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# **ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S GREETING**

Once again the month of March was filled with many educational opportunities, events, activities, Can Spell, United Nation Speeches, Inquiry Fair, and more. Thank you once again to all the parents/guardians that turned out for our Student-Led/Parent Teacher Conferences. As a staff we really appreciate the extra time you gave up to come to our school and discuss your child's progress or celebrate their learning. It was also an honour to have Ms. Gail Asper at our school and talk with our grades 5 and 6 students about Human Rights and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Our students asked a number of interesting questions in which Ms. Asper took an active interest. Many of you were asking about the **Collectable Human Rights Shine On Pin**. We now have 200 pins in stock and you may purchase one or more for only \$5.00 each. You may pay by cash or cheque. **Cheques should be made payable to École Robert H. Smith School.**

I would like to thank our Nursery and Kindergarten children for being brave during our extreme cold days and showing up for school on time. I am very proud of you all. I would also like to thank our Grades 1-6 students for displaying remarkable patience and good behaviour for all those indoor recess days. Way to go École Robert H. Smith School kids. We believe in you!

April brings to us April Showers, and École Robert H. Smith School continues to shower all children with quality learning and more educational experiences. Our students in grades 5 and 6 are practicing extremely hard everyday for our musical "Seussical Jr.". The dates for our musical this year are May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Ms. Mitchell and Mme Thomson for their musical leadership.

This year our school will be having Life Touch Spring Pictures and a Roof Top Picture which will take place on **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, all day**. More information will be available to you prior to the date set.

Our École Robert H. Smith School Volunteer Reception will be taking place next month, Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details to follow, but please remember to mark your calendar. Thank you for the endless commitment, your generosity, and school support throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to telephone 488-1137 with any recommendations, suggestions, concerns or positive remarks about our children or staff. In order to promote better open lines of communication, your Parent Advisory Group this year has installed a Communication Mailbox in our school next to the P.A.G. Bulletin Board. In the event that you cannot attend our P.A.G. General Meetings, you may share your thoughts by dropping off your comments at the school. Please use the form attached to the newsletter. Our school will always be committed to maintaining a positive relationship with our community.

On behalf of the École Robert H. Smith School Staff, we wish you all a Safe and Happy Spring Break and we look forward to seeing you all back, Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**"Health Is Wealth, Look After It."**

## SCIENCE/INQUIRY FAIR

This year's Science and Inquiry Fair was held on March 19th. There were thirty projects completed by Grades 2 & 3 students, sixty projects were completed on the computer and 100 projects were displayed on backboards. The school will be sending on projects to The Winnipeg School Division Science Fair, The Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium (M.S.S.S.) and the The Red River Heritage Fair. We wish the following students our best as they continue on.

### The Winnipeg School Division Science Fair and The Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium (M.S.S.S.):

Matthew Bailey Santos	Mars
Davis MacAulay & Jordan Nerbas	Could galactic cannibalism be in effect during a collision of two galaxies?
Kirk Wright & Avery Sharpe	Le cerveau, la mémoire et la musique
Avery White	Les Extra-terrestres
Evelyn Hancock	Do brothers and sisters have to share everything?
Evan Friesen	Un arc-en-ciel est fait de quoi?
Paul Barko	La dérivation de la boussole
Coleman Moore	La neige qui dissout
Kira Wardrop & Emma Reznichuk	Est-ce que les poisons mangent plus dans la lumière ou dans la noiceur?

### The following projects will also be representing the school at The Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium (M.S.S.S.):

Korri Pedro	Does gravity affect the depth and width of craters?
Bridgette Chartrand	Julie Payette - Canadian Astronaut
Ingrid Blydt-Hansen	Le centre de gravité et toi
Katie Davidson & Grace McMorris	La vitesse de ton corps
Cleo Syverson	La théorie des couleurs
Thomas McCallum	Why are eyes so red?
Julia MacAulay	Hair raising strength
Ally Manness	How lack of sleep affects you
Caitlin Chan	Les différentes sortes de musique
Jackson Syverson	Les catapultes
Mackenzie Blydt-Hansen	La guerre des lessives
Katie Reed-Brown	Où y a-t-il plus d'oiseaux?
Hannah Molloy	Est-ce que toutes les sortes de sel font des cristaux?

