

October News 2011

Welcome to the first edition of the Melita School news for the 2011-2012 school year. Each year proves to be exciting in its own way! We would like to welcome new and returning students. We currently have 251 students attending Melita School. Our students enjoy a full schedule of curricular and extra-curricular activities. This year we have 18.5 (full time equivalent) teachers with lots of jobs to do besides their classroom commitment. We welcome our new teachers Mr. Corrigan and Ms. Woods. Mr. Corrigan is usually found in the gym and he is busy getting to know our kids as well as coaching our senior boys' volleyball team. Ms. Woods is here for the first hour each morning and then travels to Pierson to finish her day there. She works with half of our grade 8 ELA class. Our other volleyball teams are also getting prepared for the season. Ms. Oliver and Cara Zaharychuk are coaching the senior girls' team. Dana Holden is coaching the junior varsity girls with Mrs. Harmon as the staff rep. Shannon Gervin and Morgan Murray are coaching the junior girls with Mrs. Heath as the staff rep and Tanner Serruys and Reed Loucks are coaching the junior boys with Mrs. McCutcheon as the staff rep. We would like to thank them in advance for all the hours and effort they put into our students. Go Mauraders !! Mrs. Leslie and Ms. Elliott have started a Social Justice committee to look at issues that are important to themselves and our world. They will be travelling to WE Day in Winnipeg in November. No doubt you will hear more about WE day as the time approaches. We will hold our school-wide Terry Fox walk on Wednesday, Sept. 28th with the grade 6's hosting a bar-b-que fundraiser that day. We are looking forward to our Open House on October 3rd from 6:30- 7:30. The book fair is also happening on the 3rd - 9:00am – 8:00 pm and 4th - 9:00am – 3:30pm. We will have lots of demonstrations going on at the open house. Come out and see your child's classroom, have a look at displays and perhaps visit our new Day Care or the electro-labs. The newest item this year is the use of our student portal. This portal gives parents a chance to electronically see their child's grades at any time. Grades and attendance will be updated each week and parents are encouraged to go on and see how their child is doing on a regular basis. Passwords have been mailed home to parents and the portal is up and running now. Give the school a call if you have questions or comments. We will be demonstrating the student portal at our open house on the 3rd. 1-866-422-5113. We hope to see you there!

Sandra Clark

Why should you learn French?

In many European countries, a second language is introduced in elementary school and a third language in middle school. Job applicants who are proficient in at least two languages will be at a distinct advantage in the global marketplace. When you know French, you can communicate in transactions occurring daily in French on every continent. (Taken from a document produced by the Manitoba Department of Education called *A vos marques, prêts, partez!*)

Grade 4 News

We would like to welcome our new student Rylan to our class. We have quickly settled into a routine in our class. We are done with our formal testing and ready to learn in all the subject areas. We had Darci Serruys in our class the first week of school. Ms. Serruys is working on her Bachelor of Education degree at Brandon University. She will return to continue student teaching in our classroom in October for 5 more weeks. We are working on creating some educational games that fit into our Math curriculum. If you have any decks of cards (part decks are fine) or dice that you aren't using anymore we can use them. We are also looking for lids from liquid laundry soap jugs.

They are very handy for painting during Art lessons. Thank you in advance for any of these materials. The class will be participating in a division-wide soccer tournament on October 5. Parents are welcome to come to the school and cheer their child on. We would like to thank Camiel Serruys from the Chicken Chef for donating 25 paper bags to create folders for Math class.

Happenings in Grade Five:

The Grade five class has settled in and are actively involved in a variety of activities. We have 18 students in grade five this year. We would like to welcome Griffen Ryden and Mathew Drader to our grade 5 class. Once again we are "Reading Across Canada". Each page read is a kilometre on our trek around Canada. It takes about 17 835km to go around Canada, stopping in each of the provinces and territories. The grade five students are already reading toward this and will keep you posted on our travels. Keep up the great reading Grade five!! We are also in charge of the recycling in the K to 6 end of the school. This is a major task, but sure reduces the amount of garbage. Think green!

There was eleven students signed up to take part in the 5/6 golf in Souris on Tuesday, September 27. Due to lack of interest this event was cancelled. Hopefully it will happen next year or in the Spring.

On October 5 the grade 3 to 6 will be hosting the soccer tournament here in Melita. Come out and cheer on the great sportsmanship.

The kick off for the magazines will be on September 28. The eager grade five students will be out selling. This is the schools major fundraiser and many of our activities are paid out of the money raised. Help support the school's fundraiser!!

Well folks that is all for now from the grade five class. Happy October to you all!!!

