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West St. Paul School Community Newsletter

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Home of the Wildcats

Take Care of yourself, Take Care of each other, Take Care of this place.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

Kindergarten Registration for West St. Paul School officially began on Tuesday, March 2nd 2010.

All children that are registering for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2010 (born in 2005) in order to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2010. Please bring your child's birth certificate and current Manitoba Medical Card with you when registering your child.

If you have any questions about registration, feel free to contact us at the school.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Kindergarten information evening for parents and caregivers will take place on Wednesday, April 7th, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to come to the school and hear about what Kindergarten is all about at West St. Paul ~ what to expect, anticipate and get excited about! It will be a chance to meet the people that will spend time with your child at school. We will also have time to respond to any questions that you may have.

This is an evening for parents only, so please try to make child-care arrangements if possible. Kindergarten is a very exciting time, and we look forward to meeting all of you. We will meet on the steps adjacent to the school Library.

Thank you!

Ms Carpenter (Kindergarten Teacher)
Ms Rajfur (Community Coordinator)
Ms Robertson (Early Learning Support Teacher)



IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 10: PAC Meeting ~ 7:00pm
in the Library

Mar. 18: Parent/Teacher
Conferences (PM)

Mar. 19: Parent/Teacher
Conferences ~
NO SCHOOL

Mar. 29~Apr.1: Spring Break

Apr. 5: Classes resume

Apr. 7: Kindergarten Parent
Information Evening ~
7:00–8:00 pm

Apr. 14: PAC Meeting~ 7:00pm
in the Library

Apr. 23: PD Day ~ **NO SCHOOL**

Reminder!

**Please call the school
office if there are any
changes to your home
address and/or
phone number(s).**

FROM THE GYM...



MIDDLE YEARS BADMINTON

Badminton season is just around the corner. The mini-tournament dates are as follows:

GRADE 6

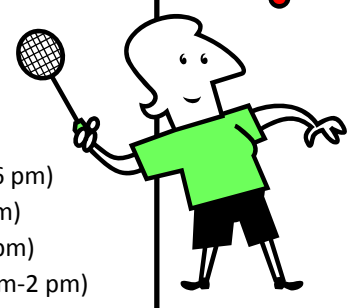
DOUBLES March 22 (4-6 pm)
 April 5 (4-6 pm)
 April 19 (4-6 pm)

GRADE 7

SINGLES	March 24 (4-6 pm)	DOUBLES	March 23 (4-6 pm)
	April 6 (4-6 pm)		April 7 (4-6 pm)
	April 12 (4-6 pm)		April 13 (4-6 pm)
	April 20 (4-6 pm)		April 16 (10 am-2 pm)

GRADE 8

SINGLES	March 24 (4-6 pm)	DOUBLES	March 25 (4-6 pm)
	April 8 (4-6 pm)		April 9 (4-6 pm)
	April 14 (4-6 pm)		April 15 (4-6 pm)
	April 20 (10 am-2 pm)		April 16 (4-6 pm)



Winnipeg Goldeyes School Day

West St. Paul Middle Years Students have the opportunity to see a baseball game on Thursday, May 27th at 12:00pm. School Day ticket price will be \$12 per ticket. Students will be picked up at the school at 11:00am, but parents will have to make arrangements to pick up their child around 3:00pm at Canwest Global Park. Please watch for a letter/permission form going home shortly.

EARLY YEARS BADMINTON

The grade 4 & 5 Divisional Badminton Tournament will be held on March 10th at Maples Collegiate.

Other notable dates include:

Cross Country (grades 3-5) May 11 (rain date May 13)

Track & Field Meet (grades 4 + 5) May 25 (rain date May 27)

Tabloid Activities June 29 (a.m.).

WEST ST. PAUL WILDCATS BASKETBALL



GRADE 6 BOYS



GRADE 6 GIRLS



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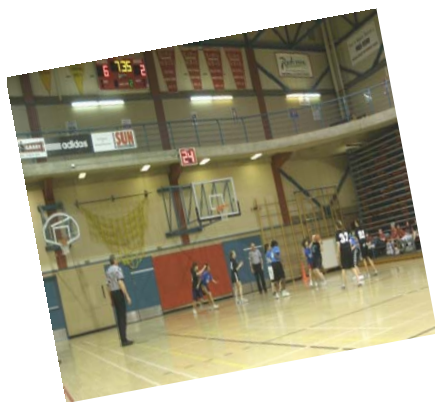


GRADE 8 GIRLS

GRADE 8 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG - DUCKWORTH CENTRE

FEBRUARY 17th



Grade 8 Girls' Basketball Tournament

On Wednesday, February 17th, the Grade 8 girls' divisional basketball team played in a tournament at the University of Winnipeg. The first game played was West St. Paul vs. Faith Academy. Each girl played their best and tried hard to win. Unfortunately, the game ended with a close score of 36 to 29 for Faith Academy.



