

# NOVEMBER 2009



## STUDENT - LED CONFERENCES

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### CALENDAR 2009

Nov. 10 (Tues) - CPF Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Home Ec. Lab at EAMS

Nov. 11 (Wed) - Remembrance Day **SCHOOLS CLOSED**

Nov 12 (Thurs) - Student-Led Conferences 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Nov 13 (Fri) - Student-Led Conferences 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 17 (Tues) -EAMS Home & School Assoc. Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library

Dec. 18 (Fri) -Last Day of Term

Dec 21 - Jan. 1 - CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHOOLS CLOSED

### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Home & School Association will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the EAMS Library. We will be planning the EAMS Pancake Breakfast which will be held on December 18th. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

### STUDENTS WHO ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

In view of the upcoming 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.

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We will be holding our Student-Led Conferences on: **Thursday, November 12th** from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. and on **Friday, November 13th** from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Letters indicating conference times will be sent home at the beginning of November.

Please note that **STUDENTS MUST ATTEND** these conferences as they will be responsible for presenting their work portfolio to you.

### CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) NEWS

Our local CPF has been busy planning the first event of the year. There will be a "Games Evening" en francais for students in French Immersion and

Basic French in for students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 on **November 19th** at Ecole Crescentview School from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

All parents are welcome to attend our next meeting on **November 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Ec. Lab at EAMS.**

### POPCORN SALES

The Junior Life Skills class will be selling Popcorn at the morning recess on Fridays commencing November 6th. Any left over bags will be sold at the afternoon recess.

The cost is .50 cents a bag .

### 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.

## NOVEMBER SWIMMING DATES:



Group #1 swims on: November 5th and 19ndth  
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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: November 12th and 26th  
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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!

We are just completing our Fitness Unit and classes are about to start on a Volleyball Unit. Skills will be introduced as well as player positioning, and game activities.

### SWIMMING DONATIONS

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

All the Grade 5 & 6 classes have swam twice in October and are gearing up for their November swim time.

### HOUSE LEAGUES

All students at Ecole Arthur Meighen School have been assigned to a House. Each student has the opportunity to earn points for their House by participating in various activities throughout the year. Our 1st activity was wearing a Halloween costume on the afternoon of October 30th. Points are tallied at the end of each activity and scores will be posted outside the gym.

Our Houses are named after famous Canadians and are as follows:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Wayne Gretzky House      | Steve Nash House    |
| Jennifer Botterill House | Mike Weir House     |
| Terry Fox House          | Cindy Klassen House |
| Sandra Schmirler House   | Aaron Asham House   |

### VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Our extra-curricular teams are in the second half of their season after competing in a Division-Wide tournament on October 17th. All players are improving and having fun.

### SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

The canteen, through the school orders and sells milk over the lunch hour. Students purchasing either white or chocolate milk are given a scratch ticket to try to win a milk prize.

The students with a winning ticket must answer a Mathematical question and turn the ticket in to Miss Smith to claim their prize. Some prizes that are available to win are notebooks, erasers, mechanical pencils, and lunch bags.

Manitoba Milk Producers sponsor this program and our School was selected once again to be one of the participating schools.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR MILK DRINKERS!**

### BAND NEWS

**FUNDRAISING:** We have begun our first Fundraising Campaign for the year. All of the music classes at E.A.M.S. are helping to raise money to bring a Japanese Drumming Group to our school. From November 23rd to December 4th, **Fubuki Daiko** will be teaching us the art of taiko drumming in our Phys-Ed. Classes. This highly physical and disciplined art draws on Physical Education, Music, Theatre, and Dance. This is a highly reputable group and we are very excited to be hosting them. Thanks for all of your support in making this possible.

**FEES:** Just a reminder that Band Fees of \$120.00 and Guitar Fees of \$60.00 are due. Special arrangements for payment can be made with Mr. Goertzen.

**JINGLE BELL BREAKFAST:** A group of Grade 8 students will be participating in the Jingle Bell Breakfast on Friday, December 4th at the William Glesby Centre. Stay tuned for specific times.

**CONCERT SEASON:** Please stay tuned for information on our upcoming concert season.

# THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

## EXPLORE THE "GALAXY OF BOOKS"



NOVEMBER 12TH 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
 &  
 NOVEMBER 13TH 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Do your *Christmas* shopping early - books make great gifts for students and teachers!

Enter to win a **Door Prize**, and enter our "Guess How Many STARS In The Jar" contest.

### ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Makes an impact again this year

Mrs. Diboll's Grade 5 class will once again be participating in a program called Roots of Empathy (ROE). This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, baby William and his parent(s) will visit the classroom. Mrs. Chappellaz, a trained ROE instructor, will gather the children in the classroom around a green blanket and together they watch the baby grow.

The children predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the 'developmental milestones' of the first year. "He can roll over!" "He can sit up!" "He can crawl!"

Mrs. Chappellaz also coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling: "Is the baby happy or sad?" "How can you tell?" An we use this discussion as a lever for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel: "Do you smile when you're happy?" "How can you tell if your friend is happy?" Being able to understand how other people are feeling is called **empathy**. Mrs. Chappellaz also visits the classroom before and after each Family Visit to prepare and reinforce teachings using a specialized lesson plan for each visit.

For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children have learned to respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy. We are excited to be offering this program in our school as well.

### TEMPORARY STAFF CHANGE

Mrs. Chappellaz, our Guidance Counsellor is taking a Leave of Absence from now until the end of December as she is undergoing some surgery.

In her place we would like to welcome back Ms. Liz Sherritt.

Many of our students know Ms. Sherritt from when she was a teacher in our school until she retired in June 2008.

