

# Melita School



## February News 2012

There are so many exciting things going on here, I hardly know where to start!! As I write this message, our Social Justice Committee is leading the "Walk-a-Mile" project, started by Hannah Taylor of the Lady Bug Foundation. Hannah Taylor saw hunger and homelessness in her city of Winnipeg and vowed to change the situation. She has raised over 3 million dollars and isn't even out of high school yet!!! Thanks to all those who donated their change to "Make a Change" and thanks to our own students for taking up this challenge. Thanks to the Parent Advisory for supplying hot chocolate when we returned from our walk. I am excited about the upcoming changes to our canteen. See instructions and a calendar later in the newsletter. Let us know what you think, both negative and positive. That's the only way to make change. Thanks to the Parent Advisory for spearheading this initiative. The Careers in Technology Studies courses are continuing. It is not too late for students to get started on a Management Skills, an Applied Skills or an Apprenticeship credit. Give the school a call if you have questions about these courses. All students in grade 11 and 12 are eligible. We are on the second term for the Petroleum Field Operator course from SAIT in Calgary. This challenging course is great preparation for those student to feel confident to enter employment in the oil field. Teachers are involved in ongoing professional development about differentiating instruction. We know this will be a huge benefit to all students as we become more proficient at individualizing instruction for students. As I discussed at the Parent Advisory meeting, the staff feels as though we have had a rise in verbal "put downs" leading to bullying. We are going to take some steps in the near future in this regard. RCMP will be presenting the facts about criminal code offences. The staff will be working with a lady from Brandon on how to establish "bottom lines" and how to support the victim, the bully and the bystander. I hope your child comes home to discuss these issues with you as they hear more. We are looking forward to an overall improvement in school. I would like to wish all high school students best of luck (I hope it isn't luck they need!) in their exams and look forward to the second semester starting on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

S. Clark

### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students thank the Social Justice students: Jenna, Mikayla, Sidney, Hilary and Cassidy for their work in making the presentation "Walk a mile in their shoes" from the Ladybug Foundation so exciting for the Kindergarten students. The kindergarten students have done some serious thinking about the homeless and are glad that they have been a part in helping the people.

**GENERAL PAC MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012**

**Attendance:** Roberta Brown, Shannon Gervin, Sandra Clark, Penny Oliver, Alana Louttit, Buffy Barnesky, Jen Harmon, Monica Skelton, Jodie Kersten, Jill Morrison, and Leanne Bugg.

**Confirmation Of Minutes:** Minutes were circulated, Monica moved the minutes and Jen 2nd this.

**Matters Arising From The Minutes:** No matters arised.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our balance forward was 1472.44 and we had .06 interest, and expenses of \$14.07 to bring our balance to \$1458.43. Term Deposits are \$2158.77, 2913.05, and 6726.41. Alana moved the treasure's report, Monica 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Elections from Room Reps:** The floor was opened for elections for the unfilled Room Reps  
Grade 3 - Monica Nominated Ida Wierenga - Accepted  
Grade 5 - Monica Nominated Jill Morrison to share with Janis Slack - Accepted

**Reports from the Committees:**

**Grades K-6: -** Julia Schoonbaert was a Kindergarten provincial winner of a fire safety children's Contest. Kindergarten class had the Melita Fire Dept. and members from the Fire Commissions visit them in December.  
Grades 4/5 Curling Bonspiel is Feb 25 along with the 6-8 Brianna Brown Memorial Bonspiel.  
High school bonspiel is Feb 26.  
Battle of the books is in Deloraine on April 4 for grades 3-6.  
Grade 6's had a successful fundraiser selling tickets on an ipod.

**Grades 7-12: -** Melita Social Justice Club is holding a "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" on Jan 27 at 2:10. They had asked if PAC would help with the hot chocolate for when the students got back from their walk. Buffy moved that PAC would pay for the hot chocolate and Styrofoam cups, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jill, Jen and Monica have offered to volunteer their time to make and serve the hot chocolate.  
Middle Years are planning a Valentine's dance on Feb 17. They are also planning a milk spirit week and a gym blast for the end of Feb. Grades 7/8 badminton will start shortly.  
Grade 7's were planning on going to Ag Days in Brandon on Jan 18 weather permitting.

