



# Walter Aseltine School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Last Day of Classes - December 19, 2008
- Christmas Holidays - December 22 - January 4, 2009
- Talent Night - January 29, 2009
- SCC Meeting - January 28, 2009
- Carnival - February 12, 2009

Just a friendly reminder...WAS is a Nut Aware School.



NEXT EARLY DISMISSAL: Monday, January 5, 2009 at 2:30 P.M.

## ABSENT/LATE REMINDER

Please phone or email the school before 9:30 am if your child is going to be absent from school for illness or other reasons. This also applies if your child is going to be late.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The SCC will meeting on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our SCC members are: Megan Santa, Christine Paquette, Jasmine Green, Treena Watterodt, Janelle Ernst, Janet Hutchison, Cindy Brown, Jodie Mirosovsky, and Kelly Jarego.

## ARE YOU MISSING YOUR BIKE?

The Rosetown RCMP have several bikes at the detachment. If you are missing your bike, please stop by your local detachment and check it out. You may have your bike back in time for Christmas!



### STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Just a quick reminder that supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. at the school. For safety reasons we ask that students do not arrive at the school prior to that time. If you have special circumstances on a particular day, please call the school in advance so that we can accommodate your needs. Thank you.

### KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Assisting kids to learn how to cook safely and eat healthy on a budget has been the aim of the Kids in the Kitchen program since 2002. The sense of satisfaction kids derive from making their own healthy cuisine is very rewarding. We have received numerous positive evaluations over the years. The program is set to run in again in Rosetown starting in January, but we can not confirm availability of funds to plan any further classes.

Kids in the Kitchen wishes to continue to provide the program at a reasonable cost for all participants. Funding sources that have been used in the past have been exhausted. We are looking for suggestions from families for ways that the program could continue for years to come for many children and families to experience.

If you have an idea, please let the Rosetown Food Security Group know at: (Mary Pat 882-6413 ext.287) or (Pat 882-2672 ext.206)

### SRC

The S.R.C. has been holding a "Chess and Checker Club" each Tuesday, at both the 10:30 and 2:30 recesses. It is for students in Grades 4-6. It has been a tremendous success with many "Chess and Checker" players coming to join. The club will continue to run throughout the winter months. Thanks to the S.R.C. Executive who help to run this club!



Getting active will change your life. You'll have more energy and feel less stressed. You'll be stronger, fitter, happier - you'll even sleep better. So, why not join the movement? For 99 other easy ways to get active, head to [saskatchewaninmotion.ca](http://saskatchewaninmotion.ca) or call 1- 866 - 888 - 3648.

### Coming Events:

1. KidSport - Learn to Curl, Sundays, 6:30 - 8 pm November 30th - December 21st. All kids Grade 4 - 12 welcome. Learn to curl with instruction. Come to the Rosetown Curling club @ 6:30 pm on Sunday, November 30th to participate. For more information Contact Brian @882-2256. All Registration costs sponsored by Rosetown KidSport.

**Q** My child has a severe nut allergy and could have an anaphylactic reaction. Our school has just declared itself "NUT ALERT". I would prefer that they be "NUT FREE". What is the difference?

**A** From a practical and legal standpoint it is impossible to guarantee a completely nut free environment. Allergens can be mistakenly introduced. However, it is definitely possible to increase the level of alert in the school community and reduce a child's risk of exposure in the school setting.

Anaphylactic children and their families need to understand that the school could still have allergens present. They need to be on alert and take all steps necessary to protect themselves. The school community as a whole needs to be on alert and know that even minute amounts of nuts brought into the school could put an anaphylactic child's life at risk.

"Nut Alert" is a more realistic term to describe the school's efforts to protect your child. However, parents are key partners, and it takes the entire school community together to protect the child.

More information can be found at:

- "Anaphylaxis in Schools and Other Settings" [www.allergysafecommunities.ca](http://www.allergysafecommunities.ca)
- Allergy/Asthma Information Association [www.aaia.ca](http://www.aaia.ca)

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES AT WAS

Now that winter has finally arrived it is important for parents of bus students to know the procedure for transporting students.

1. WAS will remain open and teachers will be in attendance. Town students are expected to attend school.
2. The bus driver shall decide whether or not it is safe to cover all or part of his/her route during inclement weather.
3. A bus driver who decides not to make the morning run shall notify the school principal and all parents on the route.
4. Once students are in attendance at school, a bus driver may pick them up for the purpose of transporting them to their homes only at 3:15 pm.
5. If a bus driver decides not to make the afternoon run he/she shall notify all parents on the route of the decision. He/she shall also contact the school of the decision prior to 3:15 pm.
6. *If you do not yet have a billet arranged for your son/daughter, whether bus or town student, please do so and notify the school secretary*

It is clearly the decision of the bus drivers whether or not to transport students. They are most familiar with the state of the roads and the driving conditions in their areas. They are also ultimately the people responsible for the safety of the students.

### WAS PROCEDURES FOR STORM STAYED STUDENTS

WAS is concerned about student safety in the event of a storm and buses not running. We want to ensure that students are transported safely or travel safely on their own from the school to either the billet's home or the student's home. Therefore, we will follow these guidelines:

WAS students will remain in their homerooms until an adult arrives to pick them up.

- The bus driver will notify the school and parents that his/her bus is not running.
- Parents/guardians of bus students will be phoned to verify the billet of the student(s) and to arrange for picking up the student(s) at school. Parents will be asked to phone the billet(s) to make sure someone is at home and either the parent or the billet will pick up the student(s) at the school. If the parent/guardian is unable to contact the billet, the school and the parent/guardian will follow up and make the necessary arrangements.
- Students will be told who will be picking them up.
- WAS students will only be released from the school with an adult. For younger children to go home with older siblings, the school requires parent/guardian notification of these arrangements.
- The process of ensuring billets are home and every student has a ride will take time, so students may be in school after hours until their ride arrives.
- Town students may only leave during a storm under adult accompaniment.