Middle Years Student Council 2011=2012

President	Cole Tilbury
Vice	Nick Fletcher
Secretary	Taylor Spurrill
Social Convenors	Kaiden Lennie & Jhadielou Gayumba
Room Reps	Haven Morrison, Jack Kirkup, Kara Montgomery & Drew Kirkup

Our first meeting will be tomorrow, Wednesday, September 28th @ 12:10 in the Library.

BAND NEWS

Tentative Performance Schedule for Band Students

Remembrance Day - Nov. 9th, 10:45 am: grades 9-12

Winter Concert - Dec. 6th, 7pm: all grades

Pre-Festival Concert - first week of March(date TBA) 7pm - all grades

Virden Festival - April (in school time, date TBA) - grades 6-8

Optimist Festival - February 21-23(date TBA) - grades 9-12

Lunch and Listen Concert - first week of June (date TBA) 12:00 noon: all grades

Morrow Park Concert – last week of June (date TBA) 12:00 noon: grade 6

** All students are asked to have concert attire for the evening concerts and festival performances: white dress shirt (with sleeves and a collar), black dress pants, dark shoes and dark socks. Please no sleeveless shirts.

*** If anyone has white dress shirts or black dress pants that they want to pass along please drop them off at the school office and Ms. Baird will get them to students who cannot find the appropriate concert wear.

BAND PARENT MEETING (Wednesday Sept. 14th)

2011/2012 band parent executive

President: Melanie Renwick

Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Tilbury

Class Parent Reps

Grade 6: Jonina Elliott

Grade 7: Alana Louttit

Grade 8: Wendy Johns

Grade 9: Laurie Dalziel

Grade 10: Deb Jarvie

Grade 11/12: Luanne Heath

It was decided that this year we will do one fund raiser – a Beef Supper in April. All band students will be asked to help

Ms. Baird will try to arrange an overnight trip for the senior band when they make their trip to the Winnipeg Optimist Festival in February

A longer band trip for upcoming years will be discussed further at the next meeting, however more parental support will be required to allow for such plans.

The next Band Parent Meeting will be the night of the Open House – **Oct 3rd at 7:30** in the band room. All Band Parents are encouraged to attend this brief update after you have toured the school.

From the Music Room

A grades 4- 7 choir has begun practices on Wed. and Fri. at noon. We will go from September to December and hope to attract students who might be interested in next year's musical production.

Senior Student Council

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SKATE CANADA - For all boys & girls with interest in ice skating - Future Hockey, Ringette, Speed Skating & Figure Skating STARS - **Skate Canada** is dedicated to providing Canadians the opportunity to participate in skating throughout their lifetime for fun, fitness and achievement.

JOIN US...

Melita Skating Club offers *Canada's Only National Skater Development Program*

This program is highly recommended for every skater regardless of future skating intentions. This is the best program to start in and is strongly supported by many professional athletes who know that basic skating skill development is essential. Our club offers a variety of programs to meet your needs. Check us out! Ages 3+ Skating on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have a program for you! Instructed by Level 2 Professional Coach For more information call Marie 522-3155 or Monica 522-8565 Email: marietilbury@mymts.net

Registration & Information
6:30-8 p.m. at Melita School Open House

Monday, October 3
(by gymnasium doors)

ALSO

Melita Skating Club is looking for Hockey Players to mentor younger skaters for the fall/winter skating season. Tuesday and/or Thursday 5-5:45. Come out and volunteer some time. Training provided. Looks great on a resume! Call Monica 522-8565

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Social Justice Group

This is a recently formed group of Senior High Students at Melita School who have a strong interest and belief in social justice and global citizenship.

Social justice is the idea of creating a society that: is based on principles of equality, peace, and harmony; understands and values human rights; and recognizes the dignity of every human being.

A global citizen is someone who: is aware of the wider world and has a sense of their role as a world citizen; respects and values diversity; is angered by social injustice; participates in and contributes to the community at a range of levels, from local to global; is willing to act to make the world a more sustainable place, and takes responsibility for their actions.

These students have keen interests ranging from local to global issues such as: racism, women's rights, children's rights, animal rights, poverty, child mortality, gay/lesbian rights, bullying, and media violence/portrayal – to name a few. This group will meet several times a month to learn more about the issues that are important to them, educate and raise awareness, and find ways to promote social justice. April Murray will be a guest speaker at the next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29. In the spring, this group looks forward to tackling a project where they can get involved and make a difference!

We Day

On November 23, 2011, students from the Social Justice Group and Senior Student Council will be travelling to Winnipeg to attend We Day! We Day is a day-long event that features a series of inspirational and motivational speeches by top leaders and social issues activists, speakers, and entertainers. We Day celebrates the power of young people to change the lives of others!

Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball

The JV Girls have started their season. We are very fortunate to have Dana Holden volunteer her time to coach this team. We are entered in the league this year and play our games on Wednesday evenings. Our first home game was played on Sept 21 against Virden. Our next home action is on Wed. Oct. 19 at 4:30 against Elkhorn. Come out and cheer on our girls.

JV Players – Amber Tilbury ,Sydney Vanhove , Brynn Kirkup , Brei Anne Jones, Kelsey Schuddemat, Megan Carr, Kelsi Bloomer, Justine Goodman, Jazmin Howell, Jade Kirkup, Aaryn Hutchins, Stephanie ODonnell.

Coach: Dana Holden

Manager: Linda Harmon

Melita Early Learning Centre

The Melita Early Learning Centre, a childcare facility situated in the Melita Collegiate, aims to provide an educational, safe and supportive environment conducive to the needs of the children and parents requiring this service. The MELC has the capacity for 4 infant and 16 preschool spots. Efforts are ongoing to raise funds necessary for the operation of the facility.

2nd Annual Toy Drive

In conjunction with the Melita Collegiate Open House, the MELC board members will be hosting their 2nd Annual Toy Drive. Please bring quality new and used books, educational supplies and toys to the Early Learning Centre on October 3, 2011. All donations are greatly appreciated! Board members will be available to address questions generated by the public.

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

“Pizza Pizza” Choices: Pepperoni, Pepperoni and Mushroom, Three Cheese, Ham and Pineapple, and Deluxe.
Order forms will be available **October 14**.

Boxing Day Social December 26, 2011

Staff Recruitment

The MELC Board is currently accepting resumes of qualified Early Childhood Educators (ECE) II and III to fill full time and part time positions as well as the role of Director. ECE training is an asset, however, related education and experiences will be considered. Please send resumes to melitaelc@live.ca . For more information, please contact Dana Holden at 522-3440.

Accolades

The MELC board members would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation for the continued support we have received from our community and surrounding areas. It is with this support that the realization of the MELC is nearing completion. Many thanks to each and every one!

Attention Parents

Any parent who has contacted Stacie Gardiner Graham in regards to child placement, please email melitaelc@live.ca to ensure that an application can be forwarded to you for completion.

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, Sept 28	National School Terry Fox Run	
Friday, Sept 30	Grad Steak Fry Fundraiser	
Monday, Oct 3	Open House	
Monday, Oct 3	Book Fair	
Tuesday, Oct 4	Book Fair	
Friday, Oct 21	SAG (no classes)	
Friday, Oct 21	H. S. Hockey Steak Fry	
Monday, Oct. 24-Friday, Oct. 28	K-12 Spirit Week	
Friday, Oct 28	Halloween Parade	
Wednesday, Nov 9	Remembrance Day Service 10:45	
Thursday, Nov 10	Admin. Day (no classes)	
Friday, Nov 11	Remembrance Day (no classes)	
Thursday, Nov 15	Report Cards go home	
Wednesday, Nov 16	Student/Parent/Teacher Conference 5:00-7:30	
Thursday, Nov. 17	Student/Parent/Teacher Conference 5:00-7:00	
Friday, Nov 25	Admin. Day (no classes)	
Tuesday, Dec 6	Band Concert 7:00	
Tuesday, Dec 13	Grade 1, 3 & 5 Christmas Concert 7:00	
Wednesday, Dec 14	Kind. Gr. 2, & 4 Christmas Concert 7:00	
Thursday, Dec 22	Last day of classes before Christmas	
Friday Dec 23-Friday Jan 6 2012	Christmas Holidays	
Monday, Jan 9 2012	1 st day classes after Christmas	
Mon. Jan 30-Friday Feb 3	Exam Week	
Monday, Feb 6 2012	1 st day classes Term 2	
Monday, Feb 20	Louis Riel Day (no classes)	
Friday, Feb 24	PD Day (no classes)	
Friday, Mar 9	Admin Day (no classes)	
Wednesday Mar 14	Student/Parent/Teacher Conference 5:00-7:30	
Thursday Mar 15	Student/Parent/Teacher Conference 5:00-7:00	
Friday, Mar 23	Admin Day (no classes)	
Monday, Mar 26-Friday Mar 30	Spring Break	
Friday, April 6	Good Friday	
Monday, April 30	PD Day (no classes)	
Friday, June 22	High School Grad	
Thursday, June 28	Awards/Celebrations	Last Day of classes
	K-Grade 4 9:00	
	Grade 5-8 10:00	
	Grade 9-11 11:00	

