



Bicentennial School

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March Newsletter 2013

Wishing everyone a restful and fun March Break!
March 11-15th
RETURNING BACK TO SCHOOL ON MARCH 18th.

Principal's Message:

WOW - We are past the mid-year mark - and spring is on the way (we hope!). In just one week we will be heading into our March Break - I wish everyone a safe and fun vacation from school. Students and staff have been working very hard all year and this past month has been on expectation.

We have six new primaries starting in September! If someone you know is starting school this fall, but has not registered, please send them in to the office to do so. We will be setting up a registration table at the community center on Thursday, March 7th, 2013 for those in the community that might have difficulty getting to the school. Please bring proof of address, birth certificate and health card with you.

We would like to remind you to keep checking your child's head for lice and report any outbreaks to the office.

On our path to continuous school improvement, we are continuing to work towards developing our goals in math and literacy for our next five year plan through the self-assessment process. Teachers spent the recent Professional Development Day on February 22nd examining our data and completing the self-assessment. Our next steps will be to analyze the information from the self-assessment to develop our goals in math and literacy.

Students in Grades 3 and 6 participated in Provincial Assessments in math and Literacy in the fall. Results of those assessments were sent home to parents/guardians. These external assessments are only one piece of assessment data. Together with the ongoing classroom assessments of teachers, they provide us with information about your child's achievement that helps us make decisions about their next learning steps. If you have any questions regarding those assessments please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school dressed properly for the weather. We do go outside even when it is cold for recess and lunch so they do need those extra clothes even if they don't need them when they are dropped off at the door in the morning.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the office at 464-2094.

Kim Campbell

Principal

Spelling Bee News...

The 2013 Bicentennial School Spelling Bee was held on February 28th with 10 students in grades 6-8 vying for the championship.

Meghan Johnston was declared the winner in round 10. The winning word was ambitious. Meghan qualifies for the Chronicle Herald Provincial Spelling Bee on March 30th in Halifax. The winner of this bee gets a \$5000 educational grant and a trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C...Congratulations and good luck to Meghan as she tries to spell her way to the top.



Lunch Program

If a student has signed up for our lunch program, they are expected to attend on the days indicated. Students are only able to stay for the lunch program if they have a lunch with them. The school does not provide students with lunches. If they have not signed up for the program they are expected to leave at lunch and travel directly to their destination.

If there is to be a change in their lunch routine, please contact the homeroom teacher (note, phone, email, etc...) and let them know of the new plans for that day.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at your convenience.

Thank you for your time.



Picking up /Dropping off students at the school

your child/student.

Dropping late students Off
and Picking up Students:

Due to safety and disruptions we would appreciate that you report to the main office and staff will help you out regarding picking up or dropping off



Spirit Week! :)

Monday: Pyjama Day! J
Lunchtime: Jell-O eating! 12:30

Tuesday: Crazy Day! J
Lunchtime: Dodge ball!
7's: 12:00-12:20, 8's: 12:20-12:40, and 9's: 12:40-1:00

Wednesday: Twin day! J
Lunchtime: Tug-a-war! 12:20



Thursday: Sports day! J
Lunchtime: Flashlight tag!
7's: 12:00-12:20, 8's: 12:20-12:40, and 9's: 12:40-1:00

Friday: BiHi Pride Day! J
No lunch time activity, but in the afternoon there is a Talent Show!

There will be a party for the homeroom that wins the most points!

Memory Dance for Grade 9's



Bicentennial traditionally holds a memory dance for Grade 9 students only in the last week of the school year in the school gym. This event is planned by parents: theme, decorations, booking the music, bringing the food, cleaning up when it's all over. Teachers sell tickets and chaperone the dance. If you are willing to coordinate the parent committee for this event, please contact Principal Campbell at the school.