

# NOVEMBER 2011



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**CALENDAR 2011**

- Nov. 2 (Wed) - Take your kid to work day (Grade 9 only)
- Nov. 8 (Tues) - CPF Meeting 7:00 p. m.
- Nov. 9 (Wed) - Home and School Meeting 7:00
- Nov. 11 (Fri) - Remembrance Day **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 17 (Thurs) - Student-Led Conference, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18 (Fri) - Student-Led Conference. 10:00 a.m.- 1:00p.m. **NO SCHOOL**
- Dec. 22 (Thurs) - Pancake Breakfast
- Dec. 22 (Thurs) - Last Day of Term 1.

**DEC. 23 - JAN. 8**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK  
SCHOOLS CLOSED**



**STUDENT - LED CONFERENCES**

*Our Student - Led Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 17th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Friday, November 18 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.*

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Telephone Book Delivery:  
We were just too organized!!! Unfortunately we have just been notified that another organization will be doing the telephone book delivery this year and we have therefore lost our fundraiser. Thank you to those who were going to volunteer their time.

Volunteer Form:  
A BIG THANK YOU to the students who returned the completed volunteer form. The winners for the draw were as follows:

- Book Gift Certificate: Stephanie Verhoeven
- Movie Pass: Anita Miles
- Yearbook: Jeanne and Rich Zwiep

Next Meeting  
The next meeting of the Home and School Association is 7:00 p.m., **Wednesday, November 9th** in the library. This meeting is to plan the Pancake Breakfast with Santa. All parents are welcome to attend.

**STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**

We will be holding our Student -Led Conferences on:  
**Thursday, November 17th** from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. and  
**Friday, November 18th** from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Letters indicating conference times will be sent home shortly.  
Please note that **STUDENTS MUST ATTEND** these conferences as they will be responsible for presenting their work portfolio to you.

**FCC FOOD DRIVE**

EAMS raised 1153 lbs of food to drive away hunger in our community! EAMS raised the most donations out of all the schools in Portage. Thank you to all the students and staff that participated in this campaign!!

**Way to go EAMS!!**

**CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH**

**Mark your calendars.** November 8<sup>th</sup> is the CPF annual general meeting. Please join us at 7:00pm in the library at Ecole Arthur Meighen School. Two representatives from CPF-MB (Winnipeg) will be presenting information regarding resources available for Parents to aid in the French education of their children

**NOVEMBER SWIMMING DATES:**



Group #1 and #2 swim on: **November 17th**  
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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: **November 24th**  
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- Departing at 9:10**
- 6 - Collett
  - 6 - Tessier
  - JLS - Mrs. Fraser

**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 swam once in October and are gearing up for their November swim time.

**VOLLEYBALL NEWS**

Our extra-curricular teams are in the midst of their season after competing in a Division-Wide tournament on October 15th. All players are improving and having fun.

Our teams were quite successful in both the tournament and the league play.

**CANTEEN**

Chili and a bun will be available from the canteen starting Thursday, November 3rd. Also, popcorn will go on sale starting Friday, November 4th at \$.50 a bag.

**HOUSE LEAGUES**

All students at École 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 Halloween games in the Gym on Friday, October 28th and our 2nd activity was wearing a costume on Monday, October 31st. 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:

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

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council is pleased to announced their **Room Reps** for 2011-2012 - Congratulations!

**5Di** - Katrina Anderson, Joey Moffatt

**5GL** - Hannah Bedard, Simone Crevier

**5Ke** - Owen Gillespie, Brayden Schaan

**6Co** - Cassie Emberly

**6Cr** - Sara Lambert, Amber Buhler

**6Te** - Tee-Tee Appah, Jasper Caners

**7Da** - Cara Tully, Kyla Smith

**7Si** - Sarah Thomson

**7Lu** - Bruna Maciel, McKenna Pizzey

**7R8** - Allie Nadeau, Haley Bedard

**8Gr** - Kaeley Simpson

**8To** - Cara Galarneau, Britta Anderson

**8KI** - Brittney Campbell, Morgan Van Deynze, Cindy Jack

A huge THANK YOU to all students and parents involved in our Dominos Pizza fundraiser. Your support will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals for Student Council this year. Student Council still has coupons available for purchase.

