

Portage la Prairie Hutterian Schools

Accountability Report to Parents 2009-2010 School Year

Accountability Report:

The Hutterian Schools Department works closely with its staff, students and parent advisory council. At our meetings, goals and concerns are identified and plans are developed. The following is a summary of our schools mission and mandate statements as well as the education goals, plans and successes that have been achieved during the school year. We believe that a strong partnership between the staff, students, and parent advisory committee members is essential to improve the education for students at our colony schools. We believe that school planning, school visitations, and the partnership with the Hutterian Communities and our schools is crucial to student success. The following report has been prepared to continue to keep the parents of our students and their communities informed.

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Mission: Partners Pursuing Quality Education

Mandate: Hutterian schools are responsible for ensuring that all students have the opportunity to acquire the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to be self-reliant, responsible, caring and contributing members of a Hutterian community without having to leave their home community or compromise Colony beliefs.

Hutterian Schools Profile:

The Hutterian Schools are a collection of 10 schools which are located at 10 Hutterite Colonies around Portage la Prairie, with a student population of 257 students. We had 23 professional teaching staff, 1 supervisor, 1 resource staff and a support staff of 7 teacher assistants and 1 secretary. A Kindergarten to Grade 8 English Program is delivered at each of the 10 schools by the site teachers. A Senior 1 to Senior 4 English Program is delivered by a team of 5 high school teachers using a ITV system and rotating school visits. This program is also delivered to three schools from the Pine Creek School Division and two schools from the Lakeshore School Division.

Hutterian Education Goals:

Goal 1: Students achieve high standards in an education focused on what students need to learn.

Goal 2: To enable the Hutterian Schools' Advisory Council to be an effective voice and support for education.

Goal 3: To provide the necessary professional development to support the staff (professional & support) as they strive to reach the other goals.

Goal 4: To secure the technology that will enhance student learning, and increase efficiency and flexibility of delivery.

Goal 5: To improve communication.

Hutterian Parent Advisory Council:

Chairperson - Clinton Waldner

Vice-Chairperson - Ivan Stahl

Secretary/Treasurer - Lyndon Waldner

Hutterian Schools Department - Bruce McCallum

Staff Representatives - Brent Hoar

Brantwood Colony School - Ivan Stahl/Terry Waldner

Elm River Colony (Brennan School) - Herb Hofer

Good Hope Colony School - Eddy Wollman

Grand Colony (Ingleside School) - Ernie Waldner/Marvin Stahl

Norquay Colony School - Lyndon Waldner

Northern Breeze Colony School - Michael Waldner

Sommerfeld Colony School - Clarence Gross/David Gross

Sunnyside Colony School - Clinton Waldner

Westroc Colony School - Levi Gross/Lyndon Gross

Woodland Colony School - Corny Hofer

Hutterian Schools Accomplishments

- Changes in education curricula has meant that teachers have spent many hours reading, attending PD, and discussing with colleagues and in grade group and subject group meetings.
- A total of thirteen Student received their high school diplomas in June 2010.
- Sharing of Hutterian financial information with German teachers took place at each Parent Advisory Council Meeting as well as with the teaching staff at staff meetings.
- The High School expanded to include Forest Home School - Riverdale Colony.
- The Early Literacy program continued to be an asset.
- Schools held a fundraiser to go toward the PCU centre.
- Early Years Teachers received intensive training in a new math program - "First Steps in Math".
- Welcome to Kindergarten bags were distributed to all preschool children who would enter Kindergarten in September.

Individual School Highlights:

High School Program:

