



Melita School News



April 2010

From the Office:

As Mrs. Harmon pointed out, there are only three more newsletters until the end of the year. I guess we'd better get cramming in all the things that are left to be completed (now that will take SOME cramming!) Since the last newsletter, we have held the Early Learning Childcare Centres meeting and formed a board to carry us forward into this exciting change. We will meet this week in Waskada to see their new facility and to get advice from the lady who is in charge of licensing the day cares, Barb Bauming. I would like to congratulate the band parent committee for a very successful steak fry. I know it was difficult to cook in that wind but it sounds like they had a successful event. Ian Scott from the International Study Program spoke at our last Parent Advisory Council meeting. His target is for 24 home-stay families within the next few weeks to accommodate students wanting to come to Canada for the fall term. Please consider whether this would be for you. Having had some experience with International students, I can tell you first hand that it really is a very worthwhile undertaking. I have Ian's business card if anyone wishes to contact him. Give me a call anytime 1-866-422-5113 or 483-6241. Manitoba Theatre for Young People was here last week presenting "Beneath the Banyon Tree". The K-6 students enjoyed their presentation. We have set up specific dates to meet with the graduates to fill out scholarship applications. Parents are also welcome to attend. Badminton is in full swing and the tournaments should finish up this week. The RCMP is coming in the near future to give a talk to our middle years students about the risks of gangs and to inform them about issues surrounding gang activity. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. We are also intending to have a "Cyber Safety" presentation before the students are out for summer break. I know field trip season is upon us so please watch for safety forms and other documents to be coming home regarding your child's field trips.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for our year end "Lunch & Listen" Band concert on June 4th, starting at 12:00. Hope to see you there.

That's all for now.

Sandra Clark

Child Find ID Clinic

Tentative time is the first week in June. Numbers are needed before hand. Please call the school if you are interested at 1-866-422-5113 or 204-483-6293. Ages: birth – 18 years.

Thank you - **The Antler River Dance Group** would like to thank the Melita School Staff Blue Jean Fund for the generous donation of \$100. Our group put the money toward purchasing recital/festival costumes. A much appreciated boost to our costume inventory. The purchased costumes will be used again in the years to come being enjoyed by many dancers and dance enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

Antler River Dance Group.

A Bouquet to Melita School

The Melita Figure Skating Club would like to send a huge thank you to the Melita School Blue Jean Fund for the donation that we received. It is very much appreciated. Thanks again!!



Library News

Thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting the Book Fair. We were able to purchase \$1100.00 worth of books for the Library from our profits. Congratulations to Kelly Wheelans and Mrs. Lee who each won \$25.00 worth of free books. Also congratulations to all of our prize winners.

Congratulations also to everyone who participated in Battle of the Books at Souris. The books look great for next year, so I hope to see everyone reading again!
Deb Green

Nursery School News

The Melita Nursery School Board and parents would like to thank all those that supported the steak fry that was held on March 24th, 2010. Special thanks to Rose and her staff at the Legion, Sunrise Credit Union and Stuart and Bette Miller for making our pie auction a success. Funds raised are used for wages, insurance, supplies, etc. By holding fundraisers we are able to keep our monthly fees affordable. Thanks again!!

On Wednesday, June 9th, 2010 from 10-12 there will be an open house/pre-registration for the fall Nursery School sessions. Registration will be held for the Kindergarten Readiness class and regular Nursery School classes. To pre-register or for more information please phone (204) 522-8565.

The Melita Nursery School Grad for 2010 will take place on June 22nd, 2010 at 7pm in the Melita School Gym. Everyone is Welcome!

Kindergarten

Thank you to Stephanie Jones for bringing in her cricut cutter to cut out designs for decorating Easter eggs during art class. The students thank you for your time in the classroom.

Thank you to Rylee Fletcher for the books bought through the book fair for the classroom. Thank you to Barker Agri Center for the books bought through the book fair for the classroom.

The Kindergarten students are watering the trees on the playground - a part of learning in the science curriculum.

Grade One News

This month Grade One celebrated Earth Day on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Students decorated brown paper bags and included an Friendly Earth tip on each bag. If you picked up groceries at the Food Fare on April 22, 2010, you may have had your groceries packed in a grade one student's bag.

Students discussed recycling and sorted plastic recycling materials by number. The class planted a garbage garden in recycled containers. So far the radishes, cress and beans have sprouted. Students sorted earth tips into reduce, reuse and recycle categories. Each student made a pencil and eraser holder for his or her desk using recycled cans. Our final project out of recycled material will be to make a birdfeeder.

We are presently working on a geometry unit. Students built 2-D shapes using marshmallows and pretzels. Each child created a traffic sign of his or her choice. Our culminating activity will be to build a community using 3-D shapes.

