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Woodlawn Early Years School March 2016 Newsletter



INTERIM PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February proved to be a fun and exciting month filled with lots of I Love to Read activities. On March 2 our I Love to Read festivities will come to an end with a special guest reader, Mr. Corny Rempel from Mix 96. On that day the students and staff will also learn if the students were able to reach their reading goals. If they have, three teachers, Mrs. Harder, Mrs. Fraser, and Mr. Adams will be "slimed" in front of the whole school! Yikes!

It is important to remember that while we highlight reading in the month of February, it is not an activity that should only take place one month a year. Reading and enjoying books and stories every day is an important part of a child's development. Our teachers will continue to work on engaging their students in reading for the rest of the year. We hope that parents and guardians will also help promote the love of reading with their children at home, after February has come and gone. Children love to be read to. Reading aloud from a chapter book to younger children is a great way to reinforce a love for stories that can be carried all the way into adulthood. There are many chapter books, that are higher than a child's reading level, but appropriate in content. If you need some suggestions for chapter books that your child may be interested in, please feel free to contact our librarian Sandy Loewen at saloewen@hsd.ca and she will be happy to help you find the right books. Stories can be a great way of opening up dialogue between parents and children. Parents can encourage their children to talk about the actions of the characters which is a great way to reinforce problem solving skills. Literacy is an essential skill for living a productive life.

Karen Fraser
Interim Principal

Interim Vice Principal's Message

February has gone by so quickly, but not without lots of great learning and fun activities. I enjoyed reading the book What do you do with an Idea? to many of the classes. This was a fabulous book that encourages children to welcome their ideas and watch the amazing things they can do with just one idea. This was a perfect story to help get our students excited about our MakerSpace where their ideas can take shape and their creativity can soar. We are looking forward to another busy month of March leading up to Spring Break. Our community breakfast is coming up on March 24th and we hope you and your family will be able to join us.

Tara Reimer
Interim Vice Principal

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

What do we want our children to think?

How many of us want our children to feel that they need to be perfect? We want them to be racked with guilt when they make a mistake? Feeling like a complete loser when they mess up or don't know something?

Of course not!

We want our kids to do their best. But most of us know that having perfection as a personal goal is going to result in a lot of heartache and shame.

If we believe the old saying that "actions speak louder than words", what do our actions say to our kids?

This struck me as I heard a story about an amazing young mom. She is a single mom, going to post secondary school with the goal of getting a better job and creating a better life for herself and her children. I don't know how she juggles everything that she does - with a smile on her face. I'm not sure I could do what she is doing.

When she talked to some other moms about a momentary lapse she had with her kids, she expressed how awful she felt about it. She had immediately done her best to fix it with her children - apologizing and telling them that was not the kind of mom she wanted to be. Her children forgave her, but she continued to carry guilt and shame around with her.

What were her actions teaching her children? She made a mistake, took responsibility for it, apologized, and is trying to prevent a repeat of her mistake. Isn't that what we say we want our kids to do when they mess up?

But she continued to beat herself up about it. She felt terrible. She put herself down. You could see her usual motivation and energy being sapped as she talked about it. Her friends were worried that she was going to throw in the towel and give up on achieving her educational goals because she was feeling like a failure.

Is that what we want for our kids when they make a mistake?

What do you model for them when you aren't perfect?

Stay well,

Sandy Kehler
School Counsellor



Annual Community Pancake Breakfast

Woodlawn School will be hosting its annual Community Pancake Breakfast on Thursday, March 24 starting at 8:00 in the gym. All families are welcome to join us. Students whose families are unable to attend will be invited into the gym as they arrive at school so that they too can enjoy some yummy pancakes.



There is no cost for the breakfast, however donations will be graciously accepted. If you would like to make a donation and would like a tax receipt, please write a cheque payable to The Hanover School Division. To qualify for a tax receipt donations must be \$25.00 or more. All proceeds from this event will go to supporting farewell activities at the end of the school year. We thank you in advance for your support.