**GYM NEWS**

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.

**SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM**

Students purchasing either white or chocolate milk are given a scratch ticket to try to win a milk prize during certain weeks of the year.

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 memoboards, lanyards, rulers and subject dividers.

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

**BAND NEWS**

**FUNDRAISING:** Thanks to all who supported our catalogue fundraising campaign. It was a great success. We will be selling Poinsettias in November / December and boxes of fruit again this winter.

**FEES:** Just a reminder that Band Instrument Fees of \$120.00 and Guitar Fees of \$40.00 are due. Please contact Mr. Goertzen if you would like to make alternate arrangements for payment.

**JINGLE BELL BREAKFAST:** A group of students will be participating in this year's Jingle Bell Breakfast on December 2nd at the William Glesby Centre. Stay tuned for specific times.

**CONCERT SEASON:** Our annual Winter Concert is being held in the Band Room this year! Grade 5 and 6 will be performing on Tuesday, December 13th. Grade 7 and 8 will perform on Wednesday, December 14th. Stay tuned for more information to come.

*The Scholastic*  
**“To The Book Fair And Beyond!”**



NOVEMBER 17th 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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NOVEMBER 18th 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 also

“Guess how many robots are in the Jar!”

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The winners of the “Thanksgiving Word Scramble” draw were:

Joey Moffat (5Di), Olivia Lovett (5GL) and Marie Myran (6Cr).

They each received a book and poster.

The Scholastic “To The Book Fair And Beyond” will be held in the Library on November 17th and 18th. If you have any toy robots, spaceships, aliens, or anything else futuristic that you can lend to the Library for display during the week of the Book Fair, that would be appreciated. Please make sure your name is on the items so we can return them after the Book Fair.

**CANSPELL**

What do mycetophagous, lidar, and heresimach have in common? They are all winning words for the national champions of the Canspell National Spelling Bee! Our school has once again enrolled in the Canspell program. This is a fun program to sharpen language and spelling skills. Those that have signed up will meet every Tuesday during the lunch hour to participate in word activities, games and spelling bees to prepare for the school bee/test in January. Our winner will then have the opportunity to pass the Canspell test and move on to the regional spelling bee where the top speller wins a \$5,000 cash award and then advances to the national level.

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

On Friday, October 7th at lunch, EAMS staff and students enjoyed our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Lunch, held in our gym. A big thank you to staff member

**Karen Erickson**, 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 Jerrod Connery and Connery Vegetable Farms, Idzerd and Dori Boersma, Keith Tidsbury, , Portage Co-op, McCain's, Mel Giffin and Mayfair Farms, Walmart, Herbie Hofer and Elm River Colony. Peak of the Market also sup-

**STUDENT TEACHERS**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Student Teachers who will be spending time in the following classes:

Amanda Wall - Grade 5 Mrs. Diboll

Jocelyn Harder - Grade 5 Mrs. Kelly

Jenna Henuset - Grade 6 Mrs. Collett

Becky Rudd - Grade 8 Mrs. Klassen

Kelly Richardson - Phys. Ed.

**BAKE SALE**

The grade fives held a very successful Halloween bake sale on Friday, October 28. The baking was absolutely wonderful and tempted everyone who entered the room. They raised \$409.40! This money will be used for their December 8 field trip to the Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg. The grade five classes thank all those who bought baking and as well, a big thank you to the families who helped provide the delicious treats.

**2012**

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

Jan. 30-Feb. 3 Kindergarten Registration

Feb. 20 (Mon) - Louis Riel Day

**SCHOOLS CLOSED**

Feb. 24(Fri) - Division P.D.

