

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE . . .

November, 2009

All parents/guardians are invited to our Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday, November 10 at 10:30 AM in the school gym. The ceremony will take approximately one hour and will be led by our Student Council members. We have planned some meaningful presentations related to peace and peacekeeping involving all students.

All classes participated in our annual Halloween assembly and parade on Friday, October 30. Students (and staff) dressed up in costumes and classes planned their own Halloween activities in classrooms as well. Many thanks to Kim Crass and the students of Rm. 9 for leading our Halloween assembly! As usual, everyone had a great time!

You may have noticed that the fence along the lane at the back of the school is finally being fixed. We are most appreciative that this is happening as it will alleviate some of the safety concerns that have been expressed, and it will be much more pleasing to the eye!

We are reminding students about good hygiene at school in light of the concerns related to the spread of germs and viruses at this time. We are now posting information related to school absenteeism on the Winnipeg School division web site. You will notice that the information is represented as either "higher than usual absenteeism" or "no unusual absenteeism" I am certain you have heard this many times, but please remember to keep your children at home if they are ill. Working parents may need to have a back-up plan for child care. If you have questions about any of this, please contact your health care provider. You can also contact Health Links at 788-8200 or visit the Manitoba Health website: www.gov.mb.ca/health.

As indicated in the last newsletter, we participated once again in the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. Donations will still be accepted by teachers and in the office any time now and during the first week of November. All funds raised will help provide needed resources for schools in Rwanda and Malawi.

Coming up this month....

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 20 and Student led conferences will take place on November 26th and 27th. At this reporting period, teachers will share information related to both the Comprehensive Assessment Program as well as classroom performance. Watch for more details concerning interview times.

Heather Stanus

BOOK SALE IS COMING

Do come and visit us in the library during student Led Conferences. Library shelvees will be hosting the event. Shop for special Christmas treats. Students will visit the book sale prior to conferences. It is likely that they will have some ideas for you!!
DROP IN THE LIBRARY

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: As October comes to an end, please remind your children to come to school dressed for the weather. They get three recesses each day when they go outside for fresh air. Hats, mitts and warm jackets are necessary at this time of year. They should also have a pair of inside shoes to change into should their outside ones get wet and/or muddy. At this changeable time of year, we need to be prepared for all types of weather conditions.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS . . .

Welcome back from Parent Council. We are looking forward to an exciting year and we hope you are too.

We have lots of news this month, starting with the Annual General Meeting, where attendance was pretty good, and we enjoyed snacks, as well as coffee and tea. The meeting started with the report, which details all of the accomplishments and initiatives of the Wolseley Parent Council last year, along with thank you to departing executive members and thank you to many others as well, who contributed their time, and energy to events last year. Please see the complete report on-line or in the library, in the Parent Council Binder.

This year, we are starting off with three new members of the Parent Council, Terri H, our new treasurer and Liza H and Shannon Z, who will share the responsibilities of secretary. Thank you to all of them and welcome!

We have new room reps this year, who are the ones responsible for the class phone list that has either already arrived, or will be coming soon, and they are Room 1- Barb B, Room 2-Liza H, Room 8-Maryanne A, Room 9-Katrina L-K, Room 10-Barb Z, Room13-Gloria K, Room 17AM -Val S, Room 17PM Michelle H. The room reps are responsible for both bringing your concerns forward to either the executive of parent council or attending to bring forward those concerns, and also, for assisting teachers in their needs with volunteers and general support. Thanks go to all those who stepped up to support both their classroom teacher and their Wolseley Parent Council.

Looking to the future, soon we will have a dedicated parent council bulletin board that will feature agendas, minutes of meetings, volunteer positions available, any parent council news or initiatives and newsletter or other information that is related to Parent Council.

Pizza lunches will be starting again soon, with Carol F managing them. Thank you Carol F! This year, we will be trying a few different pizza options, so we will be asking for your feedback. As usual, we also need parent volunteers for pizza lunch. It only takes an hour and it's pretty fun, so consider helping out if you can.

As always please don't hesitate to let someone know if you have concerns, comments or ideas for parent council. Contact us at aengland@mts.net for Alison E, or 788-0101 or audrataylor@shaw.ca for Audra T or 779-7949.

Have a great fall and enjoy our beautiful weather!

Audra Taylor and Alison England

SEASONAL CONCERT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th,
2009
Mark you calendars...this will
be an exciting evening put
on by your very own children.
See you there!

PLAYGROUP @ WOLSELEY SCHOOL...

Thursday mornings are busy again with Playgroup open from 9-11:30 am. We meet in the gym or the multipurpose room (MPR) and have fun with lots of toys, crafts and great friends. We provide a snack for the children and fair-trade coffee and a variety of teas for the parents and caregivers. Please feel free to come and check us out, the colder days are just around the corner, and this is a great place to hang out and connect with others.

For any questions or more information please give me a call at 774-5804.

Barbara Gasser Bohm

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS . . .

Thank you to all who contributed to the Terry Fox Run. We donated a record \$325.69!