### The following projects will also be representing the school at The Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium (M.S.S.S.):

Matthew Ignaczak	Odentiteous
Georgia Hong	L'Émanpuce
Imogen Valgardson	Tils sur Titan
Stefan Keith	Acathermes
Luke Dojack	Mini Harpy
Elenna Mark	U. oeuf. O
Hannah Byczkowsky & Mia Kirbyson	Le Cercalix
Scott Bachus & Chris McCallum	Burqur
Joshua Melanson	Volcanyix
Nikki Basford	Le Tiquille

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Brooke Sidney	The Bluenose
David Hintsa	The History of Scouting in Canada
Rebecca Nitchie	L'histoire d'immigration des chinois
Stephanie Fennel	John A. MacDonald
Anna McKinnon	Louis Napoleon Poulin
Anna Bergman	My Icelandic Heritage
Halla Bertrand	La Grande dépression
Jeremy Croitor	How global warming affects the Inuit
Will Rattray	Aboriginal Residential Schools
Julian Brown	Ron Landcaster
Sabrina Skubovius	La carrière de Chief Dan George
Carling Douglas	La spiritualité des autochtones
Hannah Byczkowsky	Qu'est-ce qu'un pensionat?
Alenna Mark & Camille Manaigre Mitchell	La chasse autochtone au passé et au présent

### CONGRATULATIONS

To all the students who received communication certificates for their presentations at the Science/ Inquiry Fair.

## SCHOOL SAFETY

Keeping every child safe at École Robert H. Smith School is the concern of all staff members. Signs are posted at each entrance asking parents to report to the office. Volunteers are asked to sign in at the Office in the workroom and to wear a pink or blue button designated VOLUNTEER. It's also the policy of the Winnipeg School Division that maintenance employees wear identification tags when working in schools.

Our aim in instituting these safeguards is to be aware of whom is entering our school and what their purpose is.

Parents, please help us to make our school just as safe as it can possibly be. Rather than going directly to your child's classroom, gym or music room to pick up your child for dental, medical or other appointments, please stop at the main entrance and inform the office staff of your need to take your child. The office staff will then notify the classroom teacher and your child will meet you in the office.

Please be aware that our entire staff keeps a vigilant eye out for unauthorized persons entering our school. At times, we will stop an unknown person, question their destination and offer our assistance. Our query is not meant to offend but rather to help and ensure the legitimacy of that person's presence. Please understand our motivation if YOU are stopped anywhere in our school. Safety comes first for everyone in our school.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Winnipeg Music Festival. Our grade 4 choir was awarded silver and Room P5, Grade 3 classroom choir was awarded gold for their performances. In addition, the students in Room P5 were very excited and honoured to receive the Annie Pullar Trophy for the most outstanding performance by a classroom choir, Kindergarten to grade 3. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came to hear the singing.

A number of our students also performed in solo instrumental and vocal categories. Bravo to all of the participants on their hard work!

*-K. Mitchell, Music Teacher*

## SEUSSICAL JR. - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

"Don't sit there with Sally, Don't sit there you two, You know you have skills you can share, Sure you do!"

As many of you know our annual musical is coming up on May 7th & 8th. Our children have been working hard rehearsing and we're on the lookout for more volunteers to help us with some sewing, props, make-up and other assorted jobs. Please contact Penny McMorris with your interests and availability by calling 489-1881 and leaving a message or by emailing her at [pmcmorris@shaw.ca](mailto:pmcmorris@shaw.ca). It will be great to hear from you!



