



Melita School News



2009

From the Office:

As we wrap up the year of 2009, we are reminded that we live in Manitoba as the weather continues to stay cold while we bustle around to finish Christmas activities. Now that the concerts are over, teachers are focusing on winding down the year with class parties and gift exchanges. Some elementary classrooms have decided to pool their money and give to a charity. Other classrooms are exchanging gifts. The last day, December 18th, there are activities planned in the afternoon. The grades 1 – 8 are going to the theatre to see a movie. The TAG groups are having outdoor/indoor activities as a challenge for “the cup”. Currently Mr. Trussler’s TAG group holds “the cup” and other teams are anxious to take it from them. Good luck to all. We want to remind students to dress warmly as we will be holding some of the challenges outdoors.

As 2009 leaves us, we are beginning to focus on the New Year. Right away when we return to school, the grade 12s are involved in the provincial ELA exam. This is followed by the pre-calc math provincial exam and then the school exams follow at the end of the month. See the exam schedule later in this newsletter and on our website. The second term starts February 8th.

We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Sandra Clark
Linda Harmon

Thanks to Andrea & Todd Riach & family for donating cups and napkins to the band parents, preparing the cider and setup/cleanup of the cookies & cider at the Christmas band concert. Also a big thank you to Joanne & Arleigh Gibson & family for donating the cider mix. Thank you to all the parents who helped supervise the kids before and during the concert. It’s great to have such supportive parents help out.

The next band parent meeting is on Wednesday, January 6 at 7pm in the band room, we will be planning fundraising projects and your attendance would be greatly appreciated!

Grade 4 News

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences. I think we all had very interesting discussions. We said good-bye to Rachael Shannon near the end of November. We wish her lots of luck in her new school. Oak Hammock Marsh was out to our school for a day. Our class participated in a program called Animal Teachers which fit in nicely with our Science curriculum. Joan Trott spent an afternoon in our classroom creating Habitat Baskets with each student. They turned out beautifully! Thanks to Darlene Kirkup and Marie Tilbury for coming in and helping out with that project. We spent lots of time preparing for the Christmas concert. Thanks to the Thorne's for donating 9 reindeer antlers for the students to wear. Thank you to Mrs. Dalziel for assisting on the night of the play as well!

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7/8 Boys Volleyball

The 7/8 Boys had a quick season, but they displayed greater confidence and advanced ability as the season progressed. This year there were 14 players, so they were divided into 2 teams under the powerful leadership of Randy Loucks and Marty Tilbury.

Team 1: Cole Jarvie, Brett Murray, Kenny Bugg, Elisha Bambridge, Brad Dalziel, Cole Oliver and Clayton Brigden

Team 2: Will Brown, Blair Brigden, Jayden Tilbury, Matt Trussler, Collin Armstrong, Alex Osmond and Brayden Murray

At the Divisional Tournament in Deloraine, Team 1 came home with the victory! Way to go guys!! Although it was a brisk season, it was an enjoyable one.

Grade Two Shout Outs:

We have had a busy few months in Grade Two. We would like to thank everyone who donated to our Mitten Tree.

We generously donated a large bag filled with mittens, toques, scarves, and socks to our local Christmas Cheer Board.

Our Christmas concert pieces went very well. We have had many positive comments on the students' fantastic performances. Thanks to the Grade Two Students who worked hard to put on a show for their parents and guests. Great job, kids! Thank you to all the children who brought their big teddies. I wanted to showcase every one but only managed to get Derek's monstrous teddy to the theatre! That bear is bigger than you, Derek! As well, many audience members admired the children's costumes. A big thank you to parents who took on the challenge of costuming their children. We had offers of extra costumes and props from many sources (Kim Renwick, Lana Trider, Kerry Fletcher, Sheila Harmon, Mrs. Lee). **A humongous thank you to the creator of the two racing cars and the five peppermints, Kerry Fletcher.** She has a creative flare that is contagious. Thanks for your extra enthusiasm, Kerry! I hope Kelby and Lucas have fun racing cars this winter!

To my students and parents, have a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2010!
Mrs. Tracy Lee

BAND NEWS

Congratulations to all the band kids on their December 1st Winter Concert.

Thank You to the band parents who provided cider, cookies and helped supervise.

As we move into the new year please try to keep the following band dates in mind:

(more information will be sent home as the time approaches)

Wednesday January 6th at 7pm in the band room: Band Parent meeting - everyone welcome

End of Jan.(date TBA) : Band Parent Steak Fry Fund Raiser at Melita Legion

Fri. Feb. 12th and Sat. Feb. 13th - Brandon Westman Auditorium: Westman Honour Band - some gr. 7/8's participating

Thursday March 4th at 7pm in the gymnasium: "Bring on Spring" Band Concert - all bands

March 8/9/10: Virden Festival - all bands will be bussed to Virden during school hours to participate

Friday June 4th at 12:15 in the gymnasium: "Lunch and Listen" Concert - public welcome to bring a bagged lunch while the bands perform a program of popular music

Wednesday June 23rd at noon: Gr. 6's perform at Morrow Park

November 2009 – Honour Roll

We would like to congratulate the following students who have achieved an 80% or higher average for the 1st term

Grade 12

Michelle Barker, Tanya Edwards, Alex Oliver, Jessica Riach, Erica Snyder, Britnee Stovin, Kief Talman,

