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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Christmas Concert - December 18, 2008 @ 1:15 pm and 7:00 pm
- Last Day of Classes - December 19, 2008
- Christmas Holidays - December 22 - January 4, 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WINNERS

Literacy and Poster Awards:

Junior Poetry

1st - Felicia Watterodt
2nd - Shelby Tucker
3rd - Hayley Benjamin

Junior Posters

1st - Shelby Brown
2nd - Brett Berezowski
3rd - Breanne Keith

Primary Grade 3 Posters

1st - Cassidy Badduik
2nd - Hannah Olivier
3rd - Kennedy Hannay

Black & White Posters

1st - Rebecca Deobald
2nd - Cole Friesen
3rd - Shane Collins

FOLKFEST

The Grade 6 classes held their annual Folkfest day on Friday, November 28. Each group researched and presented a country of their choice. There were colorful costumes, displays and a variety of different ethnic food. Thanks to all who attended and contributed to this special day.

CAROL FESTIVAL

The school choir performed at the Rosetown Music Association's Carol Festival. The festival was held in the United Church on Monday, December 3. The students did an excellent job of their two songs. They were thrilled to sing in such a beautiful building. Thank you to all the choir members and their families for coming out for the evening.

A special thank you to Mrs. Comerford who has been leading the choir this fall. Mrs. Comerford is interning in our school and will be leaving very soon. We wish her luck in her teaching career and hope that she will enjoy leading other school choirs in the future.

Mrs. Hintze

SUN WEST POSTER CONTEST

During the months of September and October the Sun West School Division hosted a Poster Contest for all students. The Posters were about Reading since this is an initiative of the School Division this year. The Grade 4's from Miss Wood's class entered the contest. For entering the contest all the students will receive a prize. Congratulations to Robyn Martens for placing 3rd in the Central Section. She won a monetary prize. Her poster was "Your Dreams Are In A Book".

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.

GRADE 5 CLASSES RECEIVE GIDEON BIBLES

Thank you to the Gideon Society, and Mr. Anderson, for presenting bibles to all of our grade five students. They should have come home with your son or daughter today.

PIZZA DAY

Thursday was Pizza Day thanks to the WAS Room Parents. Watch for our next sale on January 22 when we will be treated to hotdogs. Please try to ensure that order forms are handed in by the deadline, so that the Moms have enough time to organize the food. Thanks.

SINGING AT THE LODGE

Some of our students will be traveling to the Lodge on Monday, December 15 to share some Christmas Cheer with the residents. We will be singing songs, reciting poetry and playing instruments. It should be a lot of fun!!

SNOOPY COSTUME

The grade three's are in need of a Snoopy (Dalmatian dog) costume for the Christmas concert. It needs to fit a grade 3 boy. If anyone has one they would be willing to lend, please phone the school and let Mrs. Mireau know. Thank you.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

The new phone books for the community have arrived and our school is once again taking on the task of collecting previous editions and recycling them. SaskTel will give our school ten cents for every outdated directory. Phone books can be dropped off at Walter Asetine School or at Tunes & Trinkets, no later than Friday, December 12th. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

MITTENS FOR WINTER DAYS

Special thanks to Bob McCabe for knitting us 17 new pairs of mittens. Now we are able to keep warm on those cold winter days. Thanks Mr. McCabe.

Final Newsletter of 2008-will go out on Friday, December 19. Enjoy the Christmas preparations with your family and friends!



What a wonderful time to go for a walk with your family! Get active and check out all the Christmas lights and decorations around. How about counting how many Christmas trees you see or the number of snowmen? A little challenge can make a walk more fun for everyone. Don't forget to stroll by Lovett Park after Thursday. It is a treat to see the amazing lights and displays! Keep active and have fun.

Coming Events:

1. Santa's Hut will be held in conjunction with Santa's Day on December 6, 2008 at the Rosetown Community Hall for Children 14 years and younger from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Donations can be dropped at Niccolls Mobility or call Eleanor Seib at 882-4054 or call Wendy at the Crisis Centre 463-6655.
2. Story Time and Craft-Saturday, December 6th - "Christmas" All children Welcome! (All dates subject to change) Phone 882-3566
3. 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.





Information about our Privacy Policy for Parents and Guardians

The Sun West School Division respects the rights and privacy of personal information that is gathered by the school about students and their families. We are committed to protecting those rights and have put controls in place to restrict access to only those people who need the information to do their job.

The school division is subject to the provisions of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. (LAFOIPP)

What kinds of personal information does the school collect?

The board needs to know basic information about names and addresses, phone numbers, ages, birth-dates and so on. It also needs to collect information about any medical conditions that might affect your child. All the information that is created concerning your child's education is considered personal information. This will include tests, assessments, report cards, and reports from professionals such as psychologists and language pathologists.

What does the school do with this information?

The Board of Education shares this information with those of its employees who need it in order to do their jobs. This will usually include the child's teacher and the principal. In some cases a teacher-aide or librarian or other in-school staff will also need to know specific information. If consultants or other professionals such as community workers are involved in the educational program of your child the information will also be shared with them if necessary.

Is the personal information secure?

The Board takes all reasonable precautions to ensure that personal information is kept safe from loss, unauthorized access or disclosure. This includes secure storage, restricted file access, internal passwords and security policies.

Does the school ever share information about my child with other agencies?

In most cases we will specifically ask you to consent if we disclose personal information about your child. Under some circumstances the school will provide information to Saskatchewan Learning that is required by law or regulation. The Board will also provide minimal information such as name, birth-date, address and phone number to Saskatchewan Health in order to ensure that your child has the opportunity to access benefits or programs offered. In some cases legislation or court orders might require schools to provide information about a child in specific circumstances.

How can I see the information that is collected about my child?

There are two ways this can be done:

Informal process – Speak to the Principal of the school. In most cases the Principal will be able to arrange for you to view your child's file. The Principal will probably also be able to let you have copies of any document on the file, though you may have to pay the cost of photocopying.

Formal process – Fill out an application form under LAFOIPP. There is a fee of \$25.00 and the Board has 30 days to respond to your request. This process will more likely be required for unusual situations such as when there is a family dispute or if it is unclear who should be able to access the information.

Can the school deny me access to information about my child?

In some circumstances access may be denied - for example, if documents contain confidential information about other parties, or if a parent does not have custody or access to the child, or in situations where access to certain information would unreasonably interfere with the student's privacy rights.

What if there is something on the file that I disagree with?

If you think there is incorrect information on the file you should notify the Principal, in writing, of the error of omission. The file will either be amended or your request for amendment will be placed on the file.

Where can I get more information?

You can get copies of the Board policy on freedom of information by calling the school division office @ 1-866-375-2677 or visit our website @ www.sunwestsd.ca.

Further information on LAFOIP can be found at the website of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner at www.oipc.sk.ca.