



Melita School News



February 2010

From the Office:

Welcome to the February edition of the Melita School news. Our school is busy enjoying winter activities. The rinks are busy, both with hockey playoffs and curling. Our school bonspiel will be held this weekend. The Devils are, unfortunately, finished for this season. As well, our basketball team is in playoffs. We wish them good luck. K-6 enjoyed an afternoon of winter Olympic activities on Thursday. We worked in our KC Club groups (Rachel's Challenge).

We are continuing the process of getting the Early Learning Centre in place.

Once again we have had the Pro Dog service here to keep our school safe from drugs. He did a sweep of the school while students were in class and did a short demonstration in the grade 6 classroom. Our Parent Advisory meetings are going well. Penny Oliver has been elected chair person for the remainder of the year. We have established a subcommittee to organize the Grand Opening of the Electro-labs. We are planning an Open House with students demonstrating the labs during the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences both evenings (March 22 & 23). There will also be a ribbon-cutting ceremony one of these days during daytime hours. Watch for more information. Our next PAC meeting is on April 12th. At this meeting, there will a Smart Board demonstration.

We hope to see you at the Band Concert next week. It is going to be awesome!! It is March 4th, starting at 7pm in the gym. We also send best wishes to our band students as they travel to the Virden Festival the following week.

Teachers are spending the day in Souris on Friday, February 26, learning more about "Essential Learning Outcomes". This is a topic you are bound to hear more about in the future.

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Melita Nursery School

Since January the children have been busy learning about winter, ocean life, Valentine's Day and dinosaurs. We've painted with ice cubes, made fish murals, and exchanged valentine cards with our friends. The dinosaur theme is always popular making puppets and hats for our dinosaur dance! On March 24th the Nursery School will be holding a **Steak Fry Fundraiser** at the Melita Legion. Seating will be at 5:30 and 7:30 with tickets available from the Legion or any Nursery School parents. The proceeds will go towards maintaining our programs which the children enjoy so much.

Canteen:

Last day before spring break Thursday March 25 and will open Tuesday April 6

Kindergarten

Thank you to Leaha Stovin, Cassandra Patterson, and Staff for the wonderful Valentines Party at the Melita and Area Personal Care Home. The students sang songs that they learned in Music class and played Bingo with the residents. Thank you to Jennifer Harmon, Stephanie Jones, Janice Greig, Dorothy Lewis and Marilyn Holden for helping with the afternoon. Valentine Cookies and juice were enjoyed by all. Mr. Champion provided a safe ride and we thank him for his time.

The students are learning more about Canada as they participate in Olympics activities. They did great work in creating Inuksuks and will soon be bringing home their chosen medal for their participation in the Olympics.

The winner of the RBC coloring contest was Rylee Fletcher, thanks to the RBC for the Valentine Cookies.

Grade One News

Grade One celebrated "I Love to Read" month by participating in the Melita School Reading Olympics. We also played a reading bingo game called READO.

This month we celebrated Valentine's Day and Flag Day on February 12 2010. February 22 was the 100th day of school. Students brought collections of one hundred items. We measured items that were one hundred centimeters long. We created collections of one hundred items and compared the weight of the collections. Students drew a portrait of a one hundred year old person. We wrote about how we would spend a hundred dollars and what foods we could eat a hundred pieces of. Mrs. Trott visited our class to instruct little artists to paint a tree in a winter scene. Students enjoyed mixing colors to paint a blended background. These masterpieces are hung in the hallway bulletin board.

Grade Two News

Grade Two celebrated the 100th day of school Monday, February 22.

They displayed 100 cookies and had students sign a list of 100 signatures as they took a cookie. A collage of 100 shapes was completed.

Along with the Grade Ones, the students counted balloons and filled Mrs. Clark's office with 100 balloons.

Students brought in projects with 100 items.

The projects are amazing and will be displayed in the case by the gym.

The following is a 100 word story they wrote together about their day:

Once upon a time there was a special class of grade two students. Their teacher's name was Mrs. Lee. They went to Melita School. On the hundredth day of school they had a celebration. They filled their principal's office with 100 balloons. Everyone made a special 100th Day crown with 100 dots on it. Each student got to share his or her 100 project. For a yummy treat Mrs. Lee baked a strawberry cake in the shape of a one hundred. The cake was very delicious and was a great end to their 100th Day Celebration. The day was FANTASTIC!

