete at the "Cities". The final rain date is Friday, June 3rd at Yellowquill School. If it is cancelled, due to weather, there will be no rescheduled date.

We wish all Track & Field competitors Good Luck and Good Results!

GOLDEYES GAME IN WINNIPEG

On Wednesday, June 15th, 2011 all the students in Grade 5 - 8 will have the opportunity to go to a Goldeyes Game in Winnipeg.

This event is a designated "School Days" Ball game and is only attended by school age students and their supervisors.

More information and the cost of the trip will be sent home shortly.

YEAR END DANCE

"VIVA LAS VEGAS"

Student Council will be hosting EAMS' year-end dance, "Viva Las Vegas" on **Monday, June 27th** in our Gym, from **7:00 - 10:00 p.m.** Cost is \$5.00. Dress code is Semi-Formal. The Grade 5 students are welcome to attend from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Grade 8 students **only** will be allowed to invite one (non-PCI) guest. All guests must be pre-registered at the office by our Grade 8 students. Out-of-town guests must be cleared with our office.

Parents interested in chaperoning can leave their name and time available at the school office.

***Please be advised that the dress code will be in effect. This applies to guests as well. Dresses and shorts must be appropriate in length. (A good guide is that the length must be no shorter than just slightly above where your hands fall by your side). Very "short-shorts" will not be allowed. As well, undergarments should not be visible underneath girls' tops or dresses. Students will be asked to go home to change should they arrive in inappropriate attire OR they will be provided with appropriate clothing to wear..**

AWARDS CEREMONY

We would like to invite all parents to our Awards Day Ceremony on Wednesday, June 29th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym.

The Ceremony is held to recognize outstanding students for their accomplishments during the 2010 - 2011 school year.



CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE

We would like to congratulate the following five students from Ecole Arthur Meighen School who represented our school division this year at the Provincial Concours d'art Oratoire at the College Universitaire de Saint Boniface on May 7th, 2011

Congratulations goes to Aidan Perreault (Grade 5 French Immersion), Hayley Bedard (Grade 7 French Immersion), Morgan Van Deynze (Grade 7 Basic French), Marisa Green (Grade 7 Basic French), and Frederique Tessier (Grade 8 Basic French).

Congratulations to Frederique Tessier for her provincial 3rd place finish!

Well done everyone!

BAND / GUITAR CONCERT

The Grade 7 & 8 Band and Guitar classes will be displaying their talents at our year-end concert to be held on Thursday, June 9th in the EAMS Band Room from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We would also like to take this opportunity for the superb support we have received during all our fundraising activities this year.

Hope to see you all at the Concert!

EAMS DRESS CODE

Now that the warm summer weather is here we would like to remind everyone about the EAMS Dress Code: In general, students are requested to dress in such a manner that would indicate that they have pride in themselves and in their school.

- Sunglasses can not be worn in the school
- No halter tops, tube tops or spaghetti straps (straps must be two finger widths wide)
- No underwear showing: tops or bottoms
- Skirts or shorts must be mid-thigh or longer
- Midriff and back are to covered
- No muscle shirts
- No gang paraphernalia
- Footwear must be worn at all times
- No head coverings may be worn inside the school
- No chains, which could be used as weapons, are allowed
- No shirts with objectionable material, including promotional references to:

Drugs	alcohol	swear words	violence	gangs
degrading others or oneself		or any other unwholesome ideas		

EXEMPTIONS AND MODULES

During the school year students can earn exemptions from year-end modules. If a student has an average of 75 per cent in a subject **AND** they are displaying the proper attitude, behaviour, and cooperation in their classes, they earn their exemptions. If not, they are to be at school from June 20 - 23 inclusive to work on a study module. A **module** is a selection of the year's work that the student needs to review in order to strengthen or reinforce skills required for the next grade.

The teachers will prepare modules in each core subject - ELA (English Language Arts), Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The French Immersion classes will also have a module in Francais, but their Sciences Humaines and Sciences de la Nature, will be shortened to compensate for the extra subject.

FLOOD RELIEF

Last month, Student Council donated \$200 towards food for those volunteers helping sandbag during the flood. Thank you to all EAMS staff and students who helped prepare over 500 meals during this time and for their food and monetary donations, too.

Special thanks to the following businesses for their financial contributions and help to make this possible: Sobeyes, Shoppers Drug Mart, Portage Co-Op, and Portage Supermarket and to the following High Schools who donated their entry fee from a PCI Track Meet that was cancelled - Lord Selkirk, Warren Collegiate, PCI, Sissler High School, Garden Valley Collegiate, St. Jean Baptiste, Stonewall Collegiate, John Taylor, Sanford Collegiate, and Steinbach Christian. To our pleasant surprise we also had many community members and businesses drop off food at our Home Ec. Lab for distribution - thank you so much!! The meals were very much appreciated.