We walked across the street to the University cafeteria for lunch. On our way up to the cafeteria we ran into Chrissy Troy of Hot103. We enjoyed pictures with her and she even announced us on Hot 03 at 1:00 that day. Thanks Chrissy!

After lunch and pictures with Chrissy Troy we played our second and final game against HC Avery. Some of us were hyped up and ready to go from the load of sugar we demolished. It seemed like the sugar kicked in because we won the game 36 to 28. What a well-played game by West St Paul!



After the day ended, it was time to go back to school. All of us girls who participated in the tournament, including three grade seven girls who helped us in our tournament, were exhausted. Great job girls! A big thanks to Mr. Rempel and Ms Dilts ~ THANKS for helping us get better at basketball.

By Kara and Samantha

The Boys Grade 8 Basketball team also played at the University of Winnipeg on Thursday. They had a great experience just like the girls did.



WSP OLYMPICS WEEK

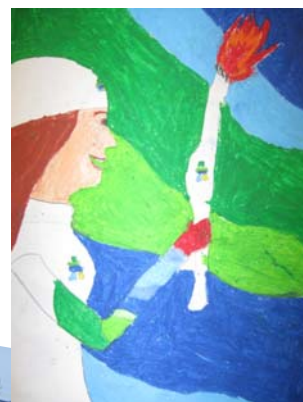
FEBRUARY 8-12, 2010



BUDDY OLYMPICS



MINI OLYMPICS



TORCH ART



TORCH ART



CURLING



MINI OLYMPICS



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BUDDY OLYMPICS

February 8-12 was our Olympic Week Celebration and it was a fun and educational experience for all! Each of our classrooms researched an Olympic topic and made a presentation at one of two assemblies. At the assemblies, we had two residents of West St. Paul visit our school with their Olympic Relay Torches and also, Joy Smith (our Member of Parliament) made an appearance. Another exciting day was our Mini-Olympics February 11. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and we were able to enjoy a variety of outdoor and indoor events. A big thank you is extended to the families who lent us toboggans and to the parents who made hot chocolate non stop all day! On the Tuesday, the students brought medals or pins from home to wear and we wound up our week by "Painting the School Red" in support of our Canadian athletes!

Festival du Voyageur

My Journey at Festival du Voyageur

Festival du Voyageur was really fun since it was my first time there. The first thing we did was The Bison Hunt. It was in a cabin with a Voyageur and he told us a legend. At first I didn't believe it then near the end I started to get into it. I was freezing in the cabin when I was listening to the legend of How the Coyote Stole the Fire. Also the Voyageur wanted to tell us another story about a little girl but we ran out of time. Next was Horse Power! We learned about how Voyageurs travelled; I don't remember what they said but I do remember what they looked like. Next was play time – we went into a maze – it was so cool!!! Then we took a picture; it was funny. Then I went snow tubing it was fun. As I was walking up the hill I saw Seth and Brendon it looked like they were having fun too. I went on a big hill I jumped off it then I hurt a little bit. I waited in line but I got so bored so I went back in the maze. After, we went to the souvenir shop. First I bought a USB shock but it didn't work so I asked for a refund and bought a shock pen. Then we went to eat lunch. I really liked P'tit Joe and the funny fart song, then we went to the Sugar Shack but I didn't have enough money, so Cherise bought me, Seth, Makayla and Kaylee cotton candy and herself a snow cone. I LOVE FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR!!!