Soccer—Both the girls and boys teams played well in the Tec Voc tournaments. They represented Wolseley School proudly, and demonstrated good sportsmanship on two cool October days. Way to go!

Volleyball—is starting October 28th. Grade 5&6 will practice after school; 3&4 at lunchtime

Running Club 1,2,3— has had a large, enthusiastic group of athletes. They have been coming at lunch and before school. Thanks to Greg and Dmitry who have been coaching and inspiring grade 4,5,6 runners this fall.

OCTOBER 30th HALLOWEEN GYM! - Recess Leaders starting up in mid October. Eighteen grade 5 & 6 students have signed up to run and lead recess activities. Thanks to all the students who have volunteered! Estella, Signe Z, Misha, Signy B, Siena, Rio, Jon, Amy, Simon, Evan, Michael, Taylor M, Keegan, Jackson, Ciarra, Tyler, Caetlyn and Justice.

FRENCH NEWS . . .

The students have been focusing on the unit “Les animaux Domestiques” (Pets). They have been learning to name and describe various animals in both oral and written form. We have also incorporated L’Halloween into our studies. Students have played Halloween games using a variety of French words such as les bonbon (candy), la hibou (owl) and la citrouille (pumpkin).

MANITOBA THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. . .

On October 15th, Room 10 attended the Manitoba Theatre for Young People play called Aga-Boom, which was based on the comedy of clowning. The students were an enthusiastic audience, interacting with the clowns on stage, including Johanna’s Dad and computer teacher, Shahram Hakimelahi, who skillfully became a general that rode a mop horse to his fictitious death and lay under a sheet while a clown cried over his playful demise. Here are two student reviews!

*I think that Aga-Boom was a great experience because it was funny, cool, and interesting. The fun part was the when the big balloons came out and we got to hit them. The sizes of the balloons were unbelievable. The cool part was **everything** including the costumes and the music. Each character was different. Dash was my favourite because he looked like a real clown! He had a good sense of humour and was hilarious. Aga looked weird mostly because of his long red hair and he acted weird too. Boom made cool noises that I cannot make. One time, she made a hole in the paper, but when she came out the other end, she was small. You should watch this play! ~ Susanna D.*

Aga-Boom delivered the comedy everyone loves and the clowns were great! My favorite clown was Aga, but I also liked Boom and Little Boom. I wonder how they made their costumes? Aga-Boom was the best play I have ever seen. Aga-Boom is a must see! ~ Signy B.

Thanks you to all the parents who volunteered to drive and made this trip possible.

Carissa Nikkel

CHECK LIST TO AN ACTIVE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- Organize family outings such as biking, hiking, swimming, skiing, bowling, and skating.
- Play games with your children. Dance, skip, play, catch, shoot hoops with them.
- Ask your children to help care for family pets-walk the dog together.
- Make a game out of chores such as raking leaves, snow shoveling, yard clean-ups and let your children help.
- Set a limit to the amount of inactive time. Obesity is directly linked with the amount of time spent watching television or playing inactive games.
- Involve your children in grocery shopping.
- Explore the produce section of your supermarket to acquaint them with new fruits and vegetables. Teach them what to look for on food labels.
- Talk to your children about healthy (and the consequences of unhealthy) lifestyle choices.
- Start the day with a healthy breakfast.
- Have your children pack their school lunches from the healthy choices available in your kitchen.
- Eat dinner together regularly when possible.
- PARTICIPATE IN DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY...be more fit, have better health, be less susceptible to stress and perform better academically.

MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS...

The Early Bird Choir is off to a great start. Our first performances will be on November 10th for the Remembrance Day Ceremony in the gym. We could still use a few more voices to make the choir strong, so please let Miss Baars know if you are interested.

COMMUNITY NEWS. . .

FAMILY CHALLENGES

Do you live Downtown?

Communities 4 Families want to hear from you.

- What family challenges do you face?
 - Do other face these challenges?
- What solutions can we come up with?
- Share your thoughts and stories with us.

Let's work towards making life easier for
Downtown parents.

Phone: 391-3934

Email: Cameron@communities4families.ca

Website: www.communities4families.ca

MEALS ON WHEELS OF WINNIPEG, INC.

Meals On Wheels is a non-profit, charitable organization that has provided the home delivery of hot meals to people in the Winnipeg community since 1965. In 2008, Meals On Wheels' volunteers delivered 205,200 meals to people who are unable to prepare their own. Each day 40 volunteer drivers are on the road city wide delivering meals to clients in their homes.

For More Information Call
Shirley or Christie @ 956-7711
500-283 Portage Avenue, R3B 2B5
info@mealswinnipeg.com

Volunteer....

- It's a cool experience that changes your life.
- It's fun! Volunteer with a friend or family member.
- Volunteer for a school credit.
- Time commitment is not extreme! Only two hours of your time, once a week, twice a month, weekdays or weekends.

PARALYMPIC SCHOOL WEEK

November 2—November 6, 2009

INSERVICES FOR PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS...

Study Strategies that Make a Difference!