Rodeo Activities

On Friday, April 16, 2010, K-6 students joined their KC groups to participate in Rodeo Activities. In an hour, students completed cow roping, rope the cow, hit the boot, barrel racing, hat toss and horse shoes. K-4 students attended the Reading Roundup. Our guest reader was Mrs. Julie Rowe. She read a story about a cattle roundup and showed students pictures of her husband and daughter participating in rodeo events. K-6 students received a cowboy boot shaped cookie for participating in a coloring contest.

Grade Three News

The Grade Three class is busy studying a unit in Science on Plants. Students are doing a number of experiments with plants. We are also getting ready for our Field Trip to Portage la Prairie later in May. We will be traveling by bus to Portage and we will do a tour of the Fort la Reine Museum and Island Park. We will then catch VIA Rail and we will ride to Rivers. Our bus will meet us there and then transport us home. We are all looking forward to this Field Trip. We will be visiting at the Melita Lodge again on April 28th.

The Grade Three class took part in a Battle of the Books Competition for the Southwest Horizon Division Grade 3/4 students. It was held in Souris on April 7th. Sixteen students took part and they did an excellent job. Each student had to read six of 10 books. Most students read all ten books. Students are then put on school teams and they compete against the other schools. It is something like Reach for the Top. We would like to thank Mrs. Green for all the hard work she did for our school in helping students to get ready for Battle of the Books this year.

Grade Five Happenings

The grade five students continue to work hard in class and enjoy the extra activities. We had students participate in both singles and doubles badminton. We attended The Theatre for Young People production in the gym. We enjoyed visiting the library for the Book Fair and purchasing books. Thanks to all who donated a book to the Grade Five class. It was greatly appreciated! Thanks to Ms. Pierce and Mrs. Harmon for organizing the great Rodeo activities in our KC Groups. It was a lot of fun! Students continue to read to try and finish our trek across Canada. We still have not made it all the way around. Keep up the reading!

We are in the process of planning our Grade five Field Trip. We will be traveling to Estevan on June 23rd. I already have two female parent volunteers and would like to have two Dads join us as well. More information will go home when this event is completely planned. That is all from the Grade Five class for now!
Happy Spring!

Grade 6

At the end of March the Grade 6 class divided into four “survivor” teams. Throughout the week they worked on strategies to “survive” as a group. The culminating activity involved a “School Community Challenge”. The projects they planned and carried out were:

1. Organizing the equipment room
2. Arranging a craft class with the Nursery School
3. An Easter egg hunt for the Kindergarten
4. Planning and running a lunch time games program for Grade 2 & 3

These were perfect examples of being a caring citizen of Melita School.

5/6 Badminton:

Eight students traveled to Souris on April 14th to take part in the Singles Badminton Tournament. We would like to thank Melanie Sanderson, Colleen Brigden, and Karen Mitchell for driving our students. These students showed great sportsmanship and had a lot of fun: Grade 6: Hilary Renwick, Miranda Brigden, Graham Gillander, and Lane Mitchell and Grade 5: Zach McCutcheon, James Long, Andrea Sanderson, and Kara Montgomery.

Sixteen students ventured to Deloraine on the 15th of April to participate in the Doubles Badminton Tournament. Players from Grade five were Taylor Spurrill and Latisha Louttit, Jhadielou Gayumba and Nicole Jarvie, Cole Tilbury and Jayden Kobs, and Austin Mallo and Holden Phillips. Thanks to Tracy Kobs and Connie Mallo for safely driving the grade five players. They were Braeden Cory and Wade Dalziel, Ty Goforth and Mitchell Ratcliffe, Ally Beauchamp and Emma Gervin, Mikaela Benton and Skye Chapman from grade six. Thanks to Laurie Dalziel, Denise Benton, and Stephanie Ratcliffe for driving the grade six players. All players played with a positive attitude and had a lot of fun!

Middle Years News

Allison Armstrong played the tunes for the “Crazy Hair” Middle Years Dance held on Friday, April 16th. A job well done, Allison! Our appreciation is also extended to Roy Thorne, Lana Trider, LJ Kirkup and Karen Beauchamp for giving up their Friday evening to chaperone our dance – Thanks!!

30 Hour Famine

On Friday, April 23rd, at 8:00 a.m., the Gr. 8's stopped eating for 30 hours! They spent the night at the school, entertaining themselves with movies, games, and activities, and some even got some sleep. Several of the students do not even have rice during the famine. Collectively, the class raised \$1973.65 for World Vision; the student with the greatest amount of donations is Brett Murray, and the team with the highest amount is Sam Beauchamp, Keesha McCutcheon, Hayley Schuddemat, and Mardelle Tilbury.