Grade 11

John Bambridge, Haley Higgins, Maddi Loucks, Krista VanCauwenberghe

Grade 10

Andrea Elliott, Trevor Elliott, Taylor Kurtz, Gage Murray, Morgan Murray, Lucas Oliver, Taylor Renwick, Connor Riach, Tanner Serruys, Bree Vanhove,

Grade 9

Travis Benton, Kelsi Bloomer, Rachelle Lougheed, Wade Oliver, Natalie Snyder, James Trider

Grade 8

Samantha Beauchamp, Bethany Leslie, Keesha McCutcheon, Kaelei Rink, Hayley Schuddemat, Katie Trussler, Matthew Trussler

Grade 7

Elisha Bambridge, Kirklyn Bugg, Kelly Harmon, Gregory Higgins, Brei-Ann Jones, Brynn Kirkup, Mikayla Long, Mackenzie Loucks, Andrea Renwick, Amber Tilbury, Jenna Trider, Kelsey Schuddemat

Grade 6

Ally Beauchamp, Ashley Brigden, Miranda Brigden, Skye Chapman, Phylis Church, Braeden Cory, Emma Gervin, April Gibson, Graham Gillander, Cassidy Johns, Alex Penner, Hilary Renwick

Grade 5

Jhadielou Gayumba, Roger Gibson, Sydney Kobs, James Long, Latisha Louttit, Austin Mallo, Zach McCutcheron, Kara Montgomery, Holden Phillips, Andrea Sanderson, Taylor Spurrill, Cole Tilbury, Branden Tilbury

Grades 4 – 12 Curling

We will start Junior Curling right after Christmas break. Grades 6-12 will curl Mondays from 4:00-5:15 pm and Grades 4 & 5 will curl Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm. If your child didn't get a curling note please see Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Shnitka or Mrs. Skocylas for one.

Grade Three News

The Grade 3 class has been very busy. They participated in the Christmas Concert on December 8th. They enjoyed a session on soil with the Oak Hammock Marsh on Dec. 1st. We would like to thank Mrs. Dorothy Brown from the Melita Lodge for making each of us two toques. We really appreciate them. On December 16th we will be visiting the Lodge for our second visit. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Exam Schedule Feb. 2010

Monday Feb.1	Tuesday Feb. 2	Wed. Feb.3	Thurs. Feb 4
Chem 30 Pre Cal 20 Consumer 20 Social Studies 9	Consumer 40 Applied 30 ELA 20 Math 9	Bio 30 Business 20	American History 20

Provincial Exams

ELA 40 Jan.5-8

Pre Cal 40 Jan.20

Friday January 29th – last day regular classes for all students

We will write in the a.m. only – teachers available for extra help in the p.m.

Exams will be written in the library

Exam Rules:

*All exams begin at 9:00 am

*Students (Gr. 9-12) are not required to be at school when they are not writing exams but must have parent permission (same as a regular school day), if they are leaving after exams.

*Bus students not going home are expected to be in the school

*Students in the school will be expected to be studying

*Students requiring help may make arrangements with their teachers. This should be done in advance as we still have Kindergarten-Grade 8 classes.

*In case of storm, the order of the exams does not change and moves in order. (ex. Storm Feb. 1-then Feb. 2nd and so on)

*A Dr's note will need to be provided for illness.

*Any exams necessary outside the schedule must be pre-arranged at the office.

Grade One News

An interpreter from Oak Hammock Marsh visited the grade one classroom on December 1, 2009 to present watershed information to students. Thank you to West Souris River Conservation District for sponsoring the Oak Hammock visit.

Students enjoyed making pictures of objects using pattern blocks. Photos were taken of the creations and are displayed on a bulletin board. Following the reading of the "Crooked Little Christmas Tree, students constructed an evergreen booklet with samples of pine, Douglas fir and cedar. The scent in the classroom was wonderful.

Following the estimation and measuring of stockings or socks students compared the lengths. We then estimated and tested how many oranges or blocks could be placed inside the stockings. Students shared Christmas oranges following the activity.

Students created snowflakes and sent them in envelopes to sick children in hospitals. The envelopes read, "Snow from _____" We read a recipe to create snowflake pizza's using mini tortilla shells and scissors.

The winner of the grade one picture choice coloring contest was Rylee Kobs winner of the second coloring contest was Pryce Brown. The prizes were a certificates and a box of markers. Congratulations also to Jules Gayumba who won the grade one printing contest.

Students assembled four mini Christmas ornaments and decorated a mini Christmas tree with paper ornaments. Following the measurement of each child's height, students used blocks to represent his or her height. Comparisons of height were made to the mini Christmas tree, height of the cupboard and other classroom articles.

Dates to Remember:

January 4th 1st day back
January 5th Canteen opens
January 6th Band parent's meeting @ 7:00
January 18th PAC meeting
February 1st-4th Exam Week (see schedule elsewhere in newsletter)
February 5th PD Day (no classes)
February 15th Louis Riel Day (no classes)
February 26th PD Day (no classes)

Melita School \$35.00

Yearbook Order Form

____ Yes, I want to order a yearbook!

Student's Name _____

Grade or TAG teacher _____

Enclosed is a cheque* for\$ _____

Prices have gone up this year because the yearbook committee has decided to produce a 48 page hard cover book. They will be sold for \$35.00.

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

Thank you for supporting our school!

**The Staff and Students of Melita School
would like to wish
each and every one of you
a very Merry Christmas
and
all the best in 2010!**