- 93 students
- The Portage Hutterian High School program was supervised/administrated by Bruce McCallum, and delivered by 4.5 teaching staff as follows:
Cory Dressler (1/2T): 9-12 Music/ 9 Social Studies/11-12 Physical Education
Brent Hoar (FT): 10-12 ELA / 12 Western Civilization / 10 Foods and Nutrition / 9-10 Health-Physical Education
Patrick Lacroix (FT): 9 Math / 10-12 Applied Math/12 Consumer Math/ 10 Digital Pictures / 11 Desktop Publishing / 11 Topics in Science
Kelvin Martel (FT): 9 ELA /10-12 Life Works / 9 Electronics / 10Geography / 11 History /11 Agriculture
Cheryl Patzer (FT): 9-10 Science/ 9 Hutterite History / 9 German/ 10 -11 Consumer Math
 - The Hutterian High School Program added a new school (Forest Home) to the system raising the total number of schools participating to 14. The schools participating in the Portage Hutterian High School system included Brantwood, Good Hope, Ingleside, Norquay, Northern Breeze, Sommerfeld, Sunnyside, Westroc, and Woodlands from the Portage School Division; Beaver Creek, Muller, and Forest Home from the Pine Creek School Division; and Marble Ridge and Broad Valley from the Lakeshore School Division.
 - The 2009/2010 academic year marked the second year in which High School courses were offered over the ITV system, and the first year in which none of our High schools were signing in to courses over teleconferencing system (Marble Ridge and Broad Valley Schools were previously participating through teleconference).
 - Thirteen students graduated from the High School program.
 - The Governor General's medal was awarded to Andrea Gross from Muller School.
 - Grade 9—10 Health-Phys. Ed. Students participated in First Aid training in the Spring.

Brantwood Colony School:

Teacher/Principal - John Paramor (Grades K-8) 27 students
Teacher - Diane Wing (Grades K-4)
Teacher Assistant-Gwen Armishaw

- Bowling at Southport
- Sliding at Valleyview Bible Camp
- Reading Buddies
- I Love to Read Month
- Christmas Concert

Individual School Highlights:

- Brennan School (Elm River Colony):** Teacher/Principal - **Elma Maendel** (Grades K-4) 25 students
Teacher - **Robert Maendel** (Grades 5-8)
Music/High School Teacher - **Karen Maendel** (Grades K-12)
Teacher Assistant - **Linda Maendel**
Teacher Assistant - **Garret Hofer**
- ArtSmarts Project:
 - Landscape Painting to enhance science and social studies curricula with Linda Picard
 - Community ArtSmarts Project: Copper Goose depicting our community values with Leta Owens.
 - Music Classes:
 - Students are learning—choir singing, sight singing, theory, boom whackers, tone chimes and singing in the parts
 - Performance: Christmas Concert, Easter, Mother’s Day Tea
 - Parent / Teacher / Student Gathering:
 - Open house for fall parent/teacher day: All colony members were invited to attend and participate in an evening of games and learning activities.
 - Performances/Celebrations:
 - Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 16,2009 an ideal opportunity to showcase students’ music achievements and oral language skills while presenting the Christmas message. All K - 12 students participated.
 - Christkindlmarkt: High School students sang several Christmas carols at Fort Garry Place in celebration of the Christmas season.
 - Torch Relay and Mini Olympics: Since one of our students was selected to be a torchbearer for the 2010 Olympics, we organized a torch run and mini Olympics for our school. Colony members came out to enjoy the events and cheer for their favorite athletes.
 - Philanthropy Projects:
 - Samaritan’s Purse: Operation Christmas Child - filling shoe boxes with toys and hygiene items to present to needy children around the world.
 - Koats for Kids Campaign: Grade 5 - 8 students canvassed the community for winter clothing and volunteered to sort all the clothing at Trinity Church Annex for an afternoon.
 - Pennies for the Poor: Grades 1– 3students collected \$100.00 worth of pennies which they donated to MCC’s Helping Haiti project.
 - Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program: Our high school students spent a day helping pack and hand out Christmas gifts at Salvation Army in Portage.
 - I Love to Read Activities for February:
 - Several guest speakers/readers were invited to read to do presentations on the theme of sports including Madison McCallum and her dad Mr. Bruce McCallum.
 - Fieldtrips:
 - Sledding at Valley View Bible Camp in MacGregor
 - Artsmarts tour and visit to Portage Library
 - Grade K to 4 Hutterian Track & Field Meet at Fairholme Colony
 - Grade 5 to 12 Hutterian Track & Field Meet at Good Hope
 - Yearend K— 8 Fieldtrip: tours of Science Gallery, train ride and swimming at Splash Island.
 - School Publications:
 - Twice a year we published a school newsletter which showcases our students’ written and artistic talents
 - School Yearbook: to commemorate our achievements and reminisce about the year that was.
 - Poetry & Drama Festival:
 - Our grades K - 6 students participated in: Hutterer Poesiefest (German Poetry Fest)
Gabriel Hofer placed 2nd in the K-2 category.