Thank you to the community for your support of our project; without you our goal would not have been attainable. Appreciation also goes out to Ms. Brown for helping supervise, Mrs. Barker, for stopping by for coffee, and to Mr. T, for being on call if needed. A job well done Grade 8!!

7/8 Badminton

Congratulations to Kaelei Rink & Kylan Tilbury, Keesha McCutcheon & Hayley Schuddemat, Matt Trussler & Shane Culbertson, Cole Jarvie and Will Brown for winning at the Divisional Badminton Tournament in Waskada on April 22nd. They will attend the Zone competition in Deloraine on April 29th. Good luck!

On April 21/10, **Melita School** hosted the Gr. 7/8 Divisional Badminton Tournament. All players showed excellent sportsmanship and the standings are as follows:

Boys Singles: 1st place - Brett Murray

2nd place - Andrew Vercaigne (Deloraine)

Girls Singles: 1st place: Samantha Beauchamp

2nd place - Kienna Mills (Deloraine)

The top 2 players from each event will advance onto Zone Competition which will be held at Deloraine on April 29.

Congratulations to the winners and to all students who participated in the Singles Badminton Season.

Mrs. Jodie Kersten

Varsity Badminton

Varsity badminton has been in full swing over the past month. We began with 34 students practicing along with Mr. Vandenberghe and Mr. Leslie coaching. We then had to cut down to the top 2 teams from each discipline for the divisional playoffs. Those who advanced to divisionals were:

Men's Singles: Randy Loucks, Jared Greggor **Ladies Singles:** Erica Snyder, Taylor Renwick
Men's Doubles: Reed Loucks & Lucas Oliver, Ryan Fletcher & Lane Louttit **Ladies Doubles:**
Hanna Bambridge & Britnee Stovin, Maddi Loucks & Krista Vancauwenberghe **Mixed**
Doubles: Marty Tilbury & Morgan Murray, Nolen Ripley & Hayley Higgins.

The divisional tournament was held here in Melita on April 22nd. This featured teams from Melita, Deloraine, Waskada and Pierson. Melita qualified 9 players from this tournament for zones in Virden on April 28th. The players are as follows:

Men's Singles: 1st Divisionals was Randy Loucks **Ladies Singles:** 1st Divisionals was Erica Snyder and second was Taylor Renwick **Men's Doubles:** 1st was Reed Loucks & Lucas Oliver, second was Lane Louttit & Ryan Fletcher **Ladies Doubles:** 1st was Hanna Bambridge & Britnee Stovin **Mixed Doubles** second was Marty Tilbury & Morgan Murray.

Good luck to these teams as they compete at zones for a chance to represent Melita School at provincials in May!

BAND NEWS

Congratulations to all students who took part in the Deloraine and Virden Music Festivals.

All three Melita School Bands competed in the Virden Festival and did very well. The 9-12 Band placed 1st in their class. Great Job kids!!

Thank You to all parents and students who helped with the steak fry, this year's one and only fund raiser. A nice bit of money was raised which will go toward festival bus costs and class supplies which cannot be covered by the school. We would also like to thank community members who came out to support us.

There will be a final Band Parent Meeting on Tuesday May 4th at 7pm in the band room. All band parents are welcome to attend.



LUNCH AND LISTEN: FINAL SPRING BAND CONCERT
FRIDAY JUNE 4TH: 12:00 - 1:00 in the school gym
Bring your lunch and eat while you listen. Everyone is welcome

A **Retirement Evening** is planned for Grace Judd on May 12, 2010 at the banquet room in the Melita Inn. Cocktails at 6:00 pm and supper at 6:30 pm with a social evening to follow. The supper is priced at \$13.95 plus taxes. If you wish to participate in a community gift, it will be \$5.00 per name. Contact Sheila at Melita School, 1-866-422-5113 if you would like to join in on the evening.

Prairie Vision Arts Council 2010 Scholarship Award (\$400) This annual bursary is awarded to a deserving Waskada, Pierson or Melita graduate who is planning on attending a post-secondary educational institution enrolling in Visual, Performing or Literary Arts. All applicants are required to submit a short autobiography and indicate post-secondary plans and future career goals. Contact Marie Tilbury 522-3155 with any questions. Send applications to PVAC Box 341 Melita, MB R0M 1L0. Application deadline is **May 12th, 2010**.

Prairie Vision Arts Council invites youth from the Melita, Pierson and Waskada Area to apply for summer camp funding if attending a camp in a Visual, Performing or Literary Arts area. Contact Marie Tilbury 522-3155 with any questions. Send a letter of request outlining your Arts related summer camp to PVAC Box 341 Melita, MB R0M 1L0. Application deadline is **May 12th, 2010**.