## A REQUEST FROM THE RESOURCE ROOM

I am collecting a variety of greeting cards for a writing project I am working on. If any parents could send along "old" greeting cards such as birthday, get well, valentine, sympathy, thank you, anniversary, Christmas, just because, etc. Please send them with your children to be dropped off in Room 112.

Thank you.

*-A. Christianson, Resource Teacher*

## PARENT-TEACHER/STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

It was great to see so many parents at our Parent-Teacher/Student-Led Conferences.

Although we've just completed the second Report and Conferences, the third reporting session will be coming up on May 1st. This set of conferences is optional, however, either the teacher or parents may request an interview. Form letters will be sent out in April indicating whether teachers are requesting an interview.

A report will be sent home on April 30th for the grades 1 – 6 students, but there will be no written comments.

The interviews will be held on Thursday evening, May 1st, for all students for whom an interview has been requested.

## AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY

All students should go straight home after school. There are a number of children who are remaining on the playground after school. We ask your cooperation in ensuring that students go straight home after dismissal, and only return to the grounds to play once they have checked in at home and have your permission or that of the babysitter. There is no playground supervision after school dismissal.



All students should go straight home after school at dismissal times.

### REMINDER

Students who go home for lunch should not return before 12:45 p.m.

## École Robert H. Smith School and Gilbert & Sullivan - "Community" Theatre!

This year's Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Winnipeg's Production of "The Yeomen of the Guard" has a real École Robert H. Smith School flavour! Singing in the show are R.H.S. parents (former and present) Raymond Sokalski, Jan Mildren and Diane Wreford, an aunt Sally Olson, a teacher Cynthia Johnson and her former Kindergarten and Grade 2 student Janice Friesen! On top of that, the group rehearses twice weekly at St. Andrews Church, where many of our students attend daycare!

"The Yeomen of the Guard" runs from April 24-27 at Pantages Theatre. Tickets are available at all TicketMaster outlets, or contact Cynthia Johnson in Room P5 for tickets at cast discounts!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE

### Hand Hygiene

According to the Centre for Disease Control (C.D.C.), the single most important thing we can do to keep from getting sick and spreading illness to others is to clean our hands. (<http://www.cdc.gov/nidod/op/handwashing.htm>).

*Four Steps to effective hand washing:*

1. Wet your hands and apply soap.
2. Vigorously rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces for 15-20 seconds (imagine singing happy birthday to a friend twice).
3. Rinse hands well under running water.
4. Dry your hands.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

Nursery and Kindergarten registrations are still being accepted for the 2008-2009 school year. The Nursery Program is, once again, 10 months (September-June).

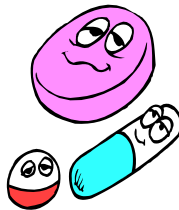
If your child will not be returning to École Robert H. Smith School, please inform our school office at 488-1137 as soon as possible. In order to establish our classes for the upcoming year, this information is of great help.

## MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

This is to remind parents that when the school is asked to administer any medication to a child, forms from a medical doctor must support the request. A telephone communication from the doctor will suffice pending the receipt of written verification. Please contact the school office to obtain the necessary forms.

The medication **must be brought from the home by a parent, guardian, or other reliable adult.**

The medication container must have the dispensing instructions noted on it and must have the **official label of the pharmacist.** The container should be one for school use - a separate container should be kept at home. Students with asthma who bring "inhalers" to school will be allowed to carry them at all times.



A letter from a medical doctor must support the request.

## CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE

On Wednesday afternoon, February 13th, sixteen students represented their respective classes at the annual Concours d'Art Oratoire (French Public Speaking Contest). All students spoke excellently. Bravo!

