



OCTOBER 2009

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH
FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF
OCTOBER 9TH AT 11:30 A.M.**

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CALENDAR 2009

- Oct 2 (Fri) - Division P.D.
NO SCHOOL
- Oct 12 (Mon) - Thanksgiving
SCHOOLS CLOSED
- Oct 23 (Fri) - S.A.G. Inservice Day
NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 11 (Wed) - Remembrance Day
SCHOOLS CLOSED
- Nov 12 (Thurs) - Student-Led Conferences 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 13 (Fri) - Student-Led Conferences 10:00- 1:00 p.m.
- 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.

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Our school will again be hosting a Thanksgiving lunch for all students and staff on October 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the gym. This event will be free of charge. Thank you to our School, Student Council, and the many donations from various businesses for providing some of the funds necessary to make this happen.

NUTRITION POLICY

As required by the Provincial Government, our School has developed a Nutrition Policy that will serve as our guide to support students in establishing healthy eating habits. We are again including a Nutrition Flyer published by the Regional Health Authority, Central Manitoba. This flyer aims to support parents in their efforts to make "healthy choices" the "easy choices" for their children and will again be a regular feature in our Newsletters.

STUDENTS WHO ARE ABSENT

In view of upcoming flu season, we ask that parents or guardians please notify the school if your child(ren) are going to absent from school for any reason, but, in particular, if they are sick.

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.

SWIMMING

As part of the Physical Education program, all classes in Grades 5 and 6 will be swimming at the Southport Aquaplex on approximately 14 different dates. Swimming takes place on Thursday mornings. The students are transported by school bus to and from the pool and will be supervised by teaching staff, Educational Assistants, and qualified lifeguards. A permission letter and schedule was sent home recently.

OCTOBER SWIMMING DATES:



Group #1 swims on: October 8th and 22nd
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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: October 15th and 29th
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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!

Phys. Ed. Classes have completed a Safety Unit, a Low-Organized Games Unit, and are in the midst of their Fitness Unit.

Our **swimming program** begins on October 8th with all Grades 5 & 6 classes participating. The swimming program is a part of the Physical Education Program and students are expected to participate.

Please keep the swimming schedule so you know when your child/ren swim(s).

Our **Cross Country** season is half over. We have started impressively. After our first Meet, the Grade 5/6 Boys' Team, the Grade 5/6 Girls' Team, and the Grade 7/8 Boys' Team are in first place, while our Grade 7/8 Girls' Team I a close second place by only 1 point.

All of our runners are improving every week.

Thank you to Mrs. Mills, Mr. Crevier, and Mr. Rosset for coaching a great group of students.

Volleyball season is just underway. The league starts in early October until mid November. We have 2 Girls teams, one coached by Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Shackleton of PCI, and the other team by Mr. Rosset and Miss Price.

The 2 Boys teams are coached by Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Boychuk, and by Mr. Dewis, Mr. Verwey and Mrs. Blight.

We are looking forward to a season of improving our skills and our understanding of the offensive and defensive aspects of the game.

We are having FUN!

TERRY FOX FOUNDATION COINS FOR CANCER

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the students and staff who donated towards our **COINS FOR CANCER** drive for the Terry Fox Foundation.

We raised an outstanding amount of **\$1065.47.**

WAY TO GO, ARTHUR MEIGHEN SCHOOL!!!

HOUSE LEAGUES

House Leagues are up and running again! For those students and staff who are new to the school, House League is a year-long tournament in which students and staff are divided into 8 Houses:

Aaron Asham House

Jennifer Botterill House

Wayne Gretzky House

Terry Fox House

Cindy Klassen House

Steve Nash House

Sandra Schmirler House

Mike Wear House

Students remain in the same House League until they leave us after Grade 8.

Throughout the year, students participate in dress-up days and whole-school, team-building activities.

The first dress-up day will be for Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Students dress in costume and earn points for their House.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

What is Student Council?

Student Council is for Gr.5-8 students. It is...

- ◇ *a way to get involved in the life of the school*
- ◇ *belonging to a group of people who want to contribute to our school in a positive way*
- ◇ *for students who have new and interesting ideas for our school and its community*
- ◇ *for leaders and volunteers*
- ◇ *a good way to meet others*
- ◇ *a way of developing life-long skills*
- ◇ *a lot of fun!*

What do we do?

- ◇ *We meet one or two times a month*
- ◇ *We discuss ideas and plan events for our school*
- ◇ *We run school dances, organize fun activities throughout the year, fund-raise, and donate our time or give financial support to various good causes, charities and organizations*
- ◇ *We sponsor a child from Ecuador and write letters to him*
- ◇ *We help out with House League activities, Assemblies, I Love to Read Week, and Yearbook if needed*

How can I get involved?

There are two ways you can get involved this year:

- ◇ You could be a **Room Rep**. This means you would attend Student Council meetings on behalf of your homeroom. You would have a chance to voice your opinions, give input and ideas to various issues, ideas and events, and take information back to your homeroom as needed. You would encourage others in your class to get involved on various committees. You may also be called upon to speak at school assemblies and/or events. If you are in Gr.8 and are a Room Rep. you are automatically part of the **Leadership Team** (like a "Co-Chair"). You would be responsible for running the Student Council meetings, organizing and being in charge of various committees, finding volunteers, "MC"ing assemblies and events, and attending school functions. You would need to be a good role model and a good ambassador for our school wherever you go and help to lead our school into doing good things for its students and our community. Being part of the Leadership Team means being a positive and reliable student, showing leadership skills, and having a genuine interest in making our school be the best it could be.
- ◇ You could be a **Committee Member**. If you would like to contribute your time, talent, and efforts to our school, but don't want the responsibility of attending meetings on a regular basis or don't want to do any public speaking, you might consider helping out with one or more of the committees Student Council has to offer. Your help as a Committee Member is invaluable. Some examples of committees that would need members are: School Dances, our Sponsored Child, Spirit Week, and any Fundraising activities that we choose to do, just to name a few. You may also have a chance to help out with I Love to Read Week, House Leagues, or Yearbook.

If you are in Gr.5-8 and this sounds like something you might be interested in being part of this year, please join us for an **information meeting** on **Thursday, October 8 at 12:10 in Mrs. Collett's room**. We would love to see you there!

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

RCMP

Constable James Hubert is our RCMP rep this year. He will be available for talks on safety, bullying, etc., and his scheduled time here will be announced shortly.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

The next meeting of the CPF will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm, in the EAMS Library.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 October 17 and 24, 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 October 14, 2009.**

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 may be 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.

SCHOOL POLICY OF THE MONTH

CONDUCT POLICY: DISCIPLINE CYCLE

The following statements reflect the philosophy of Ecole Arthur Meighen School regarding student discipline at the Grade 5-8 level.

1. We believe that student discipline is a continuing process, the ultimate aim of which is the development of self-discipline on the part of the student within the school community and the community as a whole.
2. While it is the collective responsibility of all



staff members to discipline students in the building, the goal of student self-discipline is more attainable when there is ongoing communication and cooperation among parents, students and school.

3. Most discipline problems should be addressed by teachers on a daily basis in their classrooms through effective classroom management techniques.

4. Teachers shall exercise such discipline as would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent.

5. Teachers and staff members will also concern themselves with character development and will give input (praise, criticism, guidance, direction, discussion, broadening of perspective, etc.) as regularly as necessary in such areas as respect for others, respect for property, manners, honesty, thoughtfulness etc.