Grad Guidance Information

TREK BU: The Journey Begins

For those students attending Brandon University in the fall, please be advised of a new procedure involving new students. The following information was recently received and may be applicable to you!

The University requires that all new students attend a pre-advising group session and meet with their advisor to ensure that they select a range of courses that best fits their academic plans and personal goals. Until meeting with their advisor students won't be eligible to register for courses. By attending the morning information session and an advising session students will get access to registration beginning April 26, 2010.

Their first opportunity to attend a group pre-advising session will be during Trek BU: The Journey Begins, each day, starting April 26, 2010 to May 7, 2010 at the Brandon University campus. During this time students will register to participate on one of the days of the event. Each day will include a group information session and a time to meet with their assigned academic advisor, as well as other activities such as tours, information sessions, and opportunities to meet other new students. Since they cannot register for courses until they have attended a pre-advising session and met their advisor, it is in the student's best interest to attend "The Journey Begins." It is the earliest opportunity for students to plan their degree and prepare for registration.

Students can register for TREK BU online at:

<http://www2.brandonu.ca/forms/trekbu/journey.asp>.

The longer the students wait to register for a pre-advising session, the less variety of courses will be available. For students who cannot attend TREK BU: The Journey Begins, there will be additional opportunities throughout the spring and summer to attend TREK BU: Base Camp. TREK BU: Base Camp sessions will be scheduled on Monday and Wednesday mornings. The student can register for Base Camp and choose a time to meet with their advisor to review course selection prior to their registration. For more information on TREK BU: Base Camp or to register, please visit <http://www2.brandonu.ca/forms/trekbu/trail.asp>. For additional information, visit the website: <http://www.brandonu.ca/student-services/advising/>.

Upcoming Grad Guidance Sessions (students/parents welcome)

Wednesday, April 21 @ 12:20 in the library (with a follow up session if necessary)

Monday, April 26 @ 12:20 in the library (with a follow up session if necessary)

Monday, May 3 @ 12:20 in the library (with a follow up session if necessary)

Pep Rally

The Senior Student Council held a pep rally on Friday, February 12, 2010. Students wore red to support the Olympics. Everyone showed great spirit for our High School Hockey team and Varsity Boys Basketball team.

Recently Student Council donated \$500.00 to World Vision for relief after the Haiti earthquake.

On Friday, March 19, 2010 grades 7-12 went to watch a Midget Girls Provincial hockey game. Students were asked to wear orange and black in support of our girls.

On Monday, March 22, 2010 we had a Spirit Week for grades 9-12. Monday was Rainbow Day and students were served hot chocolate in the morning. Tuesday was PJ day, Wednesday was Hawaiian Day, Thursday was Retro Prom Day.

The grade 11s and 12s went to Assessippi on March 23rd for a school Phys. Ed. Ski trip. We also had a MADD presentation on March 26.

Congrats to Mr. & Mrs. Campbell on having a baby girl, Eve Love!

Dates to Remember:

May 6	Kindergarten Orientation
May 7	"Mini Car Town" Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2
May 10	Rocks & Rings presentation
May 12	Retirement Evening for Grace Judd
May 18	Grades 5-8 Track & Field
May 18	Grade 9 Work Experience
May 25	Grades 9-12 Zone Track
May 26	Grade 5 & 6 Farm Safety Day
1 st week June	Child Find ID Clinic
June 2	Middle Years Divisional Track
June 4	"Lunch & Listen" Band Concert
June 9	K-4 Participation Day
June 15	Rain date for Participation Day
June 18	Exemptions announced
June 22	Nursery School Grad 7:00 pm
June 23	Grade 6 Band Concert in Morrow Park at noon
June 25	Grad (invitational only)
June 28	Grade 5-8 Awards 10:00 am
June 28	Grade 9-11 Awards, report card pick-up 11:00 am
June 29	Kindergarten-Grade 4 9:00 am (early buses)

Summer Employment Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for

1 - Youth Activity Coordinator Can start May 3, 2010 • 35 hrs/week

2 - Summer Activity Coordinators July & August

The successful applicant will be responsible for the development, promotion, implementation and evaluation of Summer programs in Melita and Pierson. Assisting with Special Events and other responsibilities included as necessary. Applicants must be enthusiastic, creative and enjoy children. They must hold a current First Aid and CPR certificate.

Please submit resumes to:

Antler River Recreation Office 101 Ash Street, Melita, MB or Pierson Library

Or mail to: Antler River Recreation • Box 341, Melita, MB R0M 1L0

Or email: arrd@mts.net