### French Immersion Category:

- ☺ Connor McGovern (Gr. 3) - Les manchots
- ☺ Selene Sharpe (Gr. 3) - La pollution
- ☺ Coleman Moore (Gr. 4) - Les roches
- ☺ \*Jack Maier (Gr. 4) - L'halloween
- ☺ Nikki Basford (Gr. 5) - Un sujet sérieux
- ☺ Carlyn Allary (Gr. 5) - Helen Keller
- ☺ Elena Basford (Gr. 6) - L'environnement
- ☺ \*Ingrid Blydt-Hansen (Gr. 6) - Anne Frank

### Basic French Category (Poem Recitation):

- ☺ \*Ellyse Veitch (Gr. 4) - "Mon chaton" par Manon Mailhot
- ☺ Tudor Stroescu (Gr. 4) - "Mon chaton" par Manon Mailhot
- ☺ Paige Morrow (Gr. 5) - "Le bonhomme de neige" par A. Atzenweiler
- ☺ Izzy Wardrop (Gr. 5) - "Le bonhomme de neige" par A. Atzenweiler
- ☺ Korri Pedro (Gr. 6) - "Le bonhomme de neige" par A. Atzenweiler
- ☺ \*Lindsay Sharpe (Gr. 6) - "Le bonhomme de neige" par A. Atzenweiler

### Francophone Category:

- ☺ \*Alexandre Comanita (Gr. 3) - Ma vie en France
- ☺ Marc Rochette (Gr. 5) - La loterie
- ☺ André Chyzyy (Gr. 5) - Un oiseau pas comme les autres
- ☺ \*Georgia Hong (Gr. 6) - La grande muraille de Chine

The students with an asterisk (\*) beside their names represented École Robert H. Smith School at the divisional level on March 25th, 2008 at École Robert H. Smith School at 6:30 p.m. Georgia Hong and Alexandre Comanita won Gold and will represent us one more time at the Provincial level in May 2008. Félicitations à tous!

-I. Muirhead

### REQUEST FROM PATROLS....

Please help us cross children safely by driving carefully and using your turn signals.

Thank you.

### PATROLS

All grades 5 & 6 students and parents should insure they do **NOT** have any patrol vests or flags at home.

Thank you.

## I LOVE TO READ

During February's "I Love to Read" month, the children in Grades 2 and 3 participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to all the readers, and their moms and dads. The Premier's Reading Challenge Recognition Certificates will be presented to the children in March!



- A. Christianson, Resource Teacher

## LOST & FOUND

If your child is missing an article of clothing or a lunch bag, please check the Lost and Found bin at the gymnasium entrance. We regularly ask students to check there, but quite a number of items have not been claimed. Unclaimed articles of clothing are donated to various charities at the end of each term.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Late February and most of March were very busy for the École Robert H. Smith School student athletes. On Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 36 grade 4 students participated in the Boeing Elementary Relays. For these athletes it was their first inter-school athletic experience, as well as their first experience at a track meet. As usual our athletes performed and behaved very well. If you would like to view the results you can go to the Athletics Manitoba Website ([www.athleticsmanitoba.com](http://www.athleticsmanitoba.com)), click on track and field, then click on events, then click on results for that event. Also on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 12 relay teams made up of 45 grade 5 and 6 students took part in the 89<sup>th</sup> annual Winnipeg School Division Speed Skating Races. The races were held at the M.T.S. Centre from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Each team got to skate in 3 races. This is a participation event so therefore all of our participants were winners!

Also in March, 106 grades 5 and 6 athletes participated in the Athletics Manitoba Elementary Relays. These relays were once again held at the Max Bell Centre on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Again our athletes performed and behaved very well, but all of the official results are not yet available. Two of our athlete's accomplishments do warrant special mention. Carlyn Allary and Melli Vincent were members of 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> place relay teams. To top that off Carlyn won 1<sup>st</sup> in the 600 metre race with Melli coming in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fantastic effort girls! If anyone is interested you can go to the website above (Athletics Manitoba) to view all of the results when they are posted. Overall we had 142 grades 4, 5 and 6 athletes participate in indoor track, the largest number of participants from any elementary school in Winnipeg.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers in the school that either help me at the track meets, or give up their prep time so that I can take your children to these wonderful events! Without their support your children would not get these valuable experiences. Finally I would also like to thank Mrs. Patti Chiappetta-Sharpe and Ms. Karen Dalkie for helping at the elementary relays. As a result of their volunteering their time to help at the meet our school got a significant reduction in our entry fee. Thanks Again!