Report Cards

Grade 1-4 report cards will be issued on Friday, March 18th. Parents/guardians will receive their student's report card either by email, print or both according to their request on the Email Correspondence Permission Form that was sent home with students last month.

Our Celebration of Learning evening will take place on Thursday, April 14th. There is not a formal round of student led conferences with this reporting period. Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress please be sure to contact your child's teacher to set up an appointment.

WOW! WHAT A FABULOUS BOOK FAIR

A GREAT BIG THANK-YOU TO THE WOODLAWN COMMUNITY

for your outstanding support for our Book Fair. Parents and students purchased \$5300.00 worth of books, posters and school tools. Our library is taking our profit in cash this year. We will receive \$1233.00 which will be used to add some comfortable seating in the library for our students.

Thank-you for your continued support of the Classroom Wish List Program. So many classes benefit from the generous gift of a book for a classroom. It is greatly appreciated.

Our volunteers continue to be amazing every year. Our school wouldn't have such a great Book Fair if not for the volunteers. Thank You Volunteers!!

SCHOOL BUS LOOP/SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Staff or parent vehicles caught driving by a bus loading/unloading with lights flashing may be reported by the bus driver or receive a ticket directly from the RCMP who are monitoring drive-bys, including school bus loops. This is a very costly mistake.

Please take note of the 30 km/h area school zone signs on streets around our school. The 30 km/h speed limit is in effect Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 pm during the school year.

Please do not use the driveway or parking lot at Woodlawn Terrace Condominiums as a holding spot while dropping off or picking up your children.

SKATING

All students in grade 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to go skating in March from the 14th - 17th and March 21st. Class notices and informed consent forms will be sent home and parents are asked to have helmets fitted and skates sharpened in preparation for the fun. If you absolutely cannot beg, borrow or buy the equipment, we do have some basic skates and helmets as a back up at the school. I welcome any parents who have any extra equipment they may want to share to call me so that all students can join in the fun! Please be aware that hockey sticks are not allowed to be transported on the school division busses. If your child would like to bring a stick please make arrangements to drop it off and pick it up at the school.



We also welcome and need parents to come out and help with supervision, tying skates and possibly sharing your own expertise in the sport.

Thanks,

Mr. Jesse Adams

204-326-6110

Parents and Volunteers Please Note...



An important reminder...the office should be your first stop when you enter the school building during the school day. This minimizes disruptions to teachers during their teaching and keeps us accountable as to who is in our building. The secretary will be happy to assist you at the office.

Please use the main doors on Henry Street to enter the school. Stopping in at the office allows us to ensure that we know of everyone who is in the building should we need to contact you or should we have to evacuate the school for any reason.

If you are volunteering please remember to sign in at the office and take a volunteer badge.

If you are picking up your child during the school day please sign your child out at the office. The secretary will call your child to the office to meet you.

If you have something to drop off for your child, please label the item with your child's name and homeroom, and drop it off at the office. The secretary will call your child to the office to pick up the item.



March 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Chocolate or white milk for sale at lunchtime everyday. .75 each	1 Day 5	2 Day 6 Ham Pizza \$2.00 per slice	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Turkey Sandwich or ½ Turkey Wrap \$3.00 each	5
6	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5 Pepperoni Pizza \$2.00 per slice	10 Day 6	11 Day 0 Admin./PD Day - No Classes	12
13	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3 Ham Pizza \$2.00 per slice	17 Day 4	18 Day 5 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Ham Sandwich or ½ Ham Wrap \$3.00 each Grade 1-4 Report Cards Issued	19
20 21-24 Wacky Week	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Pepperoni Pizza \$2.00 per slice	24 Day 3 Community Pancake Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00 am	25 Day 0 Good Friday - No Classes	26
27 Easter Sunday	28 Spring Break March 28 - April 1	29	30	31	Please send exact change with your child for milk and hot lunches.	