By Gavin Stevenson ~ RM 5



Mon Voyage au Festival du Voyageur

Le Festival du Voyageur était vraiment amusant puisque c'était ma première fois là. La première chose que nous avons faite était La Chasse de Bison. C'était dans une cabine avec un Voyageur et il nous a dit une légende. D'abord je ne l'ai pas cru mais près de la fin j'ai commencé à lui croire. Je gelais dans la cabine quand j'écoutais la légende de « Comment le Coyote A Volé le Feu ». Aussi, le Voyageur a voulu nous dire une autre histoire d'une petite fille mais nous avons manqué du temps. Après ça, c'était Le Pouvoir de Cheval ! Nous avons appris comment les Voyageurs sont voyagés ; je ne me rappelle pas de ce qu'ils ont dit, mais je me rappelle de ce qu'ils rassemblaient. Ensuite, nous avons eu le temps de jeu – nous sommes entrés dans un labyrinthe – c'était tellement cool !!! Nous avons pris une image – c'était drôle. Je suis allé sur les tuyaux de neige, ce qui était amusant. Quand j'approchais la colline, j'ai vu Seth et Brendon, ils ont eu l'air qu'ils s'amusaient aussi. J'ai continué à grimper la grande colline puis j'ai sauté du sommet. Je me suis blessé un peu. J'ai attendu dans la ligne mais j'étais ennuyé en attendant, d'abord je suis retourné dans le labyrinthe. Après, nous sommes allés au magasin de souvenir. Premièrement j'ai acheté un choc d'USB mais il n'a pas fonctionné alors j'ai demandé un remboursement et j'ai acheté un stylo de choc. Nous sommes allés manger le déjeuner. J'ai beaucoup aimé P'tit Joe et la drôle chanson de pet. Nous sommes allés à la Cabane de Sucre mais je n'avais pas assez d'argent, donc Cherise a acheté la barbe à papa pour Seth, Makayla, Kaylee, et moi, et un cône de neige pour elle-même.

J'AIME LE FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR !!!

Par Gavin Stevenson ~ RM 5

LIBRARY NEWS

February's "I Love To Read" month has been a huge success. Our activity calendar focused on fun and creating a deeper personal connection with reading and the books we love. The students welcomed our guest readers in warm West St. Paul fashion. We would like to thank our own Mr. Jeremy Muise (custodian), Fred Hooper (retired division electrician), Marilyn Hooper (Robertson School Before and After program), Wendy Speary (art instructor poetry stones, finger puppets), Ron Schuler (education critic), Mike Skaffeld (CUPE MB president), and Wayne Shimizu (division treasurer) for taking time to visit, story tell, and share their love of reading and good books. Thanks to all!

Sincerely, Glory Boyce



PAC NEWS

Next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM in the school library. Free childcare provided! (*)

Did you know that PAC has arranged in-school babysitting classes for our grade 6 students? Mystic First Aid provides the training right in our school. PAC is paying for this initiative for the second year now! Classes to take place towards the end of March.

Mystic First Aid generously donated two Mountain Bikes to PAC and PAC in turn donated them to the school to be used in a fundraising event that will raise money for the school's I.T. improvements and other items the school is in need of!

Movie Night is coming back! A group of grade 8 students at the school has asked to take on this fun-filled event that PAC has successfully coordinated over the past two years. Watch for further information on movie night soon!

Thanks to the successful QSP and Craft Sale fundraiser's coordinated by PAC, approximately \$7000.00 was given to the school to use towards the purchase of a new smart board, new t-shirts for the gym programs and also towards the Artist in the School Program. Thanks to all of the families who worked so hard and bought so much ☺!

Elections for PAC positions to be held at our May meeting....more information to follow.

SKATING @ SUNOVA CENTRE



PRESCHOOL FAMILIES TAKE TO THE ICE

Every Tuesday in February The Rhymes and More families spent their time at the Sunova Centre in West St. Paul. Tanya Pilat, a parent in our school community and certified skating instructor volunteered her time and expertise to teach the children and some adults how to skate. We even had our own mini Olympics on ice! There were lots of positive comments from both the children and the adults about their skating experience. For those that did not skate, there were lots of movement activities in the gym.

Wee be Jammin



Riverbend and West St. Paul Advancing Community schools invite families with children 2 - 6 yrs. old to come "jam" with us. Sonya from **Wee Be Jammin** will be sharing the gift of music with families through movement, active participation and hands on opportunities with various instruments.

Please join us Thursday evenings, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at West St. Paul school April 8 - 29th.

Space is limited to 15 children. Please register early to avoid disappointment. Call Cheryl at 339-1964 or Marianne at 226-3228.

KEITH & RENEE

On Monday, the twenty-second of February, we were gifted the presence of two up-and-coming artists, Keith and Renee. Together the two preformed for us songs from their new album: Detour.