Reminder - Student Fees:

Kindergarten – Grade 1	\$15.00
Grade 2 – Grade 12	\$20.00
Family	\$50.00

Fall 2011

Karate

ages 7& up
Starting Soon
Call Alby 522-3172

Referee Clinic
Age 13 & up
Level 1 & 2
Saturday
October 15th
8:30am-4:30pm
Melita
Register online with
Hockey Manitoba
Info contact:
Rod Loucks
522-8414
rdloucks@mts.net

South West Hockey School
Melita & Area Arena
ages 6 & up
Oct.11-22, 2011
Registration Deadline
Oct 3rd
Cost \$100
Power Skating & Skills
Training, including goalie, body contact and coaching clinics

Including Marty Murray

Cotton Attics Quilt Group
2011/12
Meet 3rd Tuesday of Month
7:00 pm
Melita/Pierson
Member Fees \$35.00
New Members Welcome

Hunter Safety
on line at www.mwf.mb.ca
Followed with final hands on instruction and test. Ages 12 & up
Test Instructors: Wayne & Delores
Howden 747-3901
Darren Howden 658-3554
Jr. Rifle Club ages 10 & up
Mondays @ Deloraine Info Delores, Wayne, or Darren

ZUMBA PLUS
ZUMBA--Latin & International dance-based fitness class
Work out clothes and shoes, bring lots of water

PLUS- increase flexibility, improve posture, strengthen core finish with 15 minutes of progressive muscle relaxation
no shoes required
Inst.:Alicia Hoemsen
Fridays- Oct 21-Nov 25
7-9pm
minimum 10 participants
co-ed -- all ages welcome
Cost \$125.00
Register by Oct. 14th

Red Cross Emergency or Standard First Aid & CPR –C
Sun. Nov. 20th 9-4(EFA \$90.00)
Mon. Nov. 21st 6-9 (SFA \$125.00)
Melita School Library
Instructor: Irv Skelton

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
Sun Oct 2, 9am-4pm
Mon Oct 3 6pm-9pm
Inst.Wayne Benedict
Melita School
Cost \$100 & Manual \$20
Learn about:
I. camera controls
II. Controlling motion and depth of field
III. Auto and Manual settings
IV. Rules of Art and how to take Better Pictures
V. Metering, ensuring exposure is correct
VI. the f-16 Rule
VII. How lenses function
VIII. DOF Degradation
IX. Field Trip???
Registration deadline September.23rd

Prairie Vision Arts Council
New Members Welcome
Info Bill Warren522-8184

Step & Strength Aerobic Workout
All fitness levels welcome
Strength and Cardio

Oct. 11– Nov.17
Tues & Thurs.
6 weeks (12 sessions)
6:00-7:00pm
Location TBA
Cost: \$95.00
Marcia Snyder Certified Manitoba Fitness Council
Instructor
Register by **Oct. 12th**.

Beer Tasting Class

Lyleton
8PM Friday Oct 14th
Lyleton Community Hall
“Try many different beers – what else is out there”
Palette Cleansing Snacks **Register by October 8th**
\$20.00
In partnership with MLCC
Presenter Kevin Kotyk
“Please arrange safe travel home”

Beaded Bracelet
Watch for more information

Easy Art Inst. Kathryn
2 classes 3 hours each complete oil painting all supplies included Cost \$70.00/class
Saturday, Oct. 22nd
9am-Noon **Evening Peace**
1-4pm **Around the Bend**
see pictures @ easyart.ca
Melita School
Reg. by Oct14th.

Urban Poling
room for more, join any time!

Morning Exercises
For balance & flexibility in your daily “Active Living”
Mon. Wed. & Fri.
9am -10am
Melita Drop Inn Centre
Call Marg 522-8153
For more information

Kids Bowling(ages 6 &up)
Mondays- After School- 5pm
Starting Oct. 17th
Galaxy Lanes
Registration Required
Cost \$3.00, shoes are FREE
Please Register by October 14th

On the Ball Fitness
A gentle yet effective way to strengthen your body using an exercise ball and resistance bands. Inst. Marcia Snyder Tues & Thurs. 5-5:45pm
Starting October 11-November 17 Location TBA Cost \$95.00

Please pre-register for all classes.

OFFICE LOCATED AT
-101 Ash Street Melita
-Pierson Library

Antler River Recreation
Box 341, Melita MB R0M 1L0
522-8328 e-mail arrd@mts.net
Storm Policy --if schools are closed then ARRD programs are postponed--

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