

# Melita School



## December News 2011

Let's begin this newsletter by saying that in spite of the harsh reality of winter and the harsh reality that comes with results of some of the report cards, we are a busy and happy place! November has been busy with a variety of activities. Norbert Georget, a former paramedic from Saskatoon, spoke to our grade 8 – 12 students about drinking and driving. The grade 9s attended "Take your Kid to Work Day with their parent. We held our Remembrance Service on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the color party and guest speakers. You really added to our program. We held Parent/Student/Teacher conferences last week with a near 100% turn out! Way to go, Melita School! Hopefully all parents had a chance to give ideas to the Parent Advisory about what they see as needs around the school. These "wishlists" were a chance for staff and parents to voice priorities. Please feel free to call the school if you have any ideas for school improvement. I am very excited that our school is taking 18 students to WeDay in Winnipeg. We are stopping at the Marquis Project in Brandon the day before and then attending WeDay on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It promises to be a very inspiring time! The grade 8s will travel to Wawanesa on December 16<sup>th</sup> for a Wellness Day. The grade 8s have attended this day for the past few years. Last year the theme was cultural awareness. We look forward to hearing about their day this year. School curling is underway on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Mrs. Skocylas and Mrs. Shnitka are again looking after the program with Mr. Spurrill also helping. Later in the newsletter, you will see an order form for the yearbook. This year, Lifetouch has graciously given us two \$50.00 vouchers to promote our yearbook. If you order a yearbook before Christmas, students will get their names in a draw for \$50.00 off next year's portraits. If a graduate orders before Christmas, they will get their names in a draw for \$50.00 off of their grad portraits. We have already sold more yearbooks than this time last year. We would like to welcome Diago to our school. Diago is an international student from Columbia who is here for one month to get the "English" experience. The grade 10s and 11s are showing him how life as a teenager works in Manitoba! Thanks to Tara and Jags for hosting him. We are starting to get geared up for the upcoming Christmas season. Be sure to put December 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan to attend the Band Concert. Our bands just get better and better! Come out to the gym at 7pm and enjoy a great concert. The K-5 students will have their concerts in the theatre again this year. Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> will be Grade 1, 3 and 5 and Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> will be K, 2 and 4. Doors open at 6:30- concert to start at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there. It will be December 22<sup>nd</sup> and the last day of classes before we know it. Best wishes for a happy holiday!

Sandra Clark

**Please note:**

**Christmas Concert Date Changes:**

**Tuesday December 13**

**Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 5**

**Wednesday December 14**

**Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 4**

**The K-4 Staff and students would like to thank everyone again for all the support they received with their "Farm to School Fundraiser".**

**We were able to donate 50# of potatoes to the Community Pantry.**

### Grade Two Post It

We can't believe that there is only one week until we turn our 2011 calendar for the last month! **That means that our Mitten Tree only has one week to get its boughs loaded with mittens, toques, and scarves! Please send an item to hang on our tree that will get donated to needy local families through the Christmas Cheer Board's distribution of hampers.** We are excited to see our collections growing. So many community members are now saving can tabs that the weight of our can tab collection is almost as big as last year's total weight. Keep sending tabs and now that it is cooler, save your Campbells Soup labels. The Grade Two Class performed a peace song at the Melita School Remembrance Day Service and displayed some crafted poppies in the gym. On November 22, our class celebrated the 50th day of school. We represented 50 in many different ways, wrote a story about the first fifty days and made a 50/50 snack with a partner. We have begun preparations for the Christmas Concert. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday break!

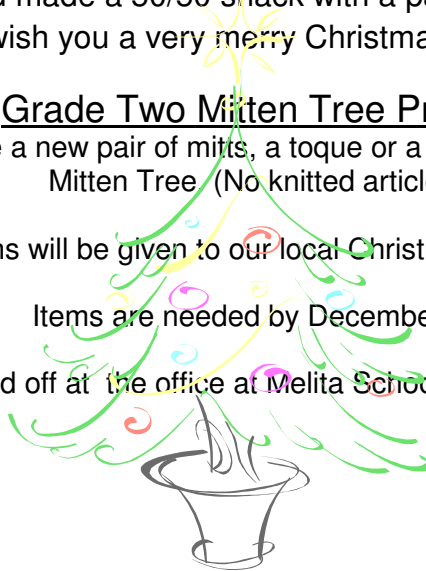
### Grade Two Mitten Tree Project

Please donate a new pair of mitts, a toque or a scarf to decorate our Mitten Tree (No knitted articles)

All donations will be given to our local Christmas Cheer Board.