100 Days of School

On February 22, 2010 the Grade One & Two classes invited the rest of the grades in our hallway to celebrate the 100th day of school. Students compiled a list of one hundred signatures and participated in creating a mural of one hundred shapes. We passed out one hundred cookies!

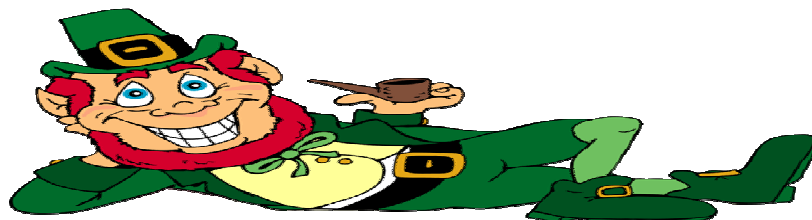
Grade Three Happenings

The Grade Threes have been busy working on a Dinosaur Unit with Mrs. Trott. They have done research work on a specific dinosaur and have made a dinosaur habitat, Power Point Project and a booklet with this information. They will be sharing their work with their parents at our March Conference Sessions. We have also visited with the Melita Lodge residence this past week and we made St. Partrick's Day door hangers for them.

K-6 Mini- Olympics

The afternoon of February 25, 2010 was the day for the outdoor Mini-Olympics. K-6 students were divided into twelve groups with a teacher leader. Each KC (Kindness and Compassionate) group completed the following six activities: ski jumping, two man bobsled relay, biathlon, curling, hockey and cross country skiing.

Following the events students warmed up with a cup of hot chocolate. In recognition of completing the Melita School mini-olympics activities, students received a certificate. Thank you for showing great sportsmanship!



Long Live the Royal Reader!

Students assembled at a Royal Read on February 8-12 2010. His majesty Bill Holden, Merv Tweed, Irv Skelton, Burt Hicks, Brad Vandenberghe and her Majesty Kerry Fletcher read one or two books to K-4 reading subjects in the school library.

The Kings and Queen wore royal costumes and a young student was dressed as a paige to carry the royal robe. The Royal Reader entered to royal music and walked a red carpet to a throne. Students bowed and curtsied during the procession. Following the story students chanted "Long Live the Royal Reader!" Thank you to the Kings and the Queen for enthusiastically dressing up and sharing children's literature with us all. The love of reading lives on because of your extra special talent!

It's Love to Read Month

To coincide with the Vancouver Winter Olympics Grades 1-4 students participated in the Reading Olympics. They received medals for completing a predetermined number of picture books or pages in chapter books. Medals were awarded each day and Olympic Athletes were praised for going the extra mile in their home reading. We crossed the finish line Thursday, February 25.

The final 1-4 Olympic Reading Challenge Medal Standings.

Team Grade 4 - 18 bronze, 10 silver, 9 gold

Team Grade 3 - 19 bronze, 18 silver, 16 gold

Team Grade 2 - 22 bronze, 18 silver, 12 gold

Team Grade 1 - 12 bronze, 11 silver, 11 gold

Excellent work Grades 1-4 students
and teachers for keeping track and supporting our reading Olympians!

Library News

The Library has been very busy this month. I Love To Read Activities and a Hydro presentation for the Grade 4-6 classes.

We are busy reading for Battle of the Books in April. Teams are being made next week and we will begin practicing.

Book Fair will take place April 15th and 16th.

Middle Years News

The Middle Years Students had a successful Milk Spirit Week February 16th to 20th. There were daily classroom draws and a well received milkshake sale on Wednesday. On Tuesday, we had our Milk Chug-a-Lug, and the winners were: 1st - Matt Trussler, 2nd - Elisha Bambridge, 3rd - Sam Beauchamp. Thursday's Oreo Dunk saw Katie Trussler walk away in first place, Sam Beauchamp in second and Elisha Bambridge in third. Creativity was apparent with the Milk Carton Creations on Friday. Kara Montgomery won 1st with her Martian, Keesha & Zach McCutcheon took second with their tribute to the Olympics and Andrea Sanderson placed third with her ball game. A big thank you to our judges: Mrs. V, Mrs. Skocylas and Mrs. Lee.