With the warmer weather coming I encourage the students to stay outside and be active over the lunch period. Therefore intramurals for the year end at Spring Break. There will also be a short break from inter-school activities until our outdoor run club gets started in early May. Look for more information about the outdoor program in April. Have a great and active spring break!

## P.A.G. NEWS

Trisha Wainikka and her wonderful Staff Appreciation volunteers deserve our thanks for a lovely four days of treats and pampering that were showered on our deserving staff and teachers during Staff Appreciation Week. Thanks for all of your enthusiasm, great food and great ideas. Also, thank you to all of the parents that donated their time and culinary talents during Staff Appreciation Week.

Our Vice-Chair, Tracey Sneesby, is currently working on our P.A.G. Roster for 2008-2009 and is looking for some new parents to fill some vacant positions. We are currently looking for a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Picnic Coordinator, Director-at-Large, Staff Appreciation and Southend Advisory Representatives. Your P.A.G. holds a maximum of five meetings per year as well as the Annual General Meeting. For further information please contact Tracey Sneesby at 487-0678 or Pat Nitchie at 487-6234 or any member of the P.A.G. regarding any positions you may be interested in. Please note that every portfolio can have more than one person vying for the position next year, if you are interested in running for the position please contact us.

Arlene Hints and her crew are busy planning events and activities for the Annual Family Picnic at the end of May, and our Environment ladies Jane McSwiggan and Nadine Karpinski are hard at work planning the much anticipated Plant Sale. Your Fun Lunch Coordinators Lindsay Stevenson and Andrea Weber Ethans deserve a round of applause for organizing our Fun Lunches again this year.

Our next P.A.G. Meeting is on Monday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Staffroom. Please join us to see how your P.A.G. works and to see where you might like to help out!

## NO IDLING ZONE

We urge all parents who drive their children to school respect the **NO IDLING SIGNS** provided by Resource Conservation Canada.

**"Remember the Rule: No Idling at School"**

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Great news everyone we need your help with choosing the fundraising programs for next year. Please pick your three favourites and email us your opinion. Then we can start planning for the following school year.

1. Entertainment Book
2. Q.S.P. Magazines
3. Cookie Dough
4. Gourmet Coffees & Teas
5. Specialty Cheese
6. Scratch Tickets

Please e-mail us your response to [rosadelucapoole@mts.net](mailto:rosadelucapoole@mts.net) or [mhpare@mts.net](mailto:mhpare@mts.net) or call us Rosanna at 487-3975 or Heather at 261-1508.

Thank-you and we look forward to hearing everyone's opinion.

**-Rosanna De Luca-Poole & Heather Paré,  
P.A.G. Fundraising & Promotions Reps.**

## STAFF APPRECIATION THANK YOU!

Thank you to over one hundred parents who volunteered their time and contributed in various ways to an outstanding Staff Appreciation Week in March! Your generosity made the week a great success. Thank you also to all students and parents who took the time to send Appreciation Mail to the staff. Special thanks to the Staff Appreciation Committee: Lisa Emre, Rosanna DeLuca-Poole, Kathleen Reid, Pat Nitchie, Debbie Choate, Shannon Bowden, Jodi Carmichael, Tara McCallum, and Patti Chiappetta-Sharpe.

**-Trish Wainikka, Staff Appreciation Coordinator, P.A.G.**

## OPEN POSITIONS ON THE ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY GROUP FOR 2008/2009

We have a few open positions if you or anyone you know may be interested in a position listed below. Please contact either Patricia Nitchie at 487-6234 or Tracey Sneesby at 487-0678.

