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### STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

The following students received awards for Academics, Athletics or Citizenship at our November 30<sup>th</sup> Assembly:

Gr. KPM: **Joel Lake**  
Gr. 1A: **Rachel Harder**  
Gr. 2C: **Arianna Harder**  
Gr. 2T: **Noah Dudgeon**  
Gr. 2/3W: **Cole Bernard**  
Gr. 3MP: **Terrance Sumner**  
Gr. 4O: **Canaan Moffat**  
Gr. 5B: **Akashkumar Patel**  
Gr. 6K: **Desmond Assiniboine**  
PLAC: **Jaylene Goulet-Copenace**  
ILAC: **Kaylee Durand**

Arts Education Certificates: **Dakota Stark, Arianna Harder, Sienna Sumner, Aleah Assiniboine, Maddy Campbell, Logan Elash, Sara St. Goddard, Terry Sumner, Rainbow Pratt, Kyle Yellowquill, Nigel Nelson, Calista Wiese, Shyla Beaulieu, Trinity Smoke.**

Home Reading Certificate: (50 books) **Jayden Assiniboine, Logan LaPratte, Evon Morhart, Thomas Zatina, Seth McLaughlin-Bachalo, RJ Spence, Chaz Rodgers, Dayson Campbell, Kahlie Buechler, Shaylynn Roulette, Noah Dudgeon, Aleah Assiniboine, Damon Wildfang, Rosalee Paul, Dominic McLaughlin, Cassidy Bullock, Maddy Campbell** (100 books) **Jada Minesse-Aymont, Aiden Roulette** (200 books) **Angelina Flamand** (350 books) **Mercedes Flamand**

Patrol of the Month: **Kaylee Durand, Aynsley Brown**

School Spirit Draw Winner: **Austin Page**

### NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Parent/Teacher Interviews were held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 4:30 – 6:30 and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 12:30. The winners of the door prize packages were:

Parent draw: **Cheyenne Massan**

Student draw: **Shay Lyall**

We had an 83% turn out of parents and caregivers at our Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thank you to all who took time out to visit with the teachers.

Our book fair winners: guess the correct number of nuts & bolts in the jar: **O'Neil Desjarlais** with the correct guess of 112.

Door prize: **Connor Assiniboine-Pashe** won \$25.00 worth of books for himself and for his grade 3 classroom.

We would like to thank the students, parents and staff who helped make our Book Fair a great success. With our sales we were able to purchase \$1022.00 worth of books for the library for our students to enjoy. Thank you again!

### REPORT CARDS

Kindergarten will receive their report cards on Friday, December 2. Please return the report card receipt and envelope.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our concert will be held on Friday, December 16 @ 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Parent Council will be selling popcorn and drinks prior to the start of the concert, as well as raffle tickets for 2 food hampers, 50/50 draw and for a pointsetta. The draws will be made at the conclusion of the concert, **and you must be present to win.**

We will have our shopping cart inside the office for non-perishable food items beginning December 1. Your child will earn a green spirit draw ticket for their donation!

### TURKEY DINNER

Our annual turkey dinner **for staff and students** will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 12:00 sharp. We ask that the Kindergarten students be dropped off at school for **11:45 a.m.**, so they may enjoy the dinner with all the other students.

### GRADE 1 – RECYCLED BAGS

Miss Alex's Grade 1 class collected 600 used plastic grocery bags and won 50 frisbees that were made by recycling the plastic bags.

### HOME & SCHOOL

Our fundraiser is scheduled to arrive this week. We will contact everyone when it is here.

Top Fundraisers: **Connor Assiniboine-Pashe** \$1006.00 (stuffed animal); **Seth McLaughlin-Bachalo** \$376.00 (skateboard); **Mercedes Flamand** \$231.00 (D.J. Mixer) and **Auna-Lyn Bates** \$212.00 (DVD Player). Congratulations to our top sellers and thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser!

### PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Attention parents and preschool friends of Fort La Reine School.

Children aged 3 & 4 and their parents are invited to a Party!

When: Monday, December 12, 2011 @ 2:30 – 3:30

Where: Multi-Purpose Room

Come for playtime, a story, craft and snacks.

### Winter Craft and Vendor Sale

La Verendrye School is excited to announce that it will be hosting a Winter Craft and Vendor Sale this Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9pm and Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-5pm.

There are 30 spaces running with something for everyone! There is a variety of crafts, paintings, jewelry, quilts, toys, shoes, candles, bake sale delights being showcased and many vendor opportunities for you to choose from. You will not want to miss out on this!