Individual School Highlights (continued):

Brennan Continued:

- Guest Speakers:
 - Tatiana Lipp - An Austrian graduate did a presentation on Austria
 - Const. Miles Hiebert - did a question and answer session on RCMP work.
- Contests:
 - Pandora Poetry Contest - Susanna Hofer won second place in the high school category.
- Graduation:
 - July 10, 2010– We celebrated Brennan School’s third Graduation: Jared and Susanna Hofer - regular high school program and Sonia Maendel - mature student.

Good Hope Colony School:

Teacher/Principal - **Sandra Wollman** (Grades K-8) 27 students
Teacher - Eddie **Wollmann** (Grades K-8)
Teacher - **Val Steepan** (Music) 8%

- Participated in the German Hutterer Poesie Fest in Baker.
- Track & Field:
 - K - 4 participated in the 3rd Annual Hutterian Track & Field in June hosted by Fairholme Colony.
 - Good Hope School hosted the 3rd Annual Hutterian Track & Field for Grade 5-12 in June.
- Oak Hammock Marsh - Participated in “On the Go” Presentations:
 - Bird Quest
 - Hawks, Owls, Falcons Oh My!
 - Explore Watersheds
 - All about GPS and GIS
- Field Trip
 - Went to Rodger’s Hill in February
 - Went to Tinkertown in June
- Grad
 - Melissa and Candace both graduated
- Extra - Curricular Activity:
 - Went swimming to Southport every Thursday evening
 - Later on in the year all students K - 8 started taking swimming lessons

Individual School Highlights (continued):

Ingleside School (Grand Colony):

Teacher/Principal - **Betty-Jean Checkley** (Grades 5 - 8) 27 students
Teacher- **Kara Zwarich** (Grades K - 4)
E.A.- **Samantha White** (PT)

- Terry Fox Walk September—6.4 km
- First Steps in Math Primary Program
- Harvest Party with a Fish Pond and a hayride
- Student of the week—primary
- Student of the Month—Intermediate
- Pen pals @Tschetter Colony, Alberta
- Implementation of the Virtues Program—Teaching Moral Intelligence
- Leveled Guided Reading in classrooms
- 10 Fire Drills
- Operation Christmas Child Boxes
- United Way Hat Day Contest
- Salvation Army Volunteering
- 100th Day Activities
- Reading guests in February from the colony, School Division Office, Federal Government, High School teachers, and Emergency Services.
- Valentines Party
- Buddy Reading program in classrooms
- Roger's Hill field trip
- Mother's Day Tea
- Father's Day BBQ
- Making of Gingerbread Houses with Mother's Help
- Healthy Schools in Motion Grant
- Earth Day Clean up and Activities
- Field Trip to Souris, visited Rock Shop and the Reptile Garden
- One Graduate- Sheri Waldner
- Assessments
- Teachers volunteered in booth for the PCU Bake Sale
- Yearbook for Families, with many color pictures

Norquay Colony School:

Teacher/Principal - **Val Steppan** (Grades K-8) 50% 21 students
Teacher/Principal - **Tannis Andrich** (Grades K - 8) 50%
Educational Assistant - Marilyn Lawrence 50%

- September: Poetry Work, TUSC began for the year.
- October: Thanksgiving Activities, all year Book It Program began, Peak of the Market Contest
- November: Remembrance Day Activities, Work Safety Presentations, Parent-Teacher Interviews
- December: Christmas Concert, Poetry Contest
- January: Olympic Investigation
- February: I love to read Activities, Olympic Activities, Parent Teacher Interviews, Terriers visit, 100th Day, Swimming Lessons
- March: Spring Easter Activities, Science Fair, Swimming Lessons
- April: Poetry Contest, Swimming Lessons
- May: Mother's Day Project
- June: Track and Field Day, Graduation, Field Trip to Winkler Bible Camp, Father's Day project, Yearbook.

Individual School Highlights (continued):

Northern Breeze Colony School:

Teacher/Principal -**Jennifer Borgfjord**
Teacher Assistant - **Barb Warburton**

25 Students

- Terry Fox Run
- 5 students enrolled in High School
- Totally Unbelievable Speaking Club with SMART Board
- Yearbook
- Published one issue of Breezy Business
- Walk to School Day/Week
- Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing in PE
- Winter Olympics Activities.
- Hosted “Secret Friend” at Valentine’s Day
- Hosted Month-end activities—activities centers and games
- “Surprise Egg” at Easter
- Father’s Day Fun Fair– best one yet! Everyone worked together!
- Field Trip to Manitoba Museum with a picnic in Island Park
- Guest readers: Mrs. Antoinette Blankvoort, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Mike Mauws
- ‘Excel’ent presentation by Mr. Lacroix
- Enhanced Mathematics program through the use of First Steps in Mathematics; included diagnostic tasks and more hands on activities
- Early Literacy with Mrs. Turko
- Three Healthy Schools grants were awarded
- High Schools Awards
- Buddy Reading saw our literacy rated increase significantly

