



YELLOWQUILL SCHOOL

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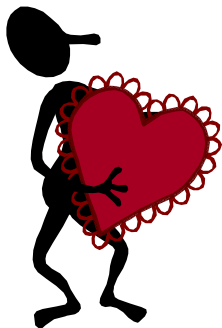
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PRINCIPAL'S

FEBRUARY 2012

February is "I Love to Read" month and we will have a number of activities taking place in our classrooms and library to celebrate the joy of reading. Our events will kick off on Monday morning, Feb 6 with the theme of *A World of Whimsy and Wonder!!*

Every day we love to read but what a great way to put some fun and excitement into our Literacy Programs with this celebration. Let's join together and celebrate at home as well. Thank you staff for organizing these great events during our month of *read, read, read!*



Your local Parent Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 pm in the library. The Playground Committee will be meeting on Monday, Feb 17th at 7:00 pm in the library. During the student-led conferences on March 1 the committee will be putting up a display to advertise the purchase of trees and shrubs for the playground. These items range in price from \$13.00 to \$100.00. Middle Years teachers will once again be assessing students in Grade 7 on *Math and Student Engagement* while our Grade 8 teachers will be assessing students' English Language Art skills in the areas of *reading comprehension and expository writing*. Students can not study for these assessments. The results are based on previous work and performance skills. Parents will be informed of

their student's results when the assessment is completed and the final results have been reported and compiled by Manitoba Education.

Our Grade 5 & 8 French classes will be off to St. Boniface on Tuesday, Feb 21 to attend the Festival du Voyageur. What a great opportunity for our students to attend a fun cultural event. I trust the weather will behave for that day.

Student-led parent/teacher conference will be held on **Thursday evening, March 1 from 5:00 -7:30 pm and Friday, March 2 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**. We remind parents that they can discuss their child's progress at length with the teacher (s) at any time by contacting the school and setting up an appointment

Special points of interest:

- *Principals Message*
- *Calendar of Events*
- *Library News*
- *Community News*
- *School Calendar*
- *Canteen Menu*

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ON LINE AT <http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/yqs/>

setting up an appointment. Also, the book fair will be running in the library during that week of Feb 27-March 2 so take a few moments to peruse the newest titles during the student-led conferences.

On February 28th our Middle Years students will be able to enjoy a supervised school activity of skiing or snow tubing (providing there is snow!!).



IMPORTANT DATES

- February 1 - Kindergarten Registration - **NO Kindergarten Classes** that day
- February 2 - Band Concert @ 7:00 pm (Grades 5-8)
- February 3 - Middle Years Assembly @ 2:30
- February 7 - An evening of Laughter @ 4:00 pm EAMS Library
- February 9 - Citrus Fruit Orders Due Today
- February 10 - Hydro Presentation in Multi.
- February 16 - 100 Day (Early Years)
- February 16 - Citrus Fruit Pick-Up
- February 20 - Louis Riel Day (School Closed)
- February 21 - Festival du Voyageur - Grade 5 & 8
- February 24 - Division P.D. **NO Classes**
- February 29 - Early Years Assembly @ 2:30
- March 1 - Student Led Conferences (5:00 - 7:30 pm)
- March 2 - Student Led Conferences (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)
- March 26 - 30 - Spring Break

snow!!). Space will be limited and will be assigned by *first come first to attend* and by grade level. Additional information will be coming home to explain the costs and procedures for these events.

The month of March will be an exciting time for all students as they get ready for the Spring Break running from March 26 – 30th. Milk and Spirit Week activities will be happening prior to the break and planning is happening already.

Also, our Grade 8 students will soon be taking a PCI school tour/orientation sometime in late March. We will keep parents informed as to the date as soon as we get a time.

Mr. Dressler's Valentine Band Concert is on Feb 2nd at 7:00 pm and we hope everyone will come out to hear our Grades 5-8 bands plus our very own Jazz Band.