Admission is \$2, which will go directly to the La Verendrye School Playground Initiative.

There will be door prizes, a gift wrapping station as well as a carryout service. A refreshment canteen will be available for your shopping pleasure.

### Oakland Rec Club Skating 2012

Learn to skate (all levels) Saturday mornings - call Sonya @ 857-8061





**Youth Hockey** Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings call Alana @ 857-5968 or 857-2234

**PARADE OF LIGHTS** – Friday, December 2, 2011. The parade will start at 7:30 p.m. at the CO-OP Mall and make its way down the Avenue to Lion’s Prairie Manor. Dress warm!

**United Way Portage Plains along with their Member Agencies presents the 2011 Children’s Christmas Carnival** – Saturday December 10, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Herman Prior Centre Portage la Prairie. Silver Collection at the door. There will be Games, Prizes, Treats, Activities, Crafts and Face Painting. Lots of Fun! Pictures with Santa

**Santa Clause is coming to town!** – Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. all ages welcome! Santa will read stories, listen to your wish list and have a special treat for each child! Don’t forget to bring your camera for that special photo. No registration required for this session.

For more information on these sessions contact The Portage Regional Library at 40-B Royal Road North 857-4271 or Visit: [www.portagelibrary.com](http://www.portagelibrary.com)

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Shopping Cart set up outside office for hamper donations</i>  <i>Day 2</i>	2 <i>Kindergarten Report Cards Go Home</i>  <i>Parade of Lights @ 7:30</i>  <i>Day 3</i>	3
4	5  <i>Day 4</i>	6  <i>Day 5</i>	7  <i>Day 6</i>	8  <i>Last Popcorn Day for the Year</i>  <i>Day 1</i>	9  <i>Day 2</i>	10
11	12  <i>Day 3</i>	13  <i>Computer Club 3:30 - 4:30</i>  <i>Day 4</i>	14  <i>Day 5</i>	15  <i>Christmas Concert Rehearsal</i>  <i>Day 6</i>	16  <i>Christmas Concert @ 1:30</i>  <i>Day 1</i>	17
18	19  <i>January milk letter goes home</i>  <i>Day 2</i>	20  <i>Turkey Dinner for staff and students - Kindergarten arrive at 11:45 to join everyone for the dinner!</i> <i>Day 3</i>	21  <i>Grade 1- 6 Swimming</i> <i>Jan. Milk Orders &amp; \$\$\$ due</i>  <i>Day 4</i>	22  <i>Last Day of School</i> <i>January Newsletter will go home</i>  <i>Day 5</i>	23  <i>CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS</i>	24
25  	26	27	28	29	30	31  NEW YEARS EVE

Return this portion of the newsletter with parent’s signature and your child will earn a school spirit ticket. I have read and received the DECEMBER Fort la Reine School Newsletter from \_\_\_\_\_

Print Child’s Name and Grade

(Parent’s Signature) “NEW” Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 (Day 6)**

## Changes in Assessment

Assessment for learning strategies are used in the classroom by both students and teachers in order to gather information on their learning. These strategies provide teachers, students and parents with valuable information about student progress, and next steps required in order to improve. Assessment for Learning strategies provide information only, and are not used to determine a student's mark in the course.

<b>Changes in Assessment Practices of Teachers</b>	<b>How This Helps Students</b>
Provides many opportunities to demonstrate learning rather than one-shot tests	Students focus on their learning and are evaluated on what they know and can do.
Uses a variety of descriptive feedback (focussed comments) and allows students to check for learning during a unit rather than giving only marks as feedback at the end of a unit	Teachers and students know how the learning is progressing, so they can make changes and focus on what needs to improve. Comments give students the opportunity to keep learning while giving solutions only does not.
Collects best evidence of learning rather than counting everything for marks	Students can take risks and practise and learn without fear of failure.
Shares reasons behind learning, learning goals and scoring criteria with students rather than keeping assessment a secret	Students can hit any target that is well defined and illustrated with examples of work.

### What will look different?

You may notice that the work that your child brings home will have more comments (descriptive feedback) and fewer percentages on it. These comments are designed to give your child the help that they need to make progress. Your child might be given a chance to redo work so they can show a deeper understanding of the content. Students are encouraged and expected to assess their own work, set goals for improvement and describe what they have learned. Parent-teacher conferences may grow to include your child. All of these changes provide your child with opportunities to understand at a deeper level and share their learning with you, their peers and their teachers.

Excerpted from p. 62 Conversations to enhance Learning Alta. Assessment Consortium