Sommerfeld Colony :

Principal/Teacher—**Ann Latoski**
Teacher Assistant—**Debbie Hewitt**

18 student

- September: Welcome Back—Welcome to our Party
Hello Fall
 - October: Harvest Party
Paws - Dog Bite Prevention
 - November: Remembrance Day
Operation Christmas Child (sent out 29 boxes)
Bake Sale - PCU Centre
 - December: Christmas Concert
Rocks and Rings Curling Workshop
Polar Bear Presentation - Syd McGregor
 - February: I Love to Read - Guest Readers - Mr. Popoff, Mr. Mauws, Ms. Lawrence, we read 2550 books.
100 Day - Sledding at Valley View Bible Camp
Groundhog Day
 - March: Easter
 - April: Early Literacy Preschool
 - May: Mother’s Day
Shriner’s Burn Presentation
 - June: Father’s Day
Manitoba Softball Clinic
Sports Day
Awards Day
- Student of the Month and Birthday recognition monthly.

Individual School Highlights (continued):

Sunnyside Colony School:

Teacher/Principal - **Joshua Waldner**
Teacher (PT) - **Tannis Andrich**
Teacher Assistant - **Gwen Armishaw**

28 Students

- September: Back to School Night
High School Orientation Night
Terry Fox Walk
Swimming Lessons
Piano and Bells Lessons
- October: Remembrance Day Activities
Sunnyside School Parent Advisory Council Meetings
Harvest Festival
Swimming Lessons
Piano and Bells Lessons
- November: Swimming Lessons
Participated in baking cookies for PCU Fundraiser
Piano and Bells Lessons
- December: Swimming Lessons
Christmas Concert
Piano and Bells Lessons
- January: Piano and Bells Lessons
Sunnyside School Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- February: Sledding Trip at Valleyview Bible Camp
I Love to Read Month Activities
100th Day of School Activities
Piano and Bells Lessons
- March: Piano and Bells Lessons
- April: Piano and Bells Lessons
Sunnyside School Parent Advisory Council Meetings
- May: Mother's Day Tea—Singing ,Instrumental Pieces and Skits
Piano and Bells Lessons
- June: Piano and Bells Lessons
K-12 Field Trip to Marine Museum and Manitoba Museum
Sports and Awards Day 2010
Graduation for Claudine Waldner
Splash Island Year End Field Trip

Individual School Highlights (continued):

Westroc Colony School:

Teacher/Principal - **Sheryl Livingston** 32 students
Teacher - **Tracy Turko**
Teacher Assistant - **Carol Vlooswyk**
Teacher Assistant - **Jackie Davey**

- All About Me Scrapbooking Journals - Sept.-June
- Westroc Newsletter - Oct.
- Parent Meeting - Nov.
- Railway Safety Presentation - Nov. 2nd
- Remembrance Day Service - Nov. 9th
- Portfolio Day - Nov. 10th
- Gingerbread Men Centers - Dec. 17th
- Valentine's Day Party - February 11th
- Portfolio Day - Feb. 12th
- Olympics Sports Day - Mar. 1st
- ATV Safety Presentation - Mar. 3rd
- 100 Day Celebrations - Mar. 5th
- Field trip to Winkler Bible Camp - June 1st
- Guest Artist - Oil Paintings - June 2nd
- Shriners Presentation- June 14th
- Sports Day and Awards - June 23rd
- Teddy Bear Picnic - June 29th

Woodland Colony School:

Teacher/Principal - **Kathy Simpson** (Grades 1-8) 29 students
Teacher - **Tannis Andrich** (Grades K-3) 50%
Educational Assistant - **Samantha White** (AM)

- Grade 5-8 did Terry Fox Run
- Received \$100 Healthy Schools Grant
- Had Guest Readers during I Love to Read Month
- Christmas Concert
- 100th Day Celebration
- Sports Day
- Field trip to Winkler Bible Camp
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