**Principal:** Teachers are continuing with the Professional Development to support their overall goal to improve student learning.  
Band Dates: Feb 23/24 - Sr. Band to Optimist Festival in Winnipeg, April 9/10 - Virden Festival, Band Roast Beef Supper, March 7 - Spring Concert, June - Lunch and Listen.  
Career Technology Studies will be surveying Grades 8-10 on their interests.  
We will be getting Synervoice trial which will make it possible to call parents about attendance. Synervoice can call 500 numbers in 2 minutes which would be nice to be able to contact parents of school closures or other important messages.  
February Report Card will be a one page report showing exam results and final grade.  
Early Learning centre is getting closer.

**PAC Meeting Continued....**

**Southwest Horizon:** Penny in attendance.

They are having a regional meeting in Brandon on Monday.

The Inclement Weather and School Closure Policy is still under review.

The Budget Meeting will be Wed. March 7 at 7:00 in Hartney. Everyone welcome, and are encouraged to attend.

If anyone has questions for the Board there is a spot on the Southwest Horizon School Division Website that these questions can be asked.

**Old Business:** - Hot Meals at the Canteen are getting in place to hopefully start in the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Cathy is open to any recipes that we have to offer.

Talked about having the RCMP possibly come to talk at one of our meetings about name calling, and how it may lead into cyber bullying, then into adult life.

Teachers are encouraged to talk to PAC if they are needing any help with events ie. Volunteers etc. A sub committee was created for playground ideas for all ages and costs and possible grants available. Jen, Jill, Shannon, Monica, and Roberta offered to be on this committee.

**New Business:**We have 3 students from Columbia and Mexico looking for placement in our area through the International Student Placement for Feb/March/April. There are 2 - 11 year olds, and one 12 year old. Looking for anyone interested. Call Sandra at the school for more info.

Talked about PAC Minute Storage, and Monica moved that we buy a memory stick, Alana 2<sup>nd</sup> and the minutes can be stored on this stick and kept at the school.

We had plans to have Mr. Brad Kyle, our divisions' superintendent, to come talk to PAC at this meeting but he was unable to attend as he was sick.

**Next Meeting:** Feb 21, 2012 at 7:00

**Adjournment:** Monica adjourned the meeting at 8:50, Roberta 2nd.

**\*\*PAC WOULD LIKE TO THANK RBC FOR THEIR JEAN DAY DONATION TO PAC \*\*  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34.00**



The Trustees of Southwest Horizon School Division  
invite you to attend a public meeting on the proposed 2012/13 Budget

Location: Band Room, Hartney School

Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

*Everyone is Welcome to Attend*

If you have any questions or concerns, contact

Mr. Brian Spurrill, C.M.A., Secretary-Treasurer

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Please RSVP via email to [michelleb@shmb.ca](mailto:michelleb@shmb.ca)

or telephone 483-6249

The Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg wishes to share the following I love to Read Month with educators and parents:

**A World of Whimsy & Wonder**

Wonder:  
History of Canada...  
Non-Fiction...  
Inquiry & Inspiration...

Whimsy:  
Fiction...  
Fantasy...  
Fun...

WATCH FOR MRA "I LOVE TO READ: PACKAGE ON-LINE IN JANUARY !!

Respecting and celebrating the diversity of literary choices

2011-2012



"I Love to Read" Month Project brought to you by the Manitoba Reading Association,  
A Provincial Council of the

International Reading Association for full document see [www.readingmanitoba.org](http://www.readingmanitoba.org)

