



Melita School News



May 2010

From the Office:

Welcome to the May edition of the Melita School news. Melita School is full speed ahead as we begin preparation for exams and spend days on anticipated field trips. This month most field trips will be done with only a few left for June. Provincial exams begin next week with various students writing provincial exams as well as preparing for finals in June. The exam schedule is on our website. Track and Field is mostly completed with just zone and provincial meets left to attend. Melita athletes served us well at the school level and we wish them well as they go on to compete. Words into Action projects are winding up with only a few TAG groups to complete their volunteer work. Our band Lunch and Listen has been changed to June 3rd (the day before previously scheduled) to accommodate more students. We hope you can come out and hear the fantastic bands. It starts at 12:00 in the gym. As in previous years, the band dynamics is changing for fall to a grade 6 band, a grade 7 band, an 8/9 band and a 10-12 band. We feel this will accommodate our talents to a better degree. Grade 6 – 8 will have mandatory band and grade 9-12 will have an option that will be offered instead of band. We are just in the process of organizing the French program. Thanks to those who sent back surveys. These are also very important for numbers and staffing information.

I would like to let you know that we have hired a teacher to complete the senior Math term position. Since the resignation of Mr. Trussler, we will also be hiring for his position. This is still in the works, with interviews going on as this letter reaches you. We have some very good candidates and I am confident that we will be able to fill this position. We want to wish Mr. Leslie well as he recovers from hip surgery. Mr. Rommelaere will be taking his place for the remainder of the year.

We hope you are planning to come out to the Awards ceremonies the last two days of the school year.

June 28 5-8 Awards 10:00 am- gym

June 28 9-11 Awards 11:00am-gym

June 29 K-4 Celebration 10:00-gym.

Students in grade 5-8 are invited to attend the awards ceremony. They can pick up their report card after the awards. The busses will run at their regular times on this day. If these students would rather come on their own and leave after the ceremony, they may. Grade 9 – 11s are invited to attend the awards ceremony if they get an invitation. They may also pick up their report card at the end of the ceremony OR they may pick up their report card on Wednesday, June 30 in the morning in the front lobby. The K-4 celebration will commence at 10:00am. **After the K-4 celebration is over, the busses will run early.** Please expect your K-4 child home between **11:00 and 12:00** on the **29th of June.**



Child Find ID Clinic

There will be Child Find Clinic held at Melita School on Tuesday June 1st from 10:00-12:30 and 1:30-5:00. Information needed is: Name, Date of Birth, Height, Weight, Eye color, Hair color, address and Parent/Guardian names. Cost is \$5.00. Please call the school if you are interested or you have any questions at 1-866-422-5113 or 204-483-6293. Ages: birth – 18 years.

Walk for Annabelle

We, the Melita Mites and Squirts Ball team, want to help our little friend, 8 year old Annabelle Church who is having open heart surgery in Edmonton, AB within the next month. We would like to help her Mum, Debra Church, with expenses (Debra is our corporal at Melita Detachment). Wanting to be by Annabelle's side are sisters, Georgia (10 yrs), Phylis (12 yrs) and Lena (6 yrs). Please join us to help ease the burden for one of our newest families.

Donations can be left at any Sunrise Credit Union with donations payable to "The Annabelle Church Trust Fund". Donations can also be dropped off with Tracy and Rick Bugg, Brenda and Delmar Banks, Shannon and Quentin Neff, Lynn and Gene Banks, or Dan Maffenbeier/ Angie McNish. Donation boxes will also be in many of our home town businesses.

Our "Walk for Annabelle" will be on June 1st at 5:30 pm. VERY SPECIAL GUEST, ANNABELLE, WILL BE ROLLING WITH US, IF HER HEART ALLOWS! We will begin our walk at Melita Hospital, heading down Main Street, turning east on Front Street to River Park. A weiner roast sponsored by R&M Value, Country Kids Centers, Chicken Chef, Melita Bakery & Melita Fine Foods will conclude our good wishes for Annabelle.

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten celebrated all birthdays in the class with a hot dog /cupcake lunch on May 21 - Mrs. Green started off the party by reading - The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog! -

The Kindergarten classroom have invited the residents of the Melita & Area Personal Care Home to the classroom on June 03 2010. The residents will be entertained by the K.students and all will read pop-up books. The afternoon will conclude with ice cream cones.

International Peace Garden is the destination for the Kindergarten field trip on June 21 2010.

Grade One News

Students celebrated the 150th Day of school on May 14, 2010.

Students continue to observe and record the life cycle of the painted lady butterfly in a tank in the classroom. The caterpillar began changing in a chrysalis at the end of last week. We anxiously await the transformation of a butterfly.

To conclude a science unit about the senses, students constructed a glyph and participated in a paper picnic.

On Tuesday, June 1, 2010, students will travel to Brandon for a year end educational field trip. We will visit the Riverbank Discovery Centre and Patmore Nursery.

Senior Student Council News

The Senior Student Council has recently purchased 3 TV's, 3 wall mounts, and a stereo for our school. One of the TV's will be mounted in the entrance way to show upcoming events, announcements, pictures, and videos. The second TV will be mounted in the weight room for students to watch while working out. The new stereo will also be in the weight room for students to listen to music. The other TV will be mounted in the balcony along with a DVD player for educational videos teachers want to show. This will give a purpose for the balcony other than health classes. More improvements are coming. If you have any ideas for more school improvements, contact Mrs. Leslie. Also, The Senior Student Council will need a few more new members for next year, so please talk to Mrs. Leslie if you are interested.

