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### ASSESSMENT FOCUS AT OUR SCHOOL

As many of you may already be aware, since 2008, Portage la Prairie School Division has been actively aligning priorities and supports with Manitoba Education's Assessment initiative. Each school in the division has had in-service opportunities to gain common background knowledge and learn about the benefits and research behind effective assessment practices. Each school in the division is continuing their learning and was able to pick their own starting point. Some schools focused on the use of establishing clear learning targets for students and setting criteria. Some focused on descriptive feedback, rubrics and checklists. Other implemented student-led conferences and portfolios. Some looked at effective grading and reporting practices.

The current focus for teachers at our school this year is...

- Providing student switch clear and understandable learning targets
- Using examples of strong and weak work.
- Offering regular descriptive feedback

Professional Development for teachers will be made available so they can learn about research based educational practices which focus on how this topic is related to increased student achievement.

**Grade 1- 6 Swimming** – All students are required to go swimming once a month as part of the physical education program at Fort la Reine School. Our first swim date will be Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

### PATROLS

Please make sure your child crosses with patrol on duty. Patrols are on duty every day: 8:45 – 8:55; 12:00 – 12:10; 12:45 – 12:55 and 3:30 – 3:40. Traffic violations witnessed by patrols are reported to the RCMP. Please review **Help Keep Children Safe in School Zones** attached to this newsletter.

### LUNCHROOM

We have a large number of students staying for lunch. You are reminded that if you live within walking distance or do not work that your child is expected to go home. We have a limited amount of space and supervision. Do not send food that has to be warmed up or cooked in microwave. Students who stay for lunch are not allowed to leave the school grounds unless they are with their parent. Please review the **SAFE SNACK LIST – NO PEANUT NO NUT** list attached to newsletter.

**TERY FOX RUN** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 in the morning.

### News from the Office

Welcome back everyone, and we are happy to welcome Mrs. Belinsky, our PLAC/Kindergarten teacher and Miss Alex, our grade 1 teacher.

We are sad to say farewell to the following staff members: Mrs. Perche (Gr.1), Mrs. Giesbrecht. (Gr. 1), Mrs. Cairns (EA) and Mrs. Kerr (EA). You will all be missed!

**PARENTS:** Remember to call the school when your child will be absent for the day and please report to the office when you are visiting the school.

Please update all forms and return them to school as soon as possible. We will be using the email to correspond with parents, so please make sure to **add your email address** if it is not on the registration form.

SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – FREE POPCORN for all students in attendance.

### HOME & SCHOOL

All parents are invited to be an active member. We will send out information when our first meeting will be held.

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten hours will be from 1:00 – 3:00 for the month of September. Make sure to check which day your child will be staying the extra half hour for testing. Monday, October 3 hours will change to 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

### GRADE 1 HOURS:

September 8 – 30, 2011 – hours are 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. so that Miss Alex can do testing with students on their scheduled day.

Monday, October 3 – Grade 1 will begin their regular school hours: 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:30.

Grade 1 fees are due as soon as possible: \$25.00 supplies and \$6.00 agenda

### SUPPLIES & FEES DUE:

Please make sure all supplies and fees are paid as soon as possible:

Grade 1- 6: Agendas \$6.00

Grade 1A – Supplies \$25.00

Grade 2/3W – Supplies \$5.00

Grade 4O - Class Fee \$2.00

Grade 5B – Class Fee \$11.00

Grade 5 & 6 Locks for Locker - \$5.50

Grade 3- 6 Recorders if need one - \$5.00

**Youth Basketball Registration PCI West Gym, Sept. 18 & 25, 5-9:00 pm Boys/Girls Ages 5-13. 5 year olds: free (uniform cost only.) 6-13 year olds: \$50.00 (plus uniform cost). Cheques payable to J.T.Y. Basketball. Contact: A. MacInnis 857-6276 or [macinnis@mts.net](mailto:macinnis@mts.net)**

**Portage District Girl Guides Registration for girls ages 5 – 17+. (Regular Meetings are held Wednesday night – starting September 21. Register online at [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca). If you encounter registration problems, an Information Night will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at Trinity United Church from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.**

**Aaron’s Chance 2 Play will fund hockey registration and the CanSkate program in the Central Plains region for children whose families meet the criteria for financial support. For more information to download an application form visit our website at [www.cfscmfoundation.com](http://www.cfscmfoundation.com) or application forms available at the Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation 25 -3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE Portage la Prairie, call 857-8751**

**Portage Youth Bowling Registration – Friday, September 9 @ 7:00 pm at Southport Lanes. The league starts 10 a.m. Saturday, September 10, 2011. Registration Fee: \$40.00 per bowler. For more information contact Donna Matthews at 857-5166**