All students can benefit from key strategies to improve learning and memory in all subjects. Plan to attend a strategy-packed evening for parents and students (Grade 6—12). You will learn many practical ways to improve your learning, memory and reading comprehension. These suggestions may help you and your family in your lifelong learning journey together. Suitable for adult learners in our division as well.

Thursday, November 5, 2009

7:00—9:00 pm

Grant Park High School

Presenter: Carol Hryniuk-Adamov

Certified Reading Clinician, CGC

TO REGISTER CALL: 453-1748

SOUTH WINNIPEG FAMILY INFORMATION CENTRE 2009 PROGRAMS

800 Point Road, Fort Garry

Offers various programs listed below.
For more information call the centre at 284-9311.

KOATS FOR KIDS . . .

Koats for Kids is a co-operative community effort where business, the media, government, the general public and human care agencies collaborate to meet an identified community need. Koats for Kids collects and distributes, free of charge, gently-used winter outerwear for Winnipeg families. Koats was initiated in 1989 when the Winnipeg Sun approached United Way for help in developing a program that they had heard about in another community. Since 1989 over 90,000 winter outerwear items have been distributed. So have thousands of other items, including boots, mittens, and scarves, all donated and put into the service network through Koats. The goal of the United Way (Winnipeg) is to distribute all the coats donated by the community while they ensure that the dignity of each child and parent is respected.

Koats for Kids provides a unique and inexpensive community service that meets a well-identified and growing community need and has benefits to all who participate.

For more information about getting involved please call the United Way Office 586-5628.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—RECESS EXPECTATIONS. . .**Everyone Is Safe and Has Fun**

Recess is a time when all children play together in a safe, friendly, peaceful and inclusive way. Recess is a time when we go outside to exercise and take a rest from work. We do this by:

- Playing in a friendly and cooperative way (e.g. include everyone, invite others to play, join the Recess Leaders)
- Playing in a fair way (e.g., take turns, help others)
- Avoiding harmful physical contact games (e.g., play tag with a sponge ball)
- Trying to resolve problems you are having (e.g., talking it over or asking an adult to help you)
- Listening to adults (e.g., come speak to them when they ask you to)
- Stopping the activity and taking the equipment you are using back into the school when the bell rings.

Swings

Day 1-Grade 1	Day 2-Grade 2
Day 3-Grade 3	Day 4-Grade 4
Day 5-Grade 5	Day 6-Grade 6

Please don't use the swing on other days.
No child should have to ask you to get off because it's their turn to use the swings.

Tag

Please play tag on the field only.
When children play tag on the gravel their shoes can send small stones flying in the air.

The Bridge

Please walk or run carefully. When older children jump, younger children can lose their balance and fall off.

The Structure With Four Bars

Please make sure only one child is on each bar—that's four children altogether. Two children on each bar increases the risk of accidents, especially when children spin on the bar. Because many children like using the bar, please use the bar for only one recess every day.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS. . .

Our new Student Council has been formed and their first task is to plan and lead the Remembrance Day Assembly.

Mrs. Stanus is facilitating the group and all Student Council activities. One of their roles is to share information with their classes about upcoming events and initiatives at the school.

We have a wonderful group of capable students on our Student Council this term!

Wolseley School

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Day 3 Patrol Team 1 8:15AM Early Bird Choir LIFETOUCH PHOTO RETAKES 1:00 pm	3 Day 4 2:45 pm Dismissal Staff Meeting	4 Day 5 8:15AM Early Bird Choir PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 pm	5 Day 6 PLAYGROUP	6 Day 1 PIZZA DAY
9 Day 2 Patrol Team 2	10 Day 3 8:15AM Early Bird Choir Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	12 Day 4 PLAYGROUP	13 Day 5 8:15AM Early Bird Choir
16 Day 6 Patrol Team 3	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 8:15AM Early Bird Choir PLAYGROUP	20 Day 4 REPORT CARDS GO HOME National Child Day
23 Day 5 Patrol Team 4 8:15AM Early Bird Choir	24 Day 6	25 Day 1 BOOK FAIR Grade 1-6 Student Led Conferences— 2:30—6:30 pm N/K Conferences 4:30—7:00 pm	26 Day 2 BOOK FAIR PLAYGROUP Grade 1-6 Student Led Conferences— 2:30—6:30 pm N/K (am/pm) CLOSED ALL DAY	27 Day 3 SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY PD INSERVICE
KINDERGARTEN HEARING SCREENING				
30 Day 4 Patrol Team 1	Looking Ahead..... Tuesday, December 1—Staff Meeting 2:45 pm dismissal Wednesday, December 2—N/K AM/PM Field Trip to Children's Museum (all attend in the morning) Thursday, December 10th—Spelling Bee Thursday, December 17—Winter Concert WINTER BREAK—Dec. 21/09—Jan. 3/10			

VETERANS' WEEK 2009

November 5—11

A time to recognize and honour Veterans who have served during war, military conflict and peace. It is our opportunity to preserve their legacy and encourage new generations to remember the important contributions so many brave Canadian men and women have made to our country and the world.