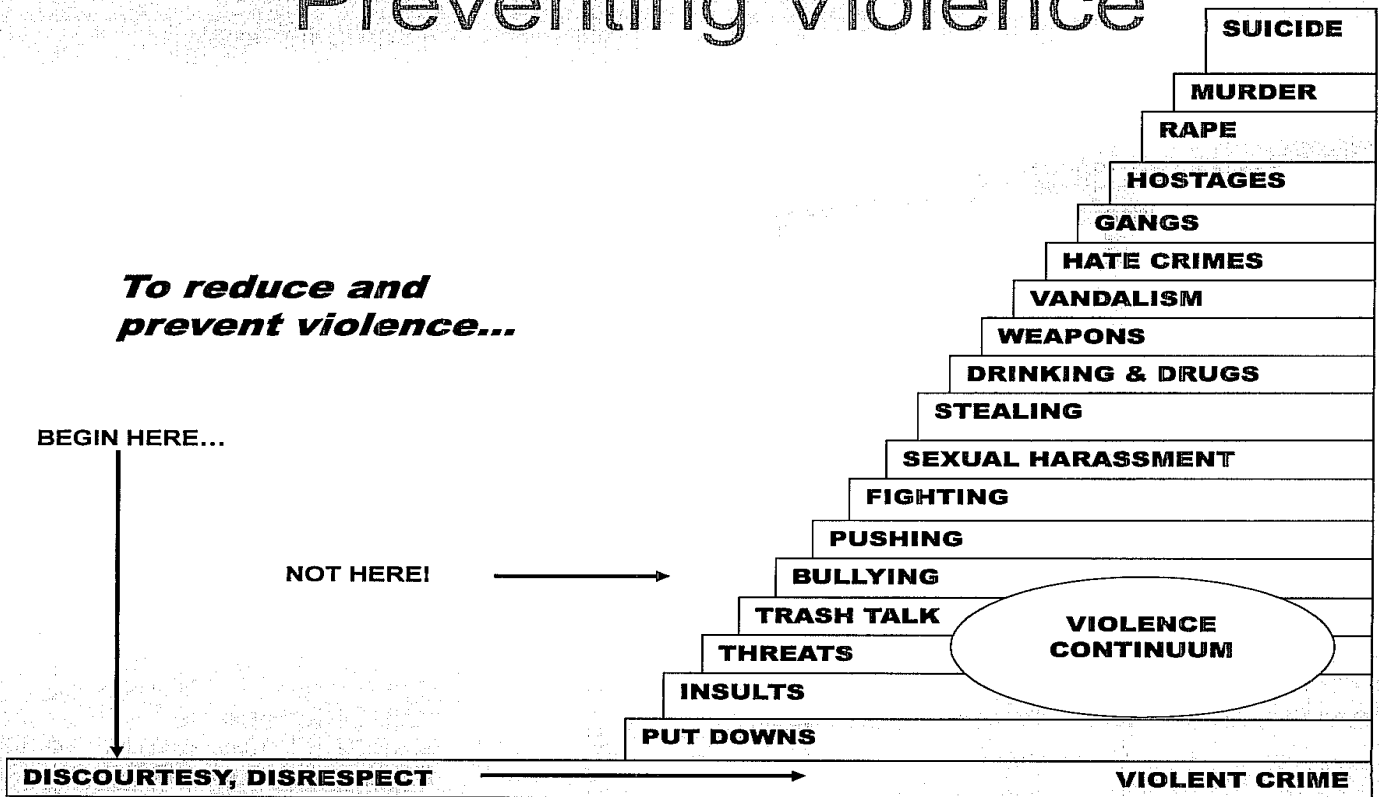
# FEBRUARY 2012

I LOVE TO READ MONTH!

A WORLD OF WHIMSY AND WONDER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 I wonder who invented the first PlayStation game?	2 Read a superhero comic book to a friend.	3 Sign out a graphic novel for the week-end.	4 Do you know the names of the Great Lakes in Canada?
5 Read and act out your favourite fairy tale.	6 Create a travel brochure for a fantasy island	7 Watch the show "How Things Are Made" and present to your class.	8 Write and illustrate a poem about your favourite nursery rhyme character.	9 Write and deliver an inspirational poem to someone in the hospital.	10 With a partner, use clay and create a Seventh Wonder of the World.	11 Create a commercial for a product.
12 Do you know who flew the first airplane?	13 <a href="http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/make-your-own/story-maker">http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/make-your-own/story-maker</a>	14 Create a gargoyle story. Share it with a partner.	15 Read about juggling and demonstrate your skills.	16 Do a Powerpoint on the Seven Wonders of the World.	17 Dress up in medieval clothing.	18 Visit the Millennium Library.
19 Who invented the zipper?	20 Use recycled materials to create one of the Seven Wonders of the World.	21 Change the ending of a fairy tale.	22 Create a comic strip.	23 How is power created with water?	24 Write a letter with questions to an inventor.	25 Who invented the Ipad?
26 Visit an art gallery.	27 Share "Why was Velcro made"?	28 Challenge a friend to play "Minute to Win It".	29 Find someone who has a birthday today.			