**Special Olympics Manitoba – Informational Session will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 @ 8:00 p.m. Victoria School/Red River College. To register, please call 1-888-333-9179 or email [som@specialolympics.mb.ca](mailto:som@specialolympics.mb.ca)**

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 <i>LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED</i>	6 <i>SCHOOL BASED P.D. FIRST DAY FALL TERM  NO CLASSES</i>	7 <i>ADMIN. DAY  MEET&amp;GREET 2:30-3:30  NO CLASSES</i>	8 <i>First day for students  Assembly @ 9:15 a.m.  Day 1</i>	9 <i>Welcome Back BBQ for Students @ Noon  Day 2</i>	10
11	12  <i>Day 3</i>	13  <i>Day 4</i>	14  <i>Day 5</i>	15  <i>Day 6</i>	16  <i>All forms and fees are due to the office  Day 1</i>	17
18	19 <i>Prairie Cloggers Demo and Registration At Herman Prior Centre 6:30 pm Everyone Welcome  Day 2</i>	20  <i>Cross Country  Day 3</i>	21  <i>Day 4</i>	22  <i>Milk order &amp; \$\$ due  Day 5</i>	23  <i>First day of Fall  Day 6</i>	24
25	26  <i>Day 1</i>	27  <i>Day 2</i>	28  <i>Terry Fox Run – Morning Swimming – Grade 1- 6 Afternoon  Day 3</i>	29  <i>Day 4</i>	30  <i>Cultural Day Assembly @ 1:15 pm Free Popcorn Day for students who are in School Day 5</i>	

**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 SEPTEMBER Fort la Reine School Newsletter from \_\_\_\_\_**

**Print Child’s Name and Grade**

**(Parent’s Signature) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Help Keep Children Safe in School Zones**

Nearly 30% of pedestrians struck by vehicles are five to nineteen years old.

The risk of a child pedestrian-vehicle collision is especially high before and after school due to the increase of vehicles in the area, children on or near the roadway, and school buses and parents dropping off or picking up students.

Collisions in school zones are most often caused by traffic congestion and speeding.

Parents play a key role in ensuring the safety of children in school zones. Follow these tips when taking your kids to school to protect children on the road.

### **Reduce traffic congestion**

#### **Walk or carpool**

Walking to school is an excellent way to get exercise, reduce pollution, and meet other parents and kids. It also helps reduce the number of vehicles entering the school zone and decreases the risk of collisions.

If walking is not possible, arrange to carpool with other parents and kids to reduce the number of vehicles traveling in the area.

#### **Do not enter school parking lots**

Many schools have limited their parking lots to school buses and staff. This greatly reduces traffic around the school, decreases the risk of a collision, and encourages kids and parents to walk to school. Or, park a block or two away and walk the rest of the way with your children.

#### **Obey “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs**

These signs are in place to reduce congestion and to allow school buses to reach their designated drop-off areas. Failing to obey them could lead to a traffic ticket.

### **Help reduce collisions**

#### **Slow down**

Lowering your speed decreases the time it takes to react and stop the vehicle, which may prevent a collision.

If a collision does occur, a child hit by a vehicle traveling 50 km/h has a chance of survival of only 20%. At 30 km/h, the chance of survival is 95% (Safe Kids Canada).

#### **Be alert**

Small children can be unpredictable. Watch for children who may unexpectedly dart out into traffic or between parked cars.

#### **Always stop for school patrols and children at designated crosswalks**

School patrols and crosswalks are in place to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street. Please observe and respect them.

#### **Avoid reversing and making U-turns**

Driver visibility is reduced when reversing and making U-turns, which means it is harder to see small children. These irregular vehicle movements are also hard for kids to notice or understand, making them more likely to enter the path of the vehicle.

#### **Do not pass a stopped school bus or other vehicles**

It is extremely dangerous to pass a stopped school bus. You may not be able to see kids who are getting off and then crossing in front of the bus. The fine for passing a stopped school bus is over \$640. The fine for passing a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian or passing in a pedestrian corridor is over \$140. Both charges also come with demerits.

### **Help your child get to school safely**

#### **Always let your children out of your vehicle on the side facing away from traffic**

Letting kids out onto the sidewalk ensures they will be protected from traffic until they can safely cross at an intersection or crosswalk.

#### **Drop kids off near intersections or crosswalks**

If they must cross a street after being dropped off, children will be less tempted to cross unsafely or illegally.

#### **Teach your kids to:**

- Only cross streets at clearly marked crosswalks and intersections.
- Try to cross the street where school patrols are on duty.
- Look both ways when crossing the street and only cross when it is safe to do so.
- Walk against traffic if there are no sidewalks and always be on the lookout for vehicles.
- Walk in groups and with an adult whenever possible.
- Always wear a helmet and use hand signals when cycling.