The staff and students would like to wish Mrs. Chappellaz good luck with her surgery and Ms. Sherritt good luck in her new duties.

### CALENDAR 2010

- Jan. 4 ((Mon) - First Day of Term 2.
- Feb. 1 - 5 Kindergarten Registration
- Feb. 11 (Thurs) - Student-Led Conferences 5:30 - 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**
- 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

### EAMS CURLERS

The Grade 6 - 8 curling season begins in early November and will continue until the end of March. All curlers will have 10 games this 2009 - 2010 season.

All games will take place at the Portage Curling Club from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., either Mondays or Tuesdays.



**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Student Council is up and running! Congratulations to the following students who were selected to be a Room Rep: *Kailee Fraser (5Di), Tyrell L'Heureux (5Gu), Cara Tully (5Ke), Grady Eilers (5S6), Morgan Van Deynze/Kaley Simpson (6Co), Cindy Jack (6Cr), Paige Kernot/Chase Vivier (6T7), Seth Scarrett (7DV), Serena Munro (7Me), Brendan Doan (7Lu), Shaelyn Miller/Tanner Lafreniere (8Hi), Kristi Perrin/Shania Jack (8KI), Marshall Roberts/Brianna Boyse (8Ro), Alanah Levandosky/Jacob Sareault (8To)*

Gr. 8 Room Reps will form this year's "Leadership Team". A meeting was held with this group on Thursday, Oct.29 at 12:10.

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

On Friday, October 9 at lunch, EAMS staff and students enjoyed our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Lunch, held in our gym. A big thank you to staff members **Sue Legault** and **Dayna Mekkes**, for organizing the lunch. Many thanks to all staff and students who helped prepare for this feast!

Of course, it would not have been possible without the support of so many local people and businesses. We would like to give special thanks to **Northport Potatoes, Good Hope Colony, Sommerfeld Colony, Tim Horton's, Jeffries Vegetable Farms, Idzerd and Dori Boersma, Keith Tidsbury, Jerrod Connery and Connery Vegetable Farms, Portage Co-op, and McCain's.**

**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 hometime on the first offense. 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 video-taping classroom activity of students 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. RCMP may also be involved. Please note that this applies to all school functions (field trips, dances etc...).

**DRAMA**

The EAMS Drama committee is pleased to announce auditions for its first production, the musical "Oz", which will be taking place next Wed., Thurs., and Fri. at lunch and after school. There will be sign-up sheets in the office for any students interested in trying out. Rehearsals will be ongoing until the first week of March, when the production will take place.

**PORTAGE PONY CLUB**

The Portage Pony Club is seeking new members from ages 6 to 16 who are interested in learning about horses and meeting new friends.

Meetings in stable management are held approximately once a month where participants learn about caring for a horse, the parts of a horse, and necessary English riding equipment. Owning a horse is not necessary in order to take part in stable management, rallies, or quiz day, but availability of a horse would be required to take part in riding lessons or pony camp.

Please contact any of the following members for more information:

- Rhonda Hannah: 239-1272
- Leslie Wishart: 857-3311
- Monique Rutbeek: 274-2146
- Maureen Britton: 857-5199

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### KOATS FOR KIDS

#### LET'S NOT LEAVE OUR KIDS OUT IN THE COLD THIS WINTER!

United Way Koats for Kids is looking for gently used and new winter coats and ski pants. Coats will be cleaned (no repairs) and distributed to those children in need. Coats were dropped off from October 5th - 30th at Tupper St. Family Resource Centre or at the Fire Hall on 3rd St. N.W. Distribution of coats etc. will take place at Trinity United Church Hall, 15 Tupper Street S. on Wednesday November 4, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm; Saturday November 14 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and Wednesday November 18 & 25 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm.

For more information, please call Dawn at 857-4397 or Lynn at 857-9011.

**CANADIAN RED CROSS** will be holding a Babysitter's Course for students between the age of 11 - 16 years of age and can start babysitting at the age of 12 years. The next class will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on November 7 and 21, 2009. The course will be held at Red River College Portage Campus, 180 Centenaire Drive, Southport. The cost of the course and text book is \$55.00 per student. For more information, or to register, contact the Portage Campus at: 428-6322. **Registration Deadline is November 4, 2009.**

**CURLING:** Little Rockers (Grades 1, 2, 3) and Bantams (Grades 4, 5) will run on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. There will be 5 sessions before Christmas and 5 sessions after Christmas. Each session costs \$20.00 and kids can come to both but will have to pay \$40.00. Registration will be on November 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the rink. Kids only need to bring clean shoes to participate, sliders and brooms will be provided.

## SCHOOL POLICY OF THE MONTH

### PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Dress and grooming are important to the Student Body at any school. We ask that the students use common sense in their personal appearance and not wear clothing that can be hazardous in learning situations such as labs, shops, or gym. Students must wear shoes at all times. If situations arise where teachers and administration make a judgement that any apparel is offensive and/or inappropriate, students and/or parents will be notified and asked to correct the problem.

**Students will not be allowed to wear jackets in class and are not allowed to wear hats in school.**

As well, students are requested to have two pair of shoes: one pair for wearing in the school gym. and a second pair for class and outdoor wear.



Heavy chains on wallets or worn as jewellery are not allowed. Students will be asked to remove them and keep them in the office until dismissal.

### EAMS DRESS CODE CLARIFICATION

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 cannot be worn in the school

-No halter-tops, tube tops or spaghetti straps

- No underwear showing: tops or bottoms
- Skirts or shorts must be mid-high or longer
- Midriff and back are to be 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, oneself, or any other unwholesome ideas.