**NO SCHOOL**

March 1— Student Led

Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm

March 2— Student Led Conferences 10:00 am-1:00pm

**NO SCHOOL**

**March. 26 - 3**

**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**

**INTRAMURALS**

Day 1 Grade 5

Day 2 No Intramurals

Day 3 Grade 6

Day 4 No Intramurals

Day 5 Grade 7

Day 6 Grade 8

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### **STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP TRAINING**

This year the Student Support Group is going for training on November 2 and 3. For the first time we will be doing our training at Winkler Bible Camp. The Grade 5 & 6 students will return home after one day of training and the 7 & 8 students will stay the night and have two days training.

The training always includes team building activities and large component dedicated to effective communication skills. The group also determines what they can do to ensure that all students in our school feel valued and included as a valued member of our school. The first project that the group will work on is year will be Addiction Awareness Week.

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### **ADDICTION AWARENESS WEEK**

This year EAMS will be celebrating Addiction Awareness Week during the week of November 14-17. There will be a number of activities for the students to look forward to. If all works out as planned the Grade 5 classes will have a presentation illustrating the dangers of smoking. The Grade 6 classes will have a presentation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder given by Angela Roulette. The Grade 7 & 8 classes will be attending a presentation given by Cara Filler who will speak of her personal tragedy of losing her identical twin sister in a car crash. Her inspiring presentation will focus on dealing with road safety, peer pressure, avoiding negative risks such as drugs and alcohol and being You-nique.

During the week there will be a daily question for the homerooms to answer and tallies will be kept as to which class has the highest percentage of correct answers. The winning class will be presented with donuts celebrating its accomplishments.

One or two noon hours will be set aside to play a game that will involve facts related to drugs and alcohol.

We will also have an initiative to raise money for MADD, and the hallways will contain posters that give information on various drug facts.

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### **CHANCE 2 GROW**

“Chance 2 Grow” is a fund that pays registration fees and helps with equipment and supplies for a myriad of educational and recreational opportunities for children in need of financial support. The following activities are eligible for funding:

Music lessons, instruments

Music, Art or Dance Day Camps

Art Classes and supplies

Hockey

Girl Guides, Boy Scouts

Swimming lessons

Soccer

Gymnastics

Baseball

Ringette

Theatre Classes

Martial Arts

Dance classes

\*other activities will be considered upon application. All activities must be associated with an accredited instructor group or organization.

For more information you can call 857-8751 or toll free 1-888-339-3576 and you could also check out [www.cfscmfoundation.com](http://www.cfscmfoundation.com). Mrs. Chappellaz could also provide you with an application.

**CURLING**

A SHOUT OUT TO ALL EAMS **CURLERS!**

**THE ROARING GAME IS BACK FOR ANOTHER SEASON!!**

This year's curling season will kick-off with a pair of curling clinics (free of charge and all are welcome) on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at the Portage Curling Club located at the Cannad Inns on the west end. The Portage Junior Curling League is open to all grade 6 – 8 students.

Curlers will curl either Monday or Tuesday after school at the Portage Curling Club beginning at 4:00 p.m.. Students are responsible for arranging their own rides to and from the Curling Club. Games end at approximately 5:30 p.m..

Curlers will play 10 regular season games for the cost of \$40.00 each based on a 4 person team. Teams finishing at the top of their respective pools will compete in year end play-offs to determine the title of league champions.

We are now accepting team sign-ups as well as individual curlers. If your child is not sure that (s)he would like to curl, the curling clinic(s) might be an ideal chance for them to find out if the "Roaring Game" is for them. We will however need to know by Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> if they are going to play this season.

The season lasts from November through March, and students who sign up must commit themselves to the full season.

As far as equipment is concerned, curlers need curling shoes (or clean indoor gym shoes),

loose stretchy pants (NO JEANS), a curling broom (available for use free at the club), and a slider (also available for use free at the club).

Any parents willing and able to help out with the curling clinic(s) and/or coaching assistance on Monday and Tuesdays are welcome to join in.

Please feel free to contact either Mrs. Collett or Mr. Lucko at the school (847-3405) if you have any questions, or if you would like to help out in any way.



**HURRY!!!**

**HURRY HARD!!!!**

**SNACK**

Thank you to Jamor Farms Ltd. and Connery's Riverdale Farms Ltd. for the generous donation of carrots and broccoli for our monthly school snack. Thank you also to Gwynne Henry, Lori Mackedenski, Delnora Rice, and Carole Lupkowski for the snack preparation.