# Preventing Violence



## The spectrum of anti-social behaviours

MILD		MODERATE				SEVERE	
<b>PHYSICAL AGGRESSION</b>							
-Pushing -Shoving -Spitting	-Kicking -Hitting	-Defacing property -stealing	-Physical acts that are demeaning and humiliating, but not bodily harmful (e.g., departing) -Locking in a closed or confined space		-Physical violence against family or friends	-Threatening with a weapon -Inflicting bodily harm	
<b>SOCIAL ALIENATION</b>							
-Gossiping -Embarrassing	-Setting up to look foolish -Spreading rumours	-Ethnic slurs -Setting up to take blame	-Publicly humiliating (e.g., revealing personal information) -Excluding from group -Social rejection		-Maliciously excluding -Manipulating social order to achieve rejection -Malicious rumour mongering	-Threatening with a weapon -Inflicting bodily harm	
<b>VERBAL AGGRESSION</b>							
-Mocking -Name calling -Dirty looks -Taunting	-Teasing about clothing or possessions	-Teasing about appearance	-Intimidating phone calls, e-mails or messaging		-Verbal or electronic threats of aggression against property or possessions	-Verbal or electronic threats of violence or inflicting bodily harm	
<b>INTIMIDATION</b>							
-Threatening to reveal personal information -Graffiti -Publicly challenging to do something	-Defacing property or clothing -Playing a dirty trick	-Taking possessions (e.g., lunch, clothing, toys)	-Extortion		-Threats of using coercion against family or friends	-Coercion; threatening with a weapon	

Thanks very much to the Grade 2 class for their organizing and all the students and staff who donated to the 2011 Mitten tree for the Christmas Cheer Board. Your generous gifts helped many people have a happy Christmas. Your actions really make our community a great place to live.

### **Curling News**

Chelsea Ratcliffe, Jade Kirkup, Kelsey Schuddemat, Hayley Schuddemat, Taylor Kurtz, Shelby Banks, Kelsi Bloomer and Justine Goodman curled in the Zone 9 High School Girl's Bonspiel held on January 20 and 21 in Virden.. These girls curled well and showed excellent sportsmanship out on the ice.

Our after school curling has one month left. We will be finished our season at the end of February. We will be having a curling wind-up on Monday, February 27th. A note will come home with each curler about this wind-up closer to the date.

We are also in the process of organizing our School Bonspiels. On Saturday, February 25th we will have our Grade 4 & 5 Parent Bonspiel and the "Brianna Brown Memorial Bonspiel" for Grades 6 to 8 curlers. On Sunday, February 26th we hope to have a Grade 9 to 12 Curling Bonspiel if enough teams enter. Come and watch the future curlers of Melita in action on this weekend.

### **Grade Three News**

Our next visit to the Melita Lodge is January 30th. We are looking forward to reading and do an activity at this visit. We are also in the process of planning our year end trip to Portage. The students have been doing a research project on a wild animal found in Canada. We will be displaying these projects in the Library when we have completed them.

### **BAND NEWS**

Grade 9-12 Band Trip to Wpg. Feb. 23 & 24

- leave the school on Feb. 23rd at 7:30am
- all students take a bag lunch and have their performance clothes on or in a back pack
- we perform on the 23rd at 12:50 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre
- second half of the trip payment (\$50) is still due from most students
- we still need 1 more chaperone. If anyone can come please let Ms. Baird know

### **Term 2 Band Performances:**

Feb 10/11: Westman Honour Band (for those who applied)