Finally, to all the parents and families of Yellowquill School who continue to promote and advocate for our school ... *your school* ...I send out a huge Valentine filled with respect and admiration. Your continued support is greatly appreciated

I Love To Read Month

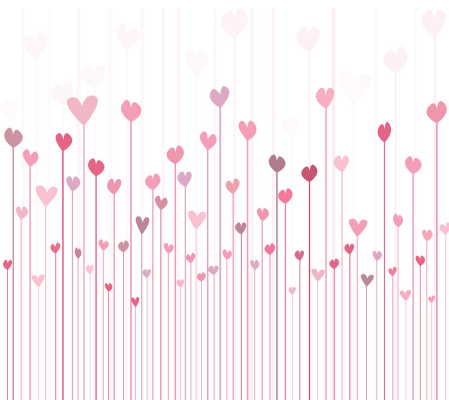
February 6th to 10th

The theme for I love to read month this year is **A World of Whimsy & Wonder!**

- Monday Assembly
Reading Wave
"Bazinga" Drop every thing and read
 - Tuesday Read a t-shirt with words
 - Wednesday Teacher/Class switch, read a whimsical or fairytale
 - Thursday "Dragon Food" (Trail Mix)
 - Friday Dress up as your favourite story book character.
Parade at 1:00pm
- Drop everything and r read signal-
"Bazinga" on PA system

Bicycle Helmet Orders:

Manitoba Healthy Living is providing Certified Bike helmets to order at a cost of \$10.00
Order forms need to be in to the office by February 3rd, 2012
Order forms are available at the office if you haven't already received one.





LIBRARY NEWS:

February is " I LOVE TO READ" month. Where better to find something to read than in our Library! We are constantly putting out new books. Just this week we put out another 100 new titles. From easy read, graphic novels, to non fiction. All a pleasure to read. The theme for I love to read is "Read a book...share a story". Its always fun to share what we read with a friend. Its also good to share as it encourages others to read what they find interesting so that they can share it with you.

We will be holding our second Scholastic book fair the end of the month. As always we will be looking for volunteers. It is fun to come in and help with the book fair. Here is *your* chance. Phone and become one of our valued volunteers. The theme of the book fair is "BOOK FAIR LUAU". The fair will run:

**Tuesday, Feb.
28th 1:00 to 3:30**

**Wednesday, Feb.
29th 1:00 to 3:30**

**Thursday, March
1st 1:00 to 3:30**

FAMILY EVENT TIMES

**ARE: Thursday,
March 1st 4:30
to 7:30**

**Friday, March
2nd 10:00 to 12:30**

Come support our book fair.

There is always a very good selection to choose from at very reasonable prices. The proceeds from our book fairs always goes back into our Library for books or for getting touring authors in for "Celebrity" readings or workshops.

During the Family event times, bring an adult in with you and you can enter to win \$25.00 worth of books for you to choose from the fair, and also \$25.00 worth of books your teacher can choose for your classroom library. That's \$50.00

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

STUDENT COUNCIL:

Yellowquill had a great dance on Thursday, January 26 with over 280 students dancing to the tunes provided by Bulldog music. Dreydan Cote and his committee did an amazing job of organizing a 'Night at the Ski Lodge' our canteen provided treats like ice cream floats. Thank you to the parent chaperones and educators who helped to make this dance such a fun evening.

The 5th Annual Dodgeball Tournament has begun with 19 teams of grade 6-8 students competing during our noon hours in the multi-purpose room. A mini-tournament will take place for grade fives after the champion is declared in the 6-8 competition. Plans will now begin for 'Spirit Week' which is March 19-23, 2012.

BAND NEWS:

Citrus Order Forms have been sent home with the youngest in the class and all band students. There will be extra forms in the office if you haven't already received one. All Orders need to be in on Feb. 9, 2012 and Pick-Up will be Feb. 16

Dear Families of Yellowquill School;

One of our Yellowquill families, the Sokolosky-Anderson family who have a special son attending our school, had their home destroyed in a fire last evening. They are safe and presently living with family in High Bluff while they determine how to rebuild their home and their lives. If you wish to help you can do so by sending clothing or money to purchase items for their family. The sizes of the two boys' clothing are size 4 and 6X. The father's sizes are: pants 31 waist with a 36 leg and large t-shirts and mom's sizes are extra-large. We will collect the items and money at our school and ensure that they receive them as quickly as possible.

Thank you Yellowquill School Community for assisting others in their time of most need.



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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Ms. Ross

The Young Women of Tomorrow will be holding an **Indian Taco Sale February 9th**. Tacos will be \$5.00 and all tacos must be pre-ordered. Pre-order forms went home Monday, please get them back to home room teachers as soon as possible. The Young Women of Tomorrow will also be participating in a training session on February 2nd where they will learn how to become mentors. The girls will be mentoring younger girls from YQS and from other schools in our division. They have come up with some fabulous ideas and activities to do with their future young mentees. Way to go girls!!

Rainbows Groups have begun- Groups will be meeting once a week for 12 weeks. We have 4 groups running this year with the help of Ms. Moorhouse, Mrs. Mulligan, Mrs. Moar, and Mrs. Smith who are each facilitating a group. If you have any questions or would like more information about Rainbows please feel free to contact me.