### Committee Chair:

- Sets the agenda and presides at all P.A.G. Meetings.
- May cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie.
- Is the direct liaison with school administration and P.A.G. matters regarding the School Division.
- Meets with the Principal to determine and set dates for upcoming years' P.A.G. Meetings, in June.
- Oversees P.A.G. correspondence.
- Consults with all directors of the P.A.G. regarding their portfolios and any concerns.
- Has signing authority on all P.A.G. bank accounts, along with other members of the Executive Council.
- Submits R.H.S. Newsletter submissions to the school secretary regarding P.A.G. business and news on a monthly basis.
- Reviews Constitution and By-Laws yearly in regard to possible or necessary updates for review and approval at any P.A.G. Meeting.

### Vice-Chair:

- Works with or in place of the Chair to preside at meetings.
- Is responsible, with two or three other P.A. G. members for putting together a P.A.G. Roster and Nominating Committee for the upcoming school year, in preparation for the Annual General Meeting.
- Has signing authority on all P.A.G. bank accounts, along with other members of the Executive Council.

### Secretary:

- Attends and takes minutes at all P.A.G. Meetings as well as the A.G.M.
- Drafts and distributes meeting minutes.
- Maintains Minutes Book for each school year.

### Standing Committee Positions

#### Picnic:

- Coordinates and plans the Annual Family Picnic usually held in late May or early June.
- Sets date with administration.
- Arranges activities and works with individual Picnic Committees to plan the event.
- This event is self-funded and not for profit.

#### South-End Advisory Group Representative:

- Works as a liaison between the P.A.G. and the S.E.A.C. The S.E.A.C. is a group consisting of school board and division members as well as P.A.G. representatives who discuss issues related to individual schools or the Division.
- Attends S.E.A.C. Meetings run through the W.S.D.
- Takes P.A.G. concerns to these meetings.
- Brings information back to the P.A.G. regarding S.E.A.C. concerns and decisions.

#### Staff Appreciation Coordinator:

- Coordinates and plans various activities throughout "Staff Appreciation Week".
- Sets dates with administration in the Fall.
- Coordinator determines length and scope of the Week.
- This event is funded by the P.A.G. and has a budget.

#### Director-At-Large:

- A position usually offered to past members of the P.A.G.
- No direct responsibilities and is considered a consultant position or a position utilized for smaller projects initiated within the P.A.G.

### Proposed Roster for 2008/2009 École Robert H. Smith School P.A.G.

Name	Position
<b>Open Position</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Open Position</b>	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>
Tally Young	Treasurer
<b>Open Position</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Open Position</b>	<b>South End Advisory</b>
<b>Open Position</b>	<b>Picnic</b>
Rosanna De Luca-Poole	Promotions/Fundraising
Heather Paré	Promotions/Fundraising
Patti Chiappetta-Sharpe	Block Parent
Jane McSwiggan	Environment
Nadine Karpinski	Environment
Yutta Fricke	French Immersion
<b>Open Position</b>	<b>Staff Appreciation</b>
Paula Jasper-Hall	Director at Large
<b>Open Position</b>	<b>Director at Large</b>
Lindsay Stevenson	Fun Lunch
Doug Odowichuk	Callback
Kathleen Reid	Volunteer Recruitment
Tara McCallum	Volunteer Recruitment

Please return order forms to the school on or before April 7, 2008, the first day of school after Spring Break.

Extra catalogues and order forms are available in the school office.

Plant pick up day is Tuesday May 13th from 1.15 to 3.45

Please bring boxes to pick up your plants

Glenlea Greenhouses is again working in partnership with the Parent's Advisory Group of École Robert H. Smith School to raise funds for the Field of Dreams and the School Gardens