Feb. 23/24: gr. 9-12 band trip to Wpg. Optimist Festival

March 6th: (all band) Concert in the gymnasium - 7pm

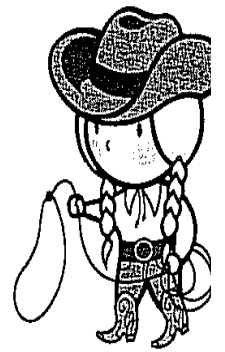
April 9 or 10: (gr. 6/7/8) band to Virden Festival - times TBA

April 13th: Band Beef Supper Fund Raiser at the Legion - all students will contribute or work

June 6th: (all band ) Lunch and Listen Concert at 12 noon in the gym

**Band Parent Meeting:** Wednesday Feb. 15th at 6:30pm in the band room, everyone welcome

Best of Luck to Latisha Louttit who will be attending the Provincial Honour Choir on Feb 2/3/4 in Winnipeg and to Andrea Renwick, Cassandra Greenley and Corrine Dimaria who will be taking part in the Westman Honour Bands on Feb. 10/11. Have a great weekend girls!!



Howdy!

This year the Melita K-4 students will celebrate "I Love to Read" month from February 6-10, 2012. Our theme is "Wrangle a Good Book"!

A "reading roundup" will be hosted each day. Students will gather in the library around a campfire to listen to a guest reader read a special book.

During the week, students will create a western vest to display book report information.

Western music will be played to signal the beginning and end of a daily drop everything and read session.

To conclude the week's festivities, please wear western attire on Friday, February 10, 2012!

Happy Reading Trails!



Deloraine Border Festival  
Roast Beef Supper and Silent Auction  
March 16th  
Deloraine Legion  
5:30 --7:30  
Everyone Welcome



### Walk A Mile In Their Shoes

On Friday, January 27, students at Melita School participated in The Ladybug Foundation's annual "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes" event. The Ladybug Foundation, founded by Hannah Taylor, strives to bring awareness and raise money for those who are homeless in Manitoba and across Canada. Kindergarten students did their walk on Thursday, January 26 and enjoyed a treat of hot chocolate afterwards. They, as well as the grades 1-4 students did their "Walk A Mile" around the schoolyard. The grades 5-12 students walked a longer route which included Main, Maple, Byers, and Bruce Streets. The Social Justice group will be busy counting the spare change that our generous students and staff donated to the "Make Change" jar. Our total donation to the Ladybug Foundation will be reported in the next newsletter. A very big thank you goes out to:

- The Social Justice group for planning "Walk A Mile", educating and leading our younger students, and showing amazing spirit at the event! You guys are awesome!
- The students of Melita School for caring about the Ladybug Foundation and the issue of homelessness, for making generous donations to the "Make Change" jar, and for participating in the "Walk A Mile" event. Youth like you help make positive change in our world!
- Corporal Debra Church and Constable Randy Belmore for keeping our students and staff safe on the streets! Thanks for being a part of this event!
- Melita School Parent Advisory Council for the donation of your time and the delicious hot chocolate that warmed us all upon our return!



## Dates to Remember:

### February:

6 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins
17 <sup>th</sup>	Middle Years Valentine Dance
20 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Riel Day no classes
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 9-12 Band Trip to Winnipeg
24 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day no classes
25 <sup>th</sup>	School Bonspiel
26 <sup>th</sup>	High School Bonspiel
29 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 11/12 Ski Trip

### March:

6 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Festival Evening Band Concert @ 7pm
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

### April:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Welcome Back after Spring Break
11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5/6 Singles Badminton in Melita at 3:00
12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5/6 Doubles Badminton in Deloraine at 3:00
13 <sup>th</sup>	Band Beef Supper at the Legion Lounge
19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7/8 Divisional in Deloraine at 1:00
19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Badminton in Virden
26 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7/8 Zone Badminton in Deloraine at 12:00

### May:

16 <sup>th</sup>	Zone 9 Track & Field starting at 3:15
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Melita Grade 5-8 Track & Field
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rain Date for Grade 5-8 Track & Field
30 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5-8 Divisional Track & Field at the Sportsplex

### June:

6 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch & Listen Band Concert at noon
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	Prov. Track in Selkirk
12 <sup>th</sup>	K-4 Participation Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Rain date for K-4 Participation Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grad
28 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Celebrations

**K-4**   9:00   **5-8**   10:00   **9-11**   11:00

**Free Family Curling Nights at the Melita Curling Club February 10, 17, and 24<sup>th</sup>**

Ice available from 5:00 to 8:00

Drinks and snacks available, or feel free to bring along your own meal.