Small Guidance Groups are in full swing. The first set of groups is almost complete so I will be moving on to the next set of groups in the next week or so.

Taking Care of Each Other (TCEO)- is beginning in Mr. Calder's class on Tuesday and will begin in Mrs. McLeod's class in March. This program teaches students about creating positive relationships with each other through games, activities and nurturing, learning how to care for themselves and others, building self-esteem and self-

care for themselves and others, building self-esteem and self-confidence. The program is based on the concepts of *Theraplay*. There will be 8 sessions of TCEO in each classroom.

Roots of Empathy (ROE) is continuing in the grade 4 classrooms. The students are enjoying our monthly family visits with Baby Molly and Baby Danica. Students are learning valuable lessons about empathy and why we shouldn't bully, as well as positive parenting skills.

Grade 5, 7, & 8 health classes will be learning about sensitive issues in their next units in health classes. Please look for permission forms coming home and have your child return these forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions/concerns, or would like to come in and take a look at these curriculums please don't hesitate to contact me.

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P): FEARS

KEY POINTS

- Talk with your child and tell them how you cope with your own fears
 - Try not to show fearful reactions
 - Teach your child coping strategies
 - Help your child to gradually face their fears
 - Remain calm when your child is scared or anxious
 - Praise your child for facing their fears
 - Encourage your child to try new things
 - Do not let your child avoid the things they must do
 - Have some rules that tell your child what to do in dangerous situations
 - Get other children to help your child feel comfortable in new situations
- Please contact me for a more detailed 'Tip Sheet' on the above information or for 'tip sheets' on other positive parenting skills.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF YELLOWQUILL SCHOOL

On the evening of **Thursday, March 1st** the YQS Nature Playground committee will have our tree donation board up for display at the parent/student led conference.

Anyone wishing to **donate a tree** towards the new playground can purchase a tree from the list of those needed for the project. This is a great way to get the whole family involved in being part of the new Nature Playground. There are plants and trees available from \$13.00 to \$100.00.

See you there.

Dear Parents,

The parent advisory council is planning to have CO-OP cards available for pickup during the parent - student led conference on March 1st and 2nd. We are again asking for your support in this endeavor and offer them for sale to you ahead of time. Please fill out the form below and return them to school along with your cheque **made payable to Yellowquill Parent Advisory Council**. We will have them available for pick up the evening of March 1st near the office. The funds from this event will be directed towards the nature playground at Yellowquill.

Thanks for your support

Taralea Simpson



CO-OP Card Order form

simply mark how many cards of each size you need.

- \$50- _____
- \$100 _____
- \$200 _____
- \$500 _____

Student Name: _____

Classroom: _____

Parents Name: _____

Make cheques payable to Yellowquill Parent Advisory Council and have in to the school by Feb. 27th.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Poplar Point Rink is doing a fundraiser "Wall of Pucks". They are going to cover a complete wall with pucks.

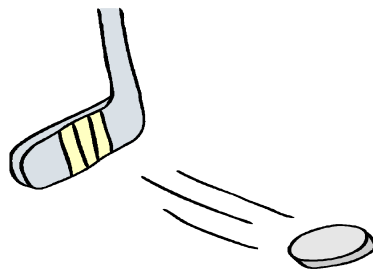
The pucks cost \$20.00 with your name added to the puck. To get your name on a puck please contact

Perry Dickenson at 856-3061.

There will be a 3 on 3 hockey tournament, as well as a fundraising social on February 4th at Canadian Inns.

Tickets are available at Boston Pizza or by calling Perry Dickson at 856-3061.

Let's all get together and help Poplar Point make this fundraiser a success!!!



Hearing / Vision Screening:

Yellowquill will be having their Hearing / Vision Screening on the first week of February for Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 3.

Yellowquill Mentoring Program

Sends a big thank you to WAL-MART and TORNADO'S Restaurant for their generous donations to the program.

Portage Youth Soccer Association:

- 2011 SPRING REGISTRATION
- FEB. 21 - 7-9 PM PCU Center
- MARCH 5 - 7-9 PM PCU Center
- MARCH 8 - 7-9:30 PM @ PCU Center

**CONTACT Patty -239-6813
Or 856-0664**

- Registration Fee - \$60
- \$25(refundable) Jersey Deposit
- Separate Cheque for each child, no mail ins
- New players to PYSa need to bring photocopy of Birth Certificate, Medical Card
- NO LATE REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 31**