Also, on Thursday, February 4th, the Middle Years Students put their cooperation and team spirit to work for the annual Gym Blast. Once again, it was enjoyed by all!

30 Hour Famine

Just prior to the Christmas break, the Grade 8 students discussed the idea of doing the **30 Hour Famine**, and all seemed quite excited about it. Upon return from our break, the desire was still there! On Jan. 12th, Haiti was basically destroyed by an earthquake, and the Grade 8's wanted their fundraising to go to help that country. After checking the World Vision website and realizing that Haiti had been added to the list, the Gr.8's created their fundraising groups and set the date for the famine. We will start the famine on **Friday, April 23, 2010** at 8:00 a.m. and end it 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**.

We are in the early stages of planning our event, but we are very eager and anxious to do our part to assist in the rebuilding of Haiti.

We are asking for the community's support in our effort to raise money for the people of Haiti. Stay tuned to our newsletter for further updates on our project, and we thank you for your anticipated assistance and cooperation.

Mr. Trussler's TAG group would like to thank Matt Judd for helping clear the rink after a snowfall. This winds up another year as it will soon be warm enough that the ice will no longer be fit for skating. We would like to thank everyone who has helped make this another successful year. This will also be the last year that our TAG group will tend to the ice. If there is any person or group who would like to take over the outdoor rink, please come to the school and we can give you the hoses and keys to the timer. Thank you for everything you have done to make this fun for the young people of our community.

Attention Parents of Grade 9s - Due to scheduling conflicts, the grade 9 class will not be attending Career Symposium this year. If you wish to have some more information about the symposium, held March 8-9 in Brandon, visit www.career-symposium.ca.

Melita School Curling News

Our season is winding down. We are having our Annual Bonspiel this weekend. The Grade 4 & 5 curlers will be curling in a fun spiel with their parents and the Grade 6 to 8 will be curling in the Brianne Brown Memorial Bonspiel. Congratulations goes out to Kelsi Bloomer, Rachelle Lougheed, Shelby Banks and Taylor Kurtz for representing our school so well in the Zone 9 Bonspiel. We would like to thank everyone for their food donations and for working in the Canteen for Zones and our Bonspiel.

BAND NEWS

For all band parents, please note the following:

*There is a band parent meeting next Tuesday March 2nd at 7pm in the band room - everyone is welcome

*Pre-Festival Concert: Next Thurs. March 4th 7pm, kids are to be here by 6:30 dressed in black bottoms, white tops.

*Virden Festival: all leave at 12, back by 3 (send a bag lunch that day)

Monday March 8th: grade 6

Tuesday March 9th: grades 9-12

Wednesday March 10th: grades 7/8

*The parent supervisors for the concert are to be here by 6:30; 9-12 in the band room Grade 6,7 & 8 in their own classrooms.

STEAK FRY

The Melita School Bands will be holding a Steak Fry Fund Raiser at the Melita Legion on April 9th. Tickets will be available from any band member.

Come out, have a great meal and support the music program in our school.

CONGRATULATIONS:

The following students did a great job of representing our school and had a wonderful music learning experience. Great Job guys!!

Manitoba Provincial Honour Choir on February 5/6/7: Katie Trussler and April Gibson

- these girls practiced Friday Evening and all day Saturday in a 6-8 choir of 40 students, then presented a concert in Knox United Church in downtown Winnipeg on Sunday. Also performing was a 9/10 girls choir, a mixed 10-12 choir and an adult choir.

Westman Honour Band on Feb. 12/13: Brynn Kirkup (trombone), Elisha Bambridge (tuba), Katie Trussler (flute), Corrine Dimaria (clarinet), Matthew Trussler (alto sax)

- these kids rehearsed with a 75 member 7-9 band all day Friday and Saturday morning then presented a concert along with a 10-12 band and the Brandon University Wind Ensemble.