Thank you for your support

Jane McSwiggan & Nadine Karpinski

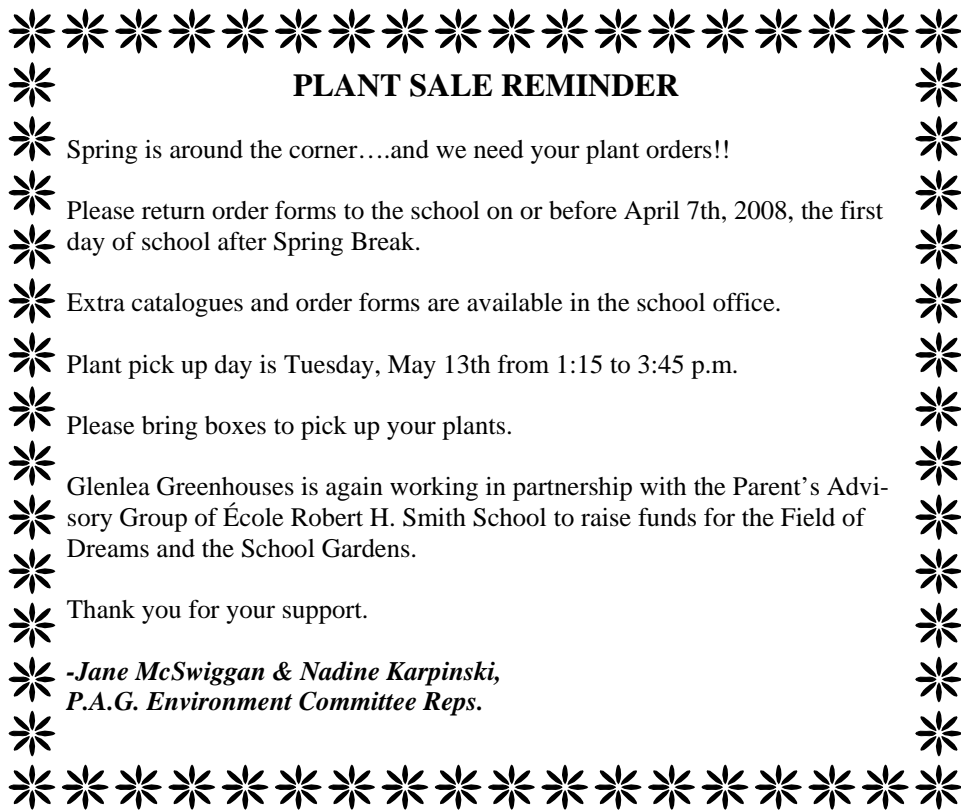
Environment Committee

P.A.G.

Dear École Robert H. Smith School Community,

The Movement Centre of Manitoba is *absolutely thrilled and extremely grateful* to Hannah Guttormson and staff for selecting our charity to receive proceeds from École Robert H. Smith School's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Breakfast Fundraiser. The amazing and generous donation of \$6,850.00 means more than words can say!

Because The Movement Centre does not receive funding from government, fundraisers and



**PLANT SALE REMINDER**

Spring is around the corner....and we need your plant orders!!

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Thank you for your support.

*-Jane McSwiggan & Nadine Karpinski,  
P.A.G. Environment Committee Reps.*

**C.P.R. TRAINING FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Limited to 12 participants only.**

Saturday April 19th, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at École Robert H. Smith School.

Participants will receive their Red Cross Emergency First Aid Certification, C.P.R. Level C, including responding to choking, heart attack and stroke emergencies.

Call Yutta Fricke at 488-0612 to confirm your registration or if interested in attending. "It is worth saving 1 life".

## **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

**“All you want to know about writing for your child.”**

**Mini-Workshop on Writing Strategies  
By Dave Leochko, author and educator**

**6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21st, 2008**

*Come and learn the ‘write’ way to support your children in the writing process. Mr. Leochko will share his knowledge and experience with the following topics. The emphasis will be on how to help children develop these.*

- *How to get the creative juices overflowing with ideas*
- *How to do a revision*
- *Basic skills that include punctuation, sentence structure, plot & character development*

**All parents are most welcome to stay for our P.A.G. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.**

### **MEETING NOTICE**

Family Advocates of special needs students in the Winnipeg School Division (formerly the Ellen Douglass Parents Association).

