

RESTON ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

September 11, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Where has the summer gone? It seems only a short time ago we were saying farewell to our grade 6's and sending all of the kids off on summer vacation! How the time flies!

Parents will be receiving a number of forms over the next few days. Please take some time to go through and return these various forms. Our goal is to make sure that all of our information is completely accurate.

Every school year brings its own challenges and opportunities. This year we will be working on the Balanced School Day schedule and we will no doubt have some 'kinks' to iron out, especially in the first couple of months. We will appreciate your patience as we settle into this schedule as we think the long term benefits of it will be very worthwhile for our students.

Finally, we hope that you and each of your children have a fantas-

tic school year. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions, or if something doesn't sound quite right! Our experience has shown that a simple call—made earlier rather than later—will more often than not clear up an issue very quickly.

Have a great year!

David and staff.

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 16—Open House
Sept. 24—Picture Day
Sept. 25—Terry Fox Run
Sept. 28—P.D. (no school)

Kindergarten Kids, 09-10

Our 'K' class for 2009-2010 is:

Alora Campbell
Spencer Duncan
Cameron Gillingham
Eric Halls
Rylee Mackenzie
Cheyanne Renwick
Dylan Walker

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS...

We are happy to welcome several new families to our school this year:

Marianne Quitong in Ms. Wright's room

Thalina Julseth, Wyatt Brown and Audeava Demas in Ms. Simms' and Mrs. Robertson's room

Austin Hooper in Mrs. Sauve's room

Kennedy Hooper in Mrs. Greig and Mrs. Gillander's room

... AND STAFF!!

We would also like to welcome our newest staff member, Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. Robertson looks suspiciously like Miss Gardiner, who taught at R.C.I. last year!

We are very excited to have her joining our team.

Lunchroom Changes: K-3 students will eat in the old K room and 4-6 students will eat in the old computer room. Lunch tables and microwaves have been set up in each room.

R.E.S. OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION NIGHT

We are looking forward to seeing our students and families at the Open House next week.

**Wednesday September 16th
5– 7:30pm at R.E.S.**

Mrs. Bertholet will also have a table set up to enable parents to pay the school fees if you haven't already done so. We certainly appreciate prompt payment of this money so that we can plan to use it for the children.

Everyone is invited to come down to the school, visit our classrooms, meet and greet with our staff, check out the Book Fair in the library and stay for a hotdog supper.

Bikes ...

Students—please remember to park your bike in the bike stand if you ride to school.

Please remember to stop and look before crossing roads on your bike. Every year we hear about near misses that could so easily be avoided if cyclists take a moment to make sure it is safe to proceed.

We don't want any of our students to become statistics!

Please note that Open House is not an opportunity for a Parent/Teacher interview. We like to have a few minutes with each family just to get acquainted so if you would like to discuss something in greater detail please contact your child's teacher and make a separate appointment. Thank you.

We will also be hosting a Community Registration Evening for several community organizations—Reston Minor Hockey, Reston Figure Skating Club, Reston Nursery School and the Pipestone-Albert Recreation District.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE NEWS

There are a limited number of cookbooks still available. They can be purchased from Candy Wanless, Reston Fine Foods, Reston Drugs or from the school office. Price remains \$10.00

The committee also plans to do the Lamontagne fundraiser again this fall but the catalogues will be cards/calendars and jewelry - something different.

If you'd like to learn more about the Playground Committee please contact the chairperson, Candy Wanless at 877-3033



ABSENCES

If your child will be missing school for any reason please let us know as soon as possible. You can talk to your child's teacher directly, leave a note in the agenda book, or call the school and talk to Mrs. Bertholet.

PANDEMIC PLANNING

You have likely heard media reports about how schools are preparing to manage any H1N1 pandemic situation. The Fort La Bosse School Division has a comprehensive pandemic plan should that situation arise. Earlier this week your child will have brought home information from the province detailing some of the steps parents can take with their children to reduce the potential for the spread of the flu. Please review this information carefully. Teachers will be talking to their classes about hand-washing, keeping hands away from mouth, nose and eyes, not sharing utensils or class supplies, correct coughing technique and about staying home if you are sick.

R.E.S. Terry Fox Run—September 25th, 2:15 till 3:15. More details to follow.

KIDSPORT MANITOBA

KidSport(tm) Canada-Manitoba is national charity administered by Sport

Manitoba that helps to remove financial barriers and assist less

fortunate children to participate in organized sport.

KidSportTM Canada-Manitoba allows children and their families to apply for assistance of up to \$300 per year to register in organized sport - so all kids can play.

Applications are available at Westman

schools, municipalities, sport organizations, and online at

http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/index.php?page=manitoba_how_to_apply.

<http://www.sportmanitoba.ca/downloads/KS_Funding.pdf>

The fall deadline for applications is October 15, 2009. Funds available

for this program are limited. For that reason late applications will not

be accepted and an application does not guarantee funding. Please feel

free to call for assistance filling out the application or if you have

questions about eligibility for KidSportTM Canada-Manitoba funding:

Westman KidSportTM

Phone # - 204-726-6072 or 1-866-774-2220 ext 4

westman@sport.mb.ca

BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

Students will come inside and get ready for the day first thing in the morning—no before school recess.

9:00—opening exercises

9:00—10:40—first instructional block

10:40—11:00—first nutrition break

11:00—11:20—first activity break

11:20—1:00—second instructional block

1:00—1:20—second nutrition break

1:20—1:50— second activity block

(town students may go home from 1:00—1:50)

1:50—3:30—third instructional block

3:30—dismissal

Microwaves will be available every day dur-

Fun Fair—October 2nd

We will be running our candy floss stand again for the Fun Fair.

We also ran a very successful prize table at last year's fair and would like to do that again.

We are asking any families who are willing to make a donation of an item for the prize table. This doesn't have to be a expensive item— anything you are able to contribute will be much appreciated. Items can be sent to school anytime and handed in to the office.

Items will then be bundled together to create prize baskets.

Thank you!

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09-10 Hotdog Days

September 24

October 8 and 22

November 12 and 26

December 10

January 14 and 28

February 11 and 25

March 10 and 24

April 14 and 28

May 12 and 26

June 9 and 23

ALLERGIES

I would like to remind all parents that our entire school is a peanut safe zone. As we have children in our school with life threatening allergies our goal is to maintain the safest possible environment by minimizing the chances these children will come into contact with peanut products. We will appreciate your help in reading the ingredient labels before sending items to school. If your child has peanut butter before school please ask them to brush their teeth and wash their hands thoroughly before coming to school. We also ask that you talk to your children about the importance of not sharing food or utensils at school. Thank you! The safety of students with allergies depends on all of us doing our part!

CANTEEN

Canteen sales started this week. All food items are 50 cents each. We will be selling nutritional food as specified by divisional policy.

Grade 5/6 will run the canteen this year. The canteen will be set up outside the lunchrooms at each nutrition break.

Milk sales will start up after the first milk delivery of the year. I will announce over the P.A. system when milk sales will start. The milk card program will continue the same as last year—cards will cost \$10 and will be good for 11 milk drinks. Milk from the canteen costs \$1 per carton.

Throughout the year we will have different menu items depending on availability. We would like to thank Ms. Simms for getting the initial shopping done so the canteen could start right away.