Keith and Renee devote their music and lyrics to purposes such as: feelings, causes and certain people.

The past two summers, Keith and Renee volunteered to help build schools in Kenya, and other parts of Africa. It was this, and the story of Iqbal Masih, that started the two on their personal quest to better the lives of Children Labourers. With the help of Free the Children, and volunteers just like us, they're helping to make the life of children labourers into the lives they should have ~ filled with love, and innocence.

If you are interested in helping the cause,
feel free to visit

<http://www.freethechildren.com>

GRADE 8 BAND - OPTIMIST FESTIVAL



Junior & Youth Baseball Registration 2010

This is a fun league open to children from Selkirk and the surrounding areas. It is a great opportunity for children ages 5 and up, to not only be active, but to help build their self-esteem, develop teamwork skills and sportsmanship.

Most importantly...have fun!! **NEW AGE CATEGORIES**

CO-ED: All groups are boys & girls mixed

T-ball: ages 5-7 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) (must be 5 before June 30th) 6:30-7:30

Parent Pitch: ages 7-10 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 6:30-7:45

Youth Baseball (Pitching machine): ages 10 - 12 (Mondays & Wednesdays) 6:30-8

Youth Slo-Pitch: ages 12 -16 (Mondays & Wednesdays) (must still be 16 by June 30th) 6:30-8

All practices and games will be held in Selkirk at local diamonds... May & June

\$40.00 registration fee

Registration Dates:

At The Barn (**across from water tower in Selkirk**)

Tuesday March 2: 6-8 pm & Saturday March 6: 1-3 pm & Wednesday March 10: 6-8 pm

"LAST CHANCE"


At the Rec Center at the SPRING LEISURE FAIR Saturday March 20: 10 am - 1 pm

(Late registration fees apply) **Placement not guaranteed for late registration**

Fundraising Required OR Additional Fees Apply - \$25.00 per family due upon registration **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED & APPRECIATED**

For more info: Carla 785-2143, Amy 482-8774, Christine 738-2966

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 4 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	2 Day 5 Kindergarten Registration Begins 9:00 am	3 Day 6 Manitoba Museum Rooms 6 & 7	4 Day 1 PAC Hot Lunch	5 Day 2	6
7	8 Day 3 Gr. 6 Badminton (Doubles) @ TBA	9 Day 4 Gr. 7 Badminton (Doubles) @ TBA	10 Day 5 PAC Meeting 7pm – Library Hot Dog Day - MY Badminton @ Maples EY (Gr. 4 & 5) 5:30 – 8:00 pm	11 Day 6 Gr. 8 Badminton (Doubles) @ TBA	12 Day 1	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4 	18 Day 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)	19 Day 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	20 First day of Spring
21	22 Day 1 Gr. 6 Badminton (Doubles) @ TBA	23 Day 2 Gr. 7 Badminton (Doubles) @ TBA	24 Day 3 Winnipeg Symphony (Rooms 5, 9, 44) 10:30am Hot Dog Day - MY	25 Day 4 PAC Hot Lunch Gr. 8 Badminton (Doubles) @ TBA	26 Day 5 Ukrainian Cultural Centre – Room 48 Middle Years Dance (PM)	27
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SPRING BREAK						

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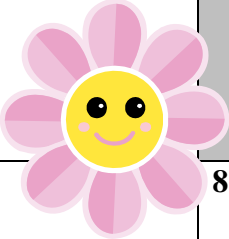

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

March 1	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
March 2	Kindergarten Registration Begins – 9:00 am
March 4	PAC Hot Lunch
March 18	Teacher/Parent/Student Conferences (PM)
March 19	Teacher/Parent/Student Conferences – NO SCHOOL
March 29-April 2	Spring Break
April 7	Kindergarten Parent Info Evening – 7:00 - 8:00pm
April 21	MTYP – 9:45am (Kindergarten – Grade 5)
April 22	Movie Night
April 23	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
May 14	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
June 25	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL

The newsletter for the month of **MARCH** is now available on our website at
<http://www.7oaks.org/school/weststpaul/Pages/default.aspx>
 A paper copy of the newsletter will only be sent home if it has been requested.

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WEST ST. PAUL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 Advancing Community Schools
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 Cheryl Rajfur - Community Coordinator
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PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS

APRIL

WEST ST. PAUL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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