Show up individually or as a team. No experience necessary, but bring clean shoes.

Fun for all ages.

For more information, call Bob Brigden at 665-2492 or Brian Greig at 522-3448.

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Below you will find a calendar for February showing what the soup will be for the week. We also want to try a few new things for the hot meal on Wednesdays. These are also listed in the calendar. Although we have listed other hot food in the calendar it will be imperative that you continue to work from the menu provided to you at the beginning of the year. Students will order the same as always. Prices are listed below as well as the ingredients in the new choices. High school students **MUST** preorder the hot meal on Wednesdays to ensure their lunch order is filled. Let us know what you think about the recipes as well as suggestions for improvement. 1-866-422-5113.

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**Ingredients and prices for the Wednesday specials:**

**Macaroni & Cheese: \$2.25**

**Chicken Rice Casserole: \$2.50** rice, cream mushroom soup, diced chicken

**Spaghetti Bake: \$2.50** spaghetti, tomato sauce, cheddar/mozzarella cheese mix, hamburger

**Mini Pizza Buns: \$.75** chopped bacon, chopped canned mushrooms, tomato soup, onion, cheddar cheese on a half hamburger bun.

Served only on designated Wednesdays

# February 2012

See Menu for many other choices!

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

Grilled cheese  
Cheeseburger  
Hamburger  
Noodle cup  
Fruit salad  
Lettuce salad  
Veggie cup

Available Daily



1      2      3      4

5      6      7      8      9      10      11

Tomato Soup  
All week  
Chicken Wraps  
Order Bakery subs today

Mac & Cheese  
Bakery Subs

Wraps

Chili  
Hot dog  
Cheese Dog  
Taco Salad  
Burgers  
NO GR CHEESE

12      13      14      15      16      17      18

Vegetable Soup  
All week  
Wraps  
Order Bakery Sub today

Chicken & Rice  
Casserole  
Bakery Subs

Wraps

As Above  
NO GR CHEESE

19      20      21      22      23      24      25

Louis Riel Day  
Cr of Potato Soup  
Wraps  
Order Bakery Sub today

Spaghetti Bake  
Bakery Subs

Wraps

Professional Development Day  
NO SCHOOL  
Hot Dog  
Cheese Dog  
Burgers  
NO GR CHEESE

26      27      28      29

Hamburger Soup  
All week  
Wraps  
Order Bakery Sub today

Mini Pizza Buns  
Bakery Subs

# Melita School Menu

## Specials...

## Snacks

Sun Chips \$1.25  
Cheddar

## Available Daily

## Tuesday and Thursday

Cheese/Sticks \$0.75

Chicken Wraps \$2.50  
Caesar or Ranch

Popcorn \$0.50

Pretzels \$0.50

## Wednesday

Halls \$1.50

Salad \$1.25  
Ranch, Thousand Island or French

Mini Pizza Buns (1/2 bun) \$0.75

Cheese Strings \$0.75

Hamburger \$2.25

Spaghetti Bake \$2.50

Yogurt \$0.75

Cheese Burger \$2.50

Chicken Rice Casserole \$2.50

Jello \$0.25

Chicken Breast Burger \$2.50

Mac & Cheese \$2.25

Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$1.00

Bakery Subs \$5.00  
Large \$2.75  
Small

## Beverages

Soup: Homemade \$1.00

Juice (Apple or Orange) \$0.50

Soup: Chicken Noodle \$0.75

Large Chocolate Milk \$1.50

## Friday

Noodle Cup \$1.50  
Beef, Chicken

Chili \$2.25

Small Chocolate Milk \$1.00

Veggie Pac/dip \$1.25

Hot Dog \$1.25

Small White Milk \$1.00

Fresh Fruit Cup \$2.00

Cheese Dog \$1.50

Bottle Water \$1.00

Taco Salad \$2.75

Prepaid Milk:  
Large \$30.00  
Small \$20.00

Subject to change