Achievement

Connor Riach, a grade 10 student in Melita School, competed in the Michael Smith University of British Columbia Science Challenge and achieved the highest mark in Manitoba!! The Michael Smith Science Challenge is a national competition written by students in Grade 10 Science or lower. It emphasizes logical thinking, and covers material in the science curriculum common to all provinces. This is a prestigious competition that is designed to challenge Canada's top young science minds. A first place finish in Manitoba is an outstanding achievement! Congratulations Connor!!!

High School Girls Fastball

We had 10 very committed girls playing on our fastball team this year. Taylor Kurtz was our only grade 10 player, Maddie Loucks, Krista Vancauwenberghe and Hayley Higgins were our grade 11 players and our grade 12 players were Michelle Barker, Britnee Stovin, Erica Snyder, Kelsey Sanderson, Brandi Carr and Hanna Bambridge. We ended up fourth after league play. We had wins against Deloraine and Elkhorn but couldn't get by Killarney, Virden and Boissevain in league play. In our league play off tournament we beat Deloraine to advance to the semi finals where we lost to Boissevain in a close game. We didn't have much nice weather but we still had lots of great games. Good season girls and we'll miss our graduating players next year!!

Coach Linda Harmon

Terry Fox News...

We just wanted to pass on some information onto you.....Terry Fox Schools is now on facebook!!

It's a great way for students to get to know one another, support each other and most importantly have fun.

You can find us by clicking on the link below, or once you have signed into facebook simply type Terry Fox Schools into the search.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Terry-Fox-Foundation-Schools/358884643940>



Encounters with Canada

What is Encounters with Canada

Encounters with Canada is a one-week Canadian Studies program held at the Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre in Ottawa. Encounters with Canada's program period extends from early Autumn to late Spring with over 130 high school students per week, aged 14-17, coming from across the country to Ottawa for a "once in a lifetime" opportunity.

What Do They Offer?

The program week is divided into two parts. The first part of the week focuses on Canadian Institutions and includes visits to Parliament, the Senate and a guided tour of the National Capital Region. The second part of the week is organized around one of our 12 themes:

- ❖ Sports and Fitness
- ❖ Arts and Culture
- ❖ Medicine and Health
- ❖ Science and Technology
- ❖ Law
- ❖ Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- ❖ Journalism and Communications
- ❖ Canadian Politics
- ❖ Vimy: Canada's Coming of Age
- ❖ Ecology and Environment
- ❖ International Affairs
- ❖ Canada Remembers

Students gain "hands-on experience through participation in group discussions, simulations, multimedia presentations, and workshops. Activities also include guest speaker presentations, theme-related visits, and guided tours.

How Much Does It Cost?

Transportation costs to and from Ottawa are paid by Exchanges Canada, a program of the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.

The registration fee for the 2010/2011 year is \$625.00 per student for a one-week program. It is common for students who wish to participate to seek financial assistance from community organizations.

For more information, see Mrs. Leslie!

BAND NEWS

- the last band parent meeting was held on Tues. May 4th we will meet again in the fall - Tuesday September 14th at 7pm in the band room. All band parents are encouraged to come.

Congratulations to this year's band grads: Hanna Bambridge, Tyler Bugg, Hanna Harmon, Nolan Ripley and Kief Talman. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

7/8 Doubles Divisional Badminton

On Thursday, April 22nd, Waskada hosted the Divisional 7/8 Doubles Badminton Tournament, and Melita School's participants came away with the medals.

Ladies→Gold – Kaelei Rink & Kylan Tilbury Silver – Keesha McCutcheon & Hayley Schuddemat

Men→Gold –Matt Trussler & Shane Culbertson Silver – Cole Jarvie & Will Brown

These players went on to the Zones held in Deloraine on April 29th, where Cole Jarvie and Will Brown placed 2nd, and Kaelei Rink and Kylan Tilbury came in 3rd.

Congratulations to all of our players!!



Kaelei Rink & Kylan Tilbury



Shane Culbertson & Matt Trussler



Will Brown & Cole Jarvie



Keesha McCutcheon & Hayley Schuddemat

7/8 Zone Badminton in Deloraine

On April 29, 2010 11 members of the Melita School 7/8 Junior Badminton Team participated in Zones Badminton Competition held at Deloraine School. The following students participated:

Mardelle Tilbury, Kylan Tilbury, Kaelei Rink, Will Brown, Cole Jarvie, Shane Culbertson, Matt Trussler, Brett Murray, Keesha McCutcheon, Hayley Schuddemat and Samantha Beauchamp. All players showed excellent sportsmanship and represented our school with pride.

Congratulations to Will Brown and Cole Jarvie who placed 2nd in Boys Doubles, and congratulations to all the other teams/individual standings, you did great!

Thank you also to our drivers: Heather McCutcheon, Marilyn Roe and Dwight Murray for making the trip to Deloraine.

Have a great summer, see you next year!
Mrs. Kersten

**To all parents and public please note the date change of
our final concert and mark it on your calendar.
You are all invited.**



**LUNCH AND LISTEN : FINAL SPRING BAND CONCERT
FRIDAY JUNE 3rd : 12:00 - 1:00 in the school gym
bring your lunch and eat while you listen
Everyone is welcome**

Dates to remember

June 1	Walk for Annabelle
June 1	Child Find ID Clinic
June 2	Middle Years Divisional Track
June 3	“Lunch & Listen” Band Concert
June 9	K-4 Participation Day
June 15	Rain date for Participation Day
June 17	Last day classes Grade 11/12
June 18	Exemptions announced
June 22	Nursery School Grad (Strand Theatre) 7:00 pm
June 23	Grade 6 Band Concert in Morrow Park at noon
June 25	Grad (invitation 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 10:00 am (early buses)
June 30	Report Card Pick Up (Grade 5-12) 9:00-12:00