Items are needed by December 1st

Donations can be dropped off at the office at Melita School or can be sent with a student.



## Middle Years News

The Middle Years Students participated in the Spirit Week October 24<sup>th</sup>-October 28<sup>th</sup>. To wrap up the week, they held a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with Brad Dalziel as their DJ. Thanks Brad! The winners of the costume competition were: Haven Morrison and Lantz Skidmore.

Congratulations! There were many great costumes and narrowing it down to one female and one male winner was quite difficult. As always a huge thanks to our parent chaperones: Yolanda Costa, Stacy Downey, Monica Skelton, Glenn Vercaigne and Susan Cairns, because without them we would not be able to have our dances.

If you have any suggestions for the Middle Years Student Council, please remember to pass this info to your class rep or a council member.

**Everyone is invited to our Christmas Concerts**

Tuesday, December 13th is the concert by the Grade 1, 3 and 5 classes

Wednesday, December 14th is the concert by the Kindergarten, Grade 2 and 4 classes

Each night the program starts at 7:00 with a silver collection at the door. A visit from Santa is anticipated for the end of the concert each night. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Please have students at the back of the theatre 15 minutes before the performance starts with a pair of shoes to wear while at the theatre.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 1:15 and are open to the public.

**MELITA SCHOOL BANDS  
WINTER CONCERT**

**Tuesday December 6th at 7pm**

Performances by all bands, grades 6-12  
Melita School Gymnasium

**Looking for calendar thermometers  
contact Mark Shnitka at Melita School 522-0147**

**Grade 4 to 12 Curling News:** Another year of after school curling has started, This year we have 18 curlers in the Grade 4&5 club and 32 curlers in the Grades 6 -12 club. Gr. 6 -12 curlers curl on Mondays after school and the Gr. 4 & 5 club curl on Wednesday after school.

This year we were lucky enough to have a Curl Manitoba Clinic called "The Road Show" sponsored by Curl Manitoba. Students in Grs, 6,7,8 and 9 took part in this clinic as part of their Phys. Ed Program and then Grades. 4&5 took part in the after school clinic. Junior curlers from Deloraine came and joined us. We would like to thank Curl Manitoba, Reid Carruthers and Jason Gunnlaugson for putting on this clinic for us. We would also like to thank Brian S for spear heading it and any curlers from the Melita Curling Club who helped in anyway on this day. A special thanks goes out to Curl Manitoba for sponsoring this event for us.

## **Social Justice Group**

### **We Day**

On Wednesday, November 23, students from Melita School attended We Day in Winnipeg. Founders Marc and Craig Keilburger addressed the 16 000 students at this event by saying, "you didn't pay for your tickets – you earned them through your volunteer hours." They encouraged each student to learn about what issues are important to them and to work towards making positive change. Each of the Melita students attending We Day made a yearlong commitment to being part of a school-based Social Justice group. This group will choose at least one local and one global issue to take action on!

*"Don't be afraid of the homeless. Be afraid of a society that doesn't care," (Hannah Taylor of The Ladybug Foundation).*

### **East Africa Relief**

A huge thank you to the students and staff of Melita School who supported the Hotel Rwanda movie afternoon. A total of \$232. was raised and brought to We Day in support of East Africa relief. This means that 23 children will be fed for one month, saving them from the dangers of immediate starvation. Way to go Melita School!

### **Vow of Silence**

On Wednesday, November 30, students in grade 7-12 who choose to participate will take a "Vow of Silence." This is an initiative of Free the Children and its purpose is to "stand in solidarity with children who are silenced by poverty, disease and exploitation." Students will decide individually on their level of silence. It can mean simply refraining from speaking out loud. It can also mean cutting oneself off from email, texting, and social media sites. Students who sign up will be asked to donate \$2 and all proceeds will go to Free the Children's development projects. Students who do not wish to make the Vow of Silence can still help out by donation \$2. See [www.freethechildren.com/vowofsilence](http://www.freethechildren.com/vowofsilence) for more information.

### **Band Parents Fundraiser**

The Band Parents Fundraiser is now complete. Thanks to all the students in grade 7-12 who sold Sunset Gourmet products! Orders can be picked up on Tuesday, December 6 following the Band Concert.

### **Band News:**

- Band concert Dec. 6th at 7pm, all students be in their warm-up classes by 6:30 wearing concert attire. (black dress pants, white shirt, black socks and dark shoes)
- the next band parent meeting will be Wed. Jan 11th at 7pm in the band room
- all 9-12 band students are required to bring the first installment of their band trip money to Ms. Baird by Dec. 1st (\$45). The second installment of \$50 is due Feb. 1st. Cheques made out to the Melita School Band.