Turtle Mountain Bible Camp

Registration forms for the Turtle Mountain Bible Camp are available in the office now for anyone interested in attending.

Blue Jean Fund

Have you ever come to Melita School on a Friday and wonder why most of the staff are wearing blue jeans.....

Melita School holds Blue Jean Fridays, staff members can wear blue jeans but must pay to have the privilege!!!

This has been on going for a few years now and the proceeds from this fund has been donated to various groups in the area such as: Melita Arena, Melita Curling Club, Melita Fire Department, Galaxy Lanes Bowling Alley, Antler River Dance Group, Melita Figure Skating, Melita Minor Hockey, Melita Swimming Pool and for the last 2 years we have purchased tulips for the Melita Personal Care Home for the residents to enjoy.

Grad Guidance

As we are well into the second term, we know that graduates are beginning to think about scholarship opportunities. Ms. Beyak will continue to be the grad advisor for the grad ceremonies. Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leslie, and Mrs. Clark will be responsible for taking over the grad guidance duties. We intend to provide the graduates / parents opportunities to receive support with this process. Students will be able to sign up for sessions that will provide assistance in completion of the scholarships.

The Brandon Career Symposium is held March 8-10 this year with the free Open House on March 8-9 from 7-9pm. Unfortunately, there will not be any classes from Melita School attending the Career Symposium. Parents are certainly encouraged and welcome to attend this worthwhile event with their child(ren).

Please feel free to email any of us if you have any questions.

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Girls Fastball

There is a sign up sheet in the office for high school girl's fastball. We will be starting practices in the gym in March.

Melita Minor Ball Registration

Melita Minor Ball - Registration Night, Monday, March 22, 2010, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Melita School

If you are unable to attend the registration evening, registration forms can be filled out and mailed to: Melita Minor Ball, Box 353, Melita, MB R0M 1L0 with fees and uniform deposit included. The uniform deposit should be on a separate cheque postdated June 30, 2010.

Please visit the website: <http://www.melitaminorball.webs.com>

Umpires Needed

Melita Minor Ball is looking for umpires for the upcoming season. We encourage umpires to be certified. All expenses incurred will be reimbursed after umping a minimum of three games for our club. For more information, please visit the website [HYPERLINK](http://www.melitaminorball.webs.com)

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Thank You from Melita & Area Christmas Cheer Board

Thank you to the students and staff of Melita School for your generous donations to Christmas Cheer again this past Christmas. Also thank you to Mrs. Lee and the Grade 2 class for the mitten tree and to Ms. Oliver and her Tag group for their help on packing and delivery days. With your help we were able to provide hampers to many families in need this past Christmas season

Pancake Breakfast

Melita School Staff hosted a breakfast on February 8, 2010 to welcome Brad Kyle, our new superintendent to Melita School. Mr. Kyle toured the school following the breakfast.

Melita School Yearbook Order Form \$35.00

_____ **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!

Tickets Now Available

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March 15, 16, 17 7:30 p.m.

Melita Strand Theatre

Presented by the S.W. Regional Theatre Group and Prairie Vision Arts Council
Licensed by Tams-Witmark

**All tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at:
Delmar's Hardware and Melita Credit Union**

Dates to Remember:

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| March 2 | Blood Donor Clinic 4 pm -8 pm |
| March 2 | Band Parent Meeting 7 pm |
| March 4 | Band Concert 7 pm gym |
| March 9 | Prairie Theatre Exchange presents Munsha Meeya to K-5 |
| March 8 | Viriden Music Festival Grade 6 (leave @ 12 back by 3) |
| March 9 | Viriden Music Festival Grade 9-12 (leave @ 12 back by 3) |
| March 10 | Viriden Music Festival Grade 7/8 (leave @ 12 back by 3) |
| March 12 | Admin. Day No classes |
| March 15/16/17 | Community Theatre |
| March 16 | Report Cards go home |
| March 22 | Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 pm (note time change) |
| March 23 | Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00 pm (note time change) |
| March 26 | Admin. Day No classes |
| March 29-April 2 | Spring Break |
| April 12 | Parent Advisory Meeting |