**BUS / PUBLIC SAFETY**

It has been reported to the school by the RCMP that in several instances objects have been thrown out of school bus windows while the bus was moving.

This is a very serious situation and we have asked by the RCMP to request that parents talk to their children about the severity of these actions. If a student is caught throwing an article out of a school bus window, charges of Mischief, under Section 430 (4) of the Criminal Code could apply. Aside from serious Criminal charges that could be considered, the safety of others could be compromised during such an action.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**YEARBOOK**

A committee will be formed shortly and we will soon be choosing our cover. Once again, we are pleased to be able to offer a COLORED yearbook this year. Students and parents will be able to order online shortly or in person at our office. Details and more information to follow. Students/parents will also have an opportunity to purchase a yearbook at our Student-Led Conferences Nov. 17 & 18. Those who pre-order and purchase one at that time will be eligible to win theirs for free!

**VOLUNTEERS**

EAMS staff and students are always happy to have parent volunteers in the classroom. If this is something you are able to do regularly, or even once in a while, please fill out a Volunteer Form from the office in advance of your visit. These must be filled out before you volunteer in the classroom.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**PORTAGE PLAINS UNITED WAY** is holding a Spaghetti Lunch, sponsored by the MGEAU, on Wednesday, November 2nd, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. This event will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion. Tickets are \$8.00 and Take-Out orders are available. Call PPUW office 857-4440 or MGEU Portage office 7-866-982-6438 for advance orders and tickets.

**KOATS FOR KIDS DISTRIBUTION** Gently used coats can be picked up at Trinity United Church Annex on the following dates: Thursdays in November from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday November 19th 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m..

**HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS** The 7th annual Homes for the Holidays tour takes place on Saturday November 5th with all proceeds going toward Habitat for Humanity projects in Portage la Prairie. There are two tour times from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. or from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at Canadian Tire, Interiors on Broadway, Mil-Jeanne Flowers and Solomon's Home Garden and Gift.

**P.A.W.S. ADOPTATHON & PHOTOS WITH SANTA** Come meet the adoptable dogs and puppies that are available for adoption at the Herman Prior Center on Saturday November 26 at 10:00. Santa will be there from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to have photos taken with your pet or child. All proceeds go to P.A.W.S. Inc.

**CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** at the Portage Alliance Church Tuesday, November 29th 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 1-888-236-6283 to book an appointment.

**SCHOOL POLICY OF THE MONTH**

**BUS LOADING AND  
UNLOADING EVACUA-  
TIONS**

- a) This will be done on the North Side of the school only. (Bus loop)
- b) Supervisors will be present both in the morning and at dismissal.
- c) There is to be neither fooling around nor "horseplay" at these times. Students are not to be playing in the field or on play structures between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m., as there is no playground supervision (Supervision is for bus unloading only). Any students who are **NOT** bus students are asked not to wait with bus students at 3:30 p.m. due to congestion and supervision issues.
- d) Loading and unloading must be done in a prompt and orderly fashion. **Please impress upon your child to catch the bus immediately**

**after dismissal.** With the "shuttle" system now being used, the bus driver cannot wait more than 2 minutes at pick-up time.

- e) Give all drivers your complete co-operation at all times.
- f) Parents will be contacted by the Principal or Vice Principal if any student is causing a problem. If the problem continues, the student may lose the privilege of riding the bus.
- g) Bus evacuation drills are held once a year for all students.
- h) Students not taking a bus are expected to leave school grounds in a timely manner.

**ILLNESS**

When a student is ill and cannot attend school, we request that the parent/guardian send a note to school explaining the absence when the student returns to school. If a student develops

an illness during school hours, the student or someone from school will phone home and report the situation. At that time a decision on the course of action will be made - either to send the child home, arrange for pick-up or make other arrangements.

**NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters are published on a monthly basis and are either sent home with the student or emailed to the parent. It can also be found on the school website:

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