## **Community Musical**

- Prairie Vision Arts Council will be sponsoring the community musical this year - GUYS AND DOLLS to be performed in the Strand Theatre on March 19th, 20th and 21st. Rehearsals will begin the week of January 9th. Anyone 12 and over is encouraged to come out and audition. Lead rolls will be for the adults. There will be both singing and non-singing parts. Auditions will be held in the Melita School Band Room starting at 6pm on Monday December 5th. To set up a time, please contact Maureen Baird at 522-8583 or Janice Greig at 522-3448 or send us an e-mail at the Melita School teacher site.

## 5 – 12 - Honour Roll - Fall Reporting

### **Grade 5**

Presley Costa  
Gracie Gervin  
Haven Morrison  
Rienna Skelton

Brianna-Lynn Frederikson  
Whitney Kobs  
Sara Renwick  
Jessica Slack

Cyrell Gayumba  
Zackary Louttitt  
Griffin Ryden  
Nic Vercaigne

### **Grade 6**

Dante Costa  
Britney Fletcher  
Kaiden Lennie  
Lantz Skidmore

Delaney Elliott  
Rachel Fraser  
Dane Leslie  
Melissa Thorne

Emily Elliott  
Jack Kirkup  
Kendal Rink  
Logan Tilbury

### **Grade 7**

Jhadielou Gayumba  
Andrea Sanderson

Austin Mallo  
Taylor Spurrill

Kara Montgomery  
Cole Tilbury

### **Grade 8**

Ally Beauchamp  
Braeden Cory

Ashley Brigden  
Emma Gervin  
Hilary Renwick

Miranda Brigden  
Cassidy Johns

### **Grade 9**

Elisha Bambridge,  
Brynn Kirkup  
Amber Tilbury  
Jenna Trider

Kirklyn Bugg  
Cole Oliver  
Clayton Brigden  
Sydney Vanhove

Kelly Harmon,  
Kelsey Schuddemat  
Mackenzie Loucks  
BrieAnne Jones

### **Grade 10**

Kaelei Rink  
Samantha Beauchamp

Bethany Leslie  
Corrine Dimaria  
Keesha McCutcheon

Mardelle Tilbury  
Haley Schuddemat

### **Grade 11**

Ryan Fletcher

Natalie Snyder  
Rachelle Loughheed

James Trider

### **Grade 12**

Taylor Kurtz  
Tanner Serruys  
Andrea Elliott

Gage Murray  
Connor Riach  
Morgan Murray  
Lucas Oliver

Taylor Renwick  
Trevor Elliott  
Ashley Nixon

## Grade 6 News

Thank you to all who are saving can tabs and passing them on to us. These tabs will be forwarded onto the Holy Cross School in Winnipeg and will help in purchasing a specialized wheelchair! Currently, the grade 6 students are selling raffle tickets. Top prize is a 32 GB 4th Generation Ipod. There will also be two more draws for \$50 gift certificates from R & M Value and Bigway. The proceeds will be going towards our annual trip to Winnipeg.

### **Dates to Remember:**

#### **December:**

6<sup>th</sup> Band Concert 7:00  
13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert (1,3,5) 7:00  
14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert (K,2,4) 7:00  
22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of classes before Christmas break

#### **January:**

9<sup>th</sup> First day back after Christmas break  
30<sup>th</sup>-Feb.3<sup>rd</sup> Exam Week

#### **February:**

6<sup>th</sup> Term 2 begins  
20<sup>th</sup> Louis Riel Day no classes  
24<sup>th</sup> PD Day no classes

#### **March:**

9<sup>th</sup> Admin Day no classes  
13<sup>th</sup> Reports go home  
14<sup>th</sup> P/S/T Conference 5-7:30  
15<sup>th</sup> P/S/T Conference 5-7:00  
23<sup>rd</sup> Admin Day no classes  
26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

#### **June:**

22<sup>nd</sup> Grad  
28<sup>th</sup> Awards Celebrations K-4 9:00 5-8 10:00 9-11 11:00

Melita School Yearbook Order Form \$35.00

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade or TAG Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Get your name in on a draw for \$50.00 off your next portrait package from Lifetouch if you order before Christmas!

\*Please make cheque payable to Melita School. Please return this form to the school office.

Thank you for supporting our school!