Churchill High School  
April 29, 2008  
510 Hay Street  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Special Guest: School board finance chair Jackie Sneesby.

Update on school division budget and special needs students.

**\*\*Note:** At this time we cannot provide child care at the meeting, but parents are welcome to bring their children.

All parents, guardians and foster parents of special needs children in the Winnipeg School Division are automatically members of the Family Advocates of Special Needs Students (formerly the Ellen Douglass Parents Association).

**\*\*Family Advocates of Special Needs Students** is the group representing parents, guardians and foster parents of special needs children in the Winnipeg School Division.

**\*\*Family Advocates of Special Needs Students** assists and supports staff in school projects and programs.

**\*\*Family Advocates of Special Needs Students** helps increase opportunities for our children with special needs to actively participate in school and community programs.

**\*\*Family Advocates of Special Needs Students** also acts as a mutual support group for parents and caregivers of children with special needs.

For more information, contact Gail MacAulay, acting F.A.S.N.S. Chair at 489-4752 or [sarahrm@mts.net](mailto:sarahrm@mts.net).



## COME TO OUR “BUY ONE GET ONE FREE” BOOK FAIR!

Dear Families:

The Scholastic Book Fair is making another visit to our school! This Fair is extra special as you can purchase **twice as many books** at this literary event.

Our “**Buy One Get One FREE**” Book Fair will be held from *May 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.* You don’t want to miss it!

This Summer Reading Event is Scholastic Book Fairs’ way of saying **thank you** to our school. You’ll leave the Fair with twice as many *amazing* books, plus, Scholastic Book Fairs will **donate 50% (in books) of our school’s net sales** to designated children’s hospitals through **Children’s Miracle Network** as well as to select **Big Brothers Big Sisters** agencies.

Give the gift of reading to your child’s teacher with our **Classroom Wish List** Program. A book makes the perfect year-end gift! See our display when you shop the Fair.

***Splash into summer*** at our Scholastic Book Fair where summer reading counts!


Sincerely,

-Tracey Sneesby,  
Book Fair Chairperson

P.S. For your convenience, our Book Fair accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express.



# APRIL/AVRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
6	7 Day 5 SCHOOL REOPENS WELCOME BACK!!	8 Day 6 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Gr. 6 Babysitting Course First Aid CPR in M.P.R.	9 Day 7	10 Day 2 Pre-test for Math-A-Thon	11 Day 3	12	
<b>**Room 203 Patrol Squad (April 7-11)**</b>							
13	14 Day 4	15 Day 5 1:05 p.m. : Assembly on "Singing Makes Us Happy" Hosted by Room P5 in the Gym	16 Day 6 a.m.: Rms. P4&P6 @ the Manitoba Museum  Gr. 6's Pythagoras Test	17 Day 7	18 Day 2 Math-A-Thon  Fun Lunch  Rm. 128 (Nursery) Class Closed- All Day	19 Day 3 Gr. 6 Babysitting Course @ St. John Ambulance from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  9-4: C.P.R. Training @ R.H. Smith	
<b>**Room 201 Patrol Squad (April 14-18)**</b>							
20	21 Day 3 K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits  7:00 p.m.: P.A.G. Meeting	22 Day 4 K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits	23 Day 5 Bus Ridership  K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits	24 Day 6 K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits	25 Day 7 K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits	26	
<b>**Room 201 Patrol Squad (April 21-25)**</b>							
27	28 Day 2  Life Touch Spring Pictures & Rooftop Photo  K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits	29 Day 3 K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits	30 Day 4 Report Cards Go Home Today  K-4 Writer Margaret Shaw-McKinnon Classroom Visits				
<b>**Room 202 Patrol Squad (April 28-30)**</b>							
CALLBACK 488-1139  Remember to call before 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. if your child will be away. Thank you!		LOOKING AHEAD IN MAY					
		7th & 8th		Seussical Jr. Musical Performances			
		9th		School Wide Inservice - Classes Closed			
		19th		Victoria Day - Classes Closed			