JUNIOR LIFE SKILLS

Our JLS class made and delivered 32 bag lunches to the RM of Portage la Prairie to aid in flood relief. **GOOD JOB!**

GRADE 8 BAKE SALE

The Grade 8 students held a Bake Sale on Friday, May 20th. They raised a fantastic amount of \$408.70 and this money will be used to subsidize their swimming trip to the PCU Centre on June 28th.

SNACK PROGRAM

Thank you to Laurie Collier, Delnora Rice, Maureen Young, and Carole Lupkowski for our monthly snack in May. We all enjoyed our bagels and cream cheese snack!

NOON HOURS

Since April 4th, **ALL** students have been outside at lunch recess (12:10 - 12:48 p.m.) unless indoor recess is called due to inclement weather. That means that the Computer Lab and the Power Mech are no longer open at this time.

Intramurals continue to run as well as Mr. Buchanan's "Games Room" every Tuesday and Thursday.

As the weather gets nicer, it is tempting for students to leave the school grounds at lunch time.

THIS IS NOT PERMITTED.

If your child's lunch time arrangements have changed since the beginning of the year, please call the school to let us know what the new arrangements are.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are enroute! Thank you to all students and families who purchased one. A few extra copies may be available at the time they are distributed and will cost \$15.00.

FUNDRAISING FOR HEALTH!

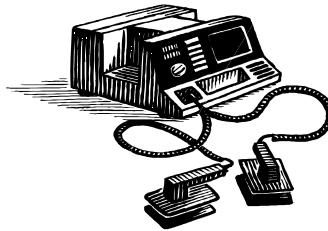
Mr. Rosset`s Grade 7 & 8 French Immersion class has been holding a fundraising raffle to buy an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for EAMS and, to date, have raised \$890.00. This device helps to restart the hearts rhythm in times of cardiac distress.

A big **THANK YOU** to Canadian Tire for donating the Barbeque for the raffle.

The Grade 7 & 8 class also wrote letters to various businesses in the Portage la Prairie area and would like to thank the following business for their generous donations:

Allied Wings, Le Olde Chip Truck, Simplot, McCain Foods

The fundraising effort continues as we hope to buy this life-saving device for our school and community. The students ultimate goal is to have an AED in every school in Portage la Prairie.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Youth "summer heat" basketball camp will be held August 8 - 12, 2011 in Portage la Prairie. Morning session for ages 5 to 9 Afternoon session for ages 10 to 14.. For more information please contact Angus MacInnis at (204) 857-6276 or email at macinnis@mts.net



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THE COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is returning to Portage la Prairie this summer! All are invited to join us in the Adventure of PanaMania: Where God is Wild about You. You will enjoy wild games, incredible music, and amazing crafts, as well as some lip smacking snacks, wild bible adventures, and making new friends, all while exploring the Mighty Love of God.

PandaMania will take place the week of **August 8 - 12, 2011**. Children aged 4 & 5 will be hosted at Redeemer Lutheran Church (857-5797) from 6:30 - 8:30 pm each night. Portage Evangelical Church (857-4146) will host kids in Grades 1 - 6 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. The event is free.

PORTAGE & DISTRICT ARTS CENTRE SUMMER ART CAMPS are open for all children ages 7 - 13! They are offering two camp weeks. Come to one or come to both! Focus is on fun and creativity in a variety of art experiences. Children can create their own class schedule. All classes will be held at the Portage & District Arts Centre. Children can be dropped between 8:45—9:00 am and picked up at 4:00 pm. Bring a bag lunch and something quiet to do at lunchtime, as they are going to be very busy for the rest of the day!

Register early and Save! Before June 18 Members \$150 Non Members \$165
After June 18 Members \$160 Non Members \$175

WEEK ONE: PDAC Art Camp July 18– 22. This week long camp focuses on the visual arts and offers stimulating classes such as Pottery & Fibre Arts, Drawing & Painting, Drama and so much more. Children are encouraged to be creative and to use their imagination while having a great time.

WEEK TWO: PhAT Camp August 8 - 12. This week long camp will offer exciting unique programs in dance, theatre, martial arts, fitness and leadership. While standard offerings include classes in Breakdance, Martial Arts, Film-making, Music Video and so much more...the camp will also offer unique programs such as Ninja Skool, STUNT Kinetix, and / or Movie Previews. Classes are subject to change. This year's camp theme is COVERT O.P.S. In short Official PhAT Spykidz! We hope to challenge campers to be...creatively clever.

View our website: www.portageartscentre.ca for more information. Come to the Portage & District Arts Centre Gift Shop to register or phone 239-6029.

YOUTH "SUMMER HEAT" BASKETBALL CAMP will be held August 8 - 12, 2011 in Portage la Prairie. Morning session for ages 5 to 9 Afternoon session for ages 10 to 14. For more information please contact Angus MacInnis at (204) 857